



# DANE COUNTY YOUTH GOVERNANCE PROGRAM (YGP)

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WHAT WE'VE  
BEEN UP TO!



The youth leaders from the Dane County Youth Governance Program have been working together to bring their group project vision to life through their youth-led event: **Sustainability Safari**. From weekly planning meetings to site visits and presentations to county committees, these young leaders have collaborated to design an interactive experience that educates and inspires our community to take action on food waste and environmental stewardship.





# THE EVENT!



THE SUSTAINABILITY SAFARI IS A YOUTH-LED EVENT THAT REPRESENT THE CULMINATION OF MONTHS OF PLANNING, COLLABORATION, AND CREATIVITY!



**MAY 28TH, 2025  
FROM 9:30 AM - 1:30 PM**



**HENRY VILAS ZOO**

JOIN THE DANE COUNTY YOUTH GOVERNANCE PROGRAM LEADERS!

# SUSTAINABILITY SAFARI

JOIN US AT THE SUSTAINABILITY SAFARI, AN INTERACTIVE EVENT DESIGNED TO INSPIRE ACTION FOR A SUSTAINABLE FUTURE! EXPLORE THE HENRY VILAS ZOO WHILE PARTICIPATING IN ENGAGING, HANDS-ON ACTIVITIES FOCUSED ON FOOD WASTE REDUCTION, COMPOSTING, RECYCLING, AND MORE!

WHERE: **HENRY VILAS ZOO**  
702 S Randall Ave,  
Madison, WI 53715

WHEN: **05/28/2025**  
9:30 AM - 1:30 PM

**EXPLORE - LEARN - TAKE ACTION!**

THIS EVENT IS COMPLETELY FREE AND PERFECT FOR YOUNG ECO-LEADERS!

FOR MORE INFORMATION CHECK OUT OUR WEBSITE!

[HTTPS://DANE.EXTENSION.WISC.EDU/YOUTH-LED-PROJECTS/](https://dane.extension.wisc.edu/youth-led-projects/)

Logos at the bottom: UW-MADISON EXTENSION, DANE COUNTY LAND & WATER RESOURCES DEPARTMENT, TRASHLAB, and HENRY VILAS ZOO.





# WHAT'S BEEN HAPPENING BEHIND THE SCENES

## Consistent Engagement

- Regular Meetings: The youth team has convened bi-monthly to brainstorm, plan, and execute the event's components.
- Zoo Site Visit: A comprehensive walkthrough at Henry Vilas Zoo facilitated logistical planning and activity placement.

## Interactive Activity Development

- Hands-On Stations: Youth designed engaging activities focusing on food waste reduction, composting, recycling, and sustainable practices.
- Collaborative Planning: Worked closely with various Dane County departments to ensure informative and fun experiences for attendees.







# WHAT'S BEEN HAPPENING BEHIND THE SCENES

## Strategic Planning

- Logistics: Developed detailed plans covering setup, supplies, and event flow.
- Outreach: Created promotional materials and strategies to attract community participation.

## Community Engagement

- Committee Presentations: Presented event plans and progress to multiple committees, gathering feedback and building support.
- Youth Empowerment: Encouraged peer involvement and leadership in sustainability initiatives.







**AS WE HEAD INTO THE FINAL STRETCH, WE'RE PROUD OF THE ENERGY, CREATIVITY, AND DEDICATION THESE YOUTH HAVE POURED INTO EVERY STEP OF PLANNING. THEIR WORK IS ALREADY MAKING AN IMPACT AND WE CAN'T WAIT TO SEE IT ALL COME TO LIFE AT THE EVENT!**

**THANK YOU FOR SUPPORTING THIS GROUP!**