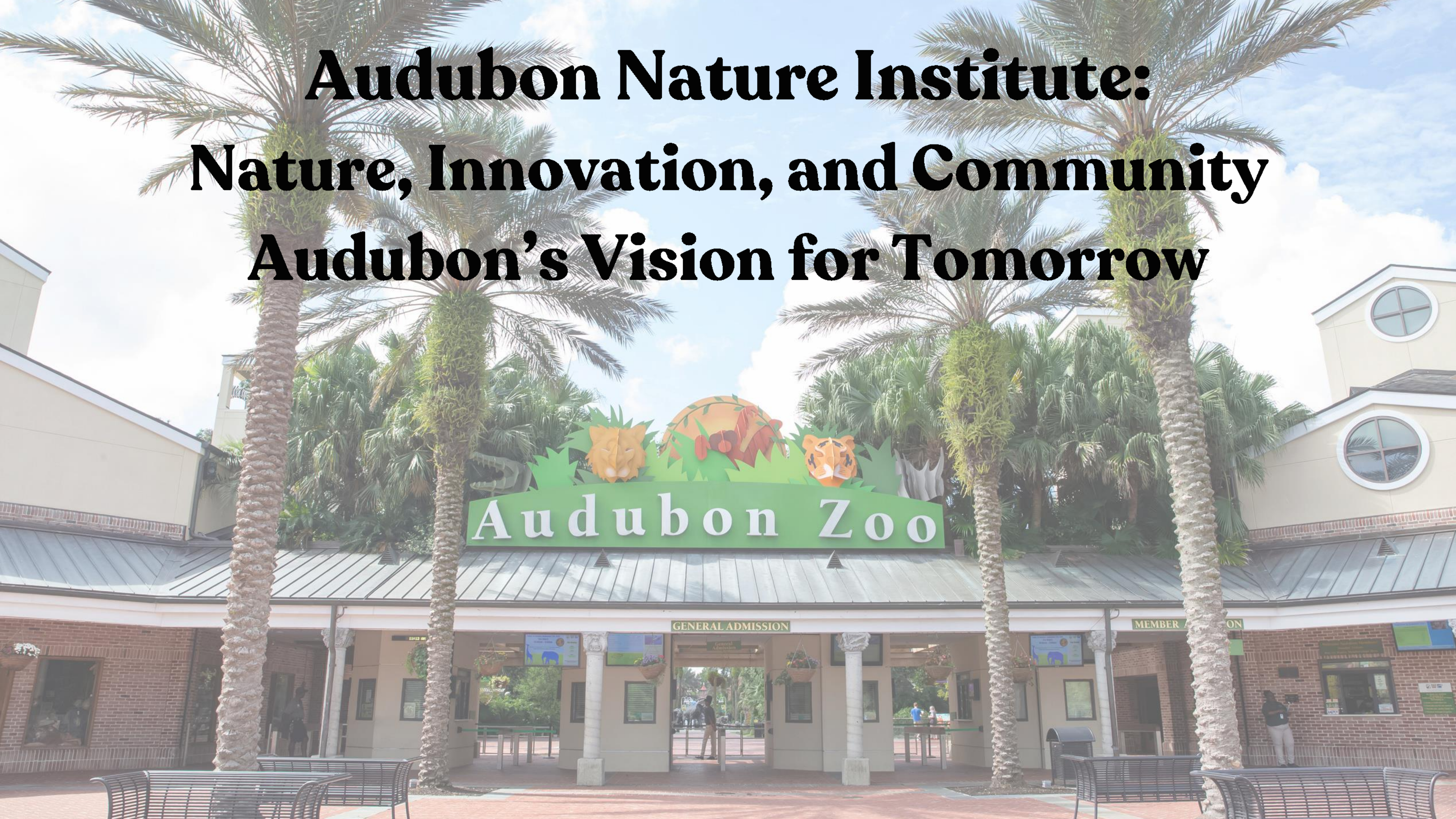


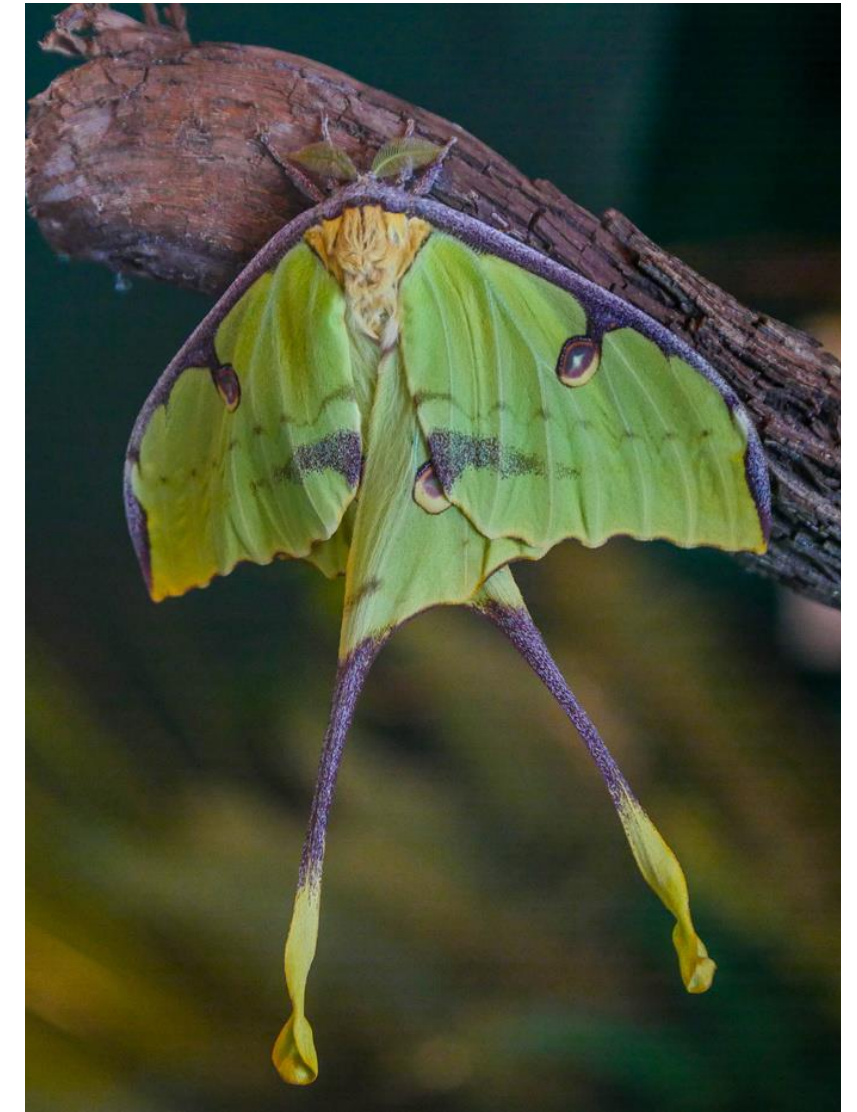
Audubon Nature Institute: Nature, Innovation, and Community Audubon's Vision for Tomorrow



Our Mission & Vision

Mission: Celebrating the Wonders of Nature

Vision: To Inspire and educate through conservation, innovation, and community engagement



A Brief History of Audubon Nature Institute

- Audubon Park Commission (APC) created by State Act in 1914 (oversight)
- Audubon Zoo opened in 1916;
- Non-profit “Friends of the Zoo” (FOTZ) formed in 1972
- APC became Audubon Commission in 1996; FOTZ later became the Audubon Nature Institute Board.
- Audubon Aquarium opened in 1990
 - Freeport-McMoRan Audubon Species Survival Center, Audubon Center for Research of Endangered Species, and Audubon Louisiana Nature Center added in mid to late 90s.
- Audubon Insectarium opened in 2008; consolidated into the Aquarium in 2023
- Today, the “Riverfront for All” project is transforming the city’s landscape by linking miles of contiguous park space along the Mississippi River.

Audubon Family of Facilities

Wildlife & Education

Zoo, Aquarium, Insectarium

Parks & Nature

Audubon Park, Riverview,
Goldring/Woldenberg Riverfront Park,
Audubon Louisiana Nature Center

Research & Conservation

Audubon Aquarium Rescue,
Species Survival Center (SSE)



New Leadership, Renewed Commitment

Michael J. Sawaya



Chief Executive Officer

**Gilbert
Montaño**



**Chief Operating Officer
Chief of Staff**

**Laurie
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**Executive Vice President
Chief Administrative Officer**

**Toni
Mobley**

**Executive Vice President
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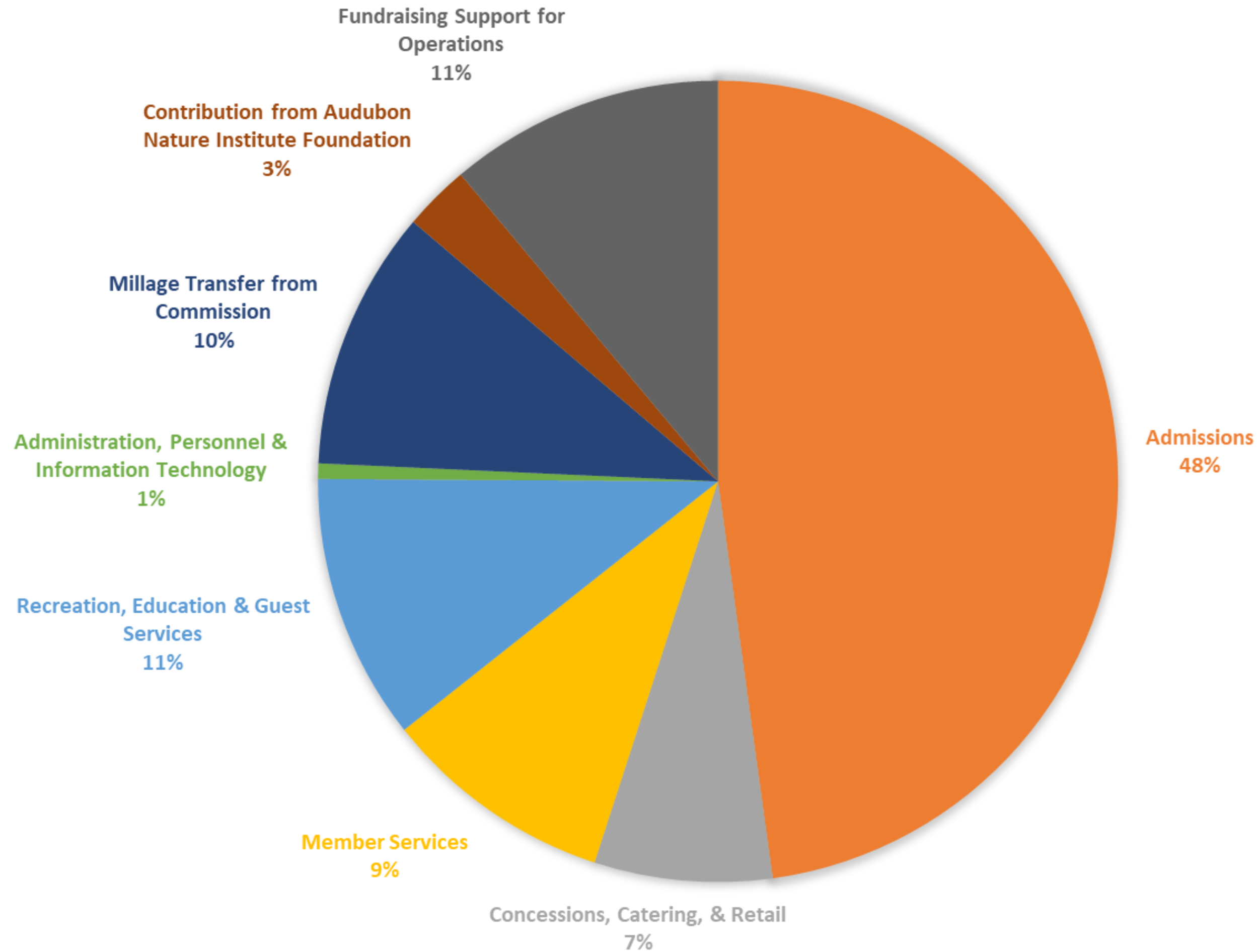
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**Executive Vice President
Chief Commercial Officer**

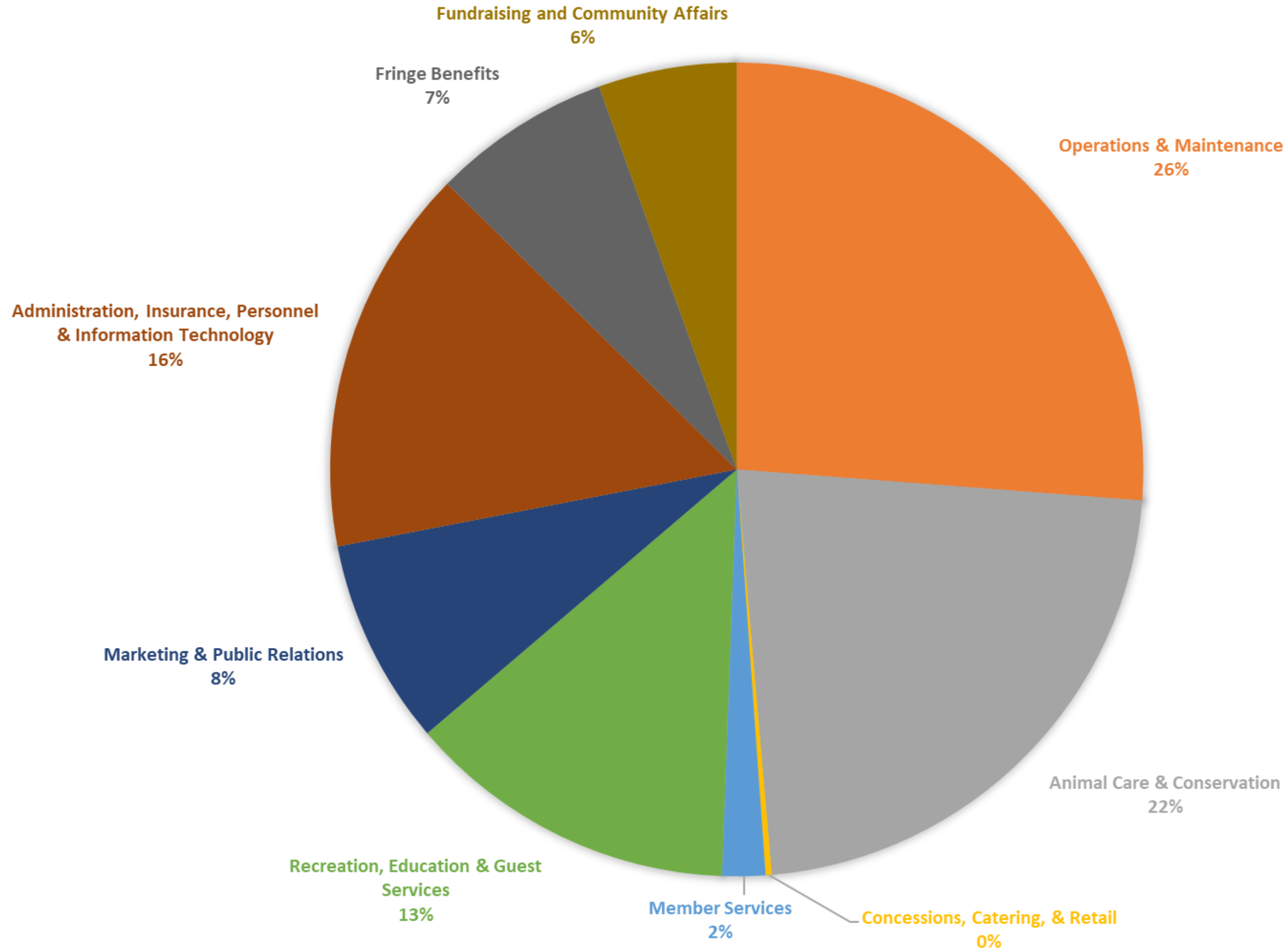


2026

AUDUBON OPERATING REVENUES AND SUPPORT



2026 AUDUBON OPERATING EXPENSES



Riverfront for All

Reimagining the Mississippi

- \$30M redevelopment
 - Contributions from City of New Orleans, ENMCC
 - Audubon Nature Institute, New Orleans & Co.
- 2.25-mile park from Crescent Park to Spanish Plaza - Audubon only operates Goldring/Woldenberg Park
- Inspired by Chicago's Millennium Park and New York's High Line



View from Promenade towards Downtown New Orleans

Riverfront for All

Reimagining the Mississippi

- Public green space, cultural pavilions, small stage, shaded walkways, restrooms, kitchen able to serve food and beverages
- 121 trees planted and over 20,000 plants added
- Marsh-themed playground with wooden animals for children to play on
- A misting water feature, soft lighting, swings, plenty of benches and seating

View in the gardens towards the Cultural Shed

THE WHARVES

Investing in Our Future: Capital Improvement Projects

Odenheimer and Reptile House



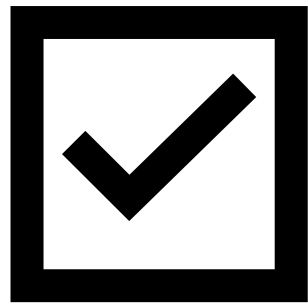
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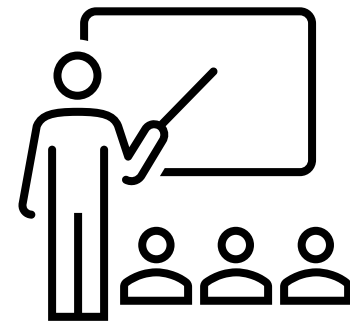
- \$3.5M Audubon Riverview upgrades
- Enhancements to Tennis Facilities
- \$42.8M in State capital outlay requests



Looking Ahead: 2026 Priorities



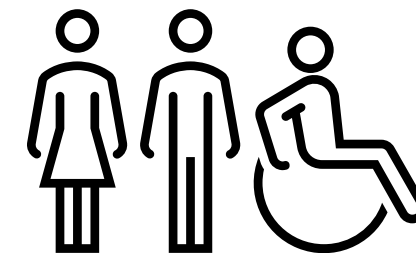
**Complete
Riverfront for All**



**Expand educational
outreach**



**Enhance sustainability
practices**



**Improve accessibility
and inclusion**



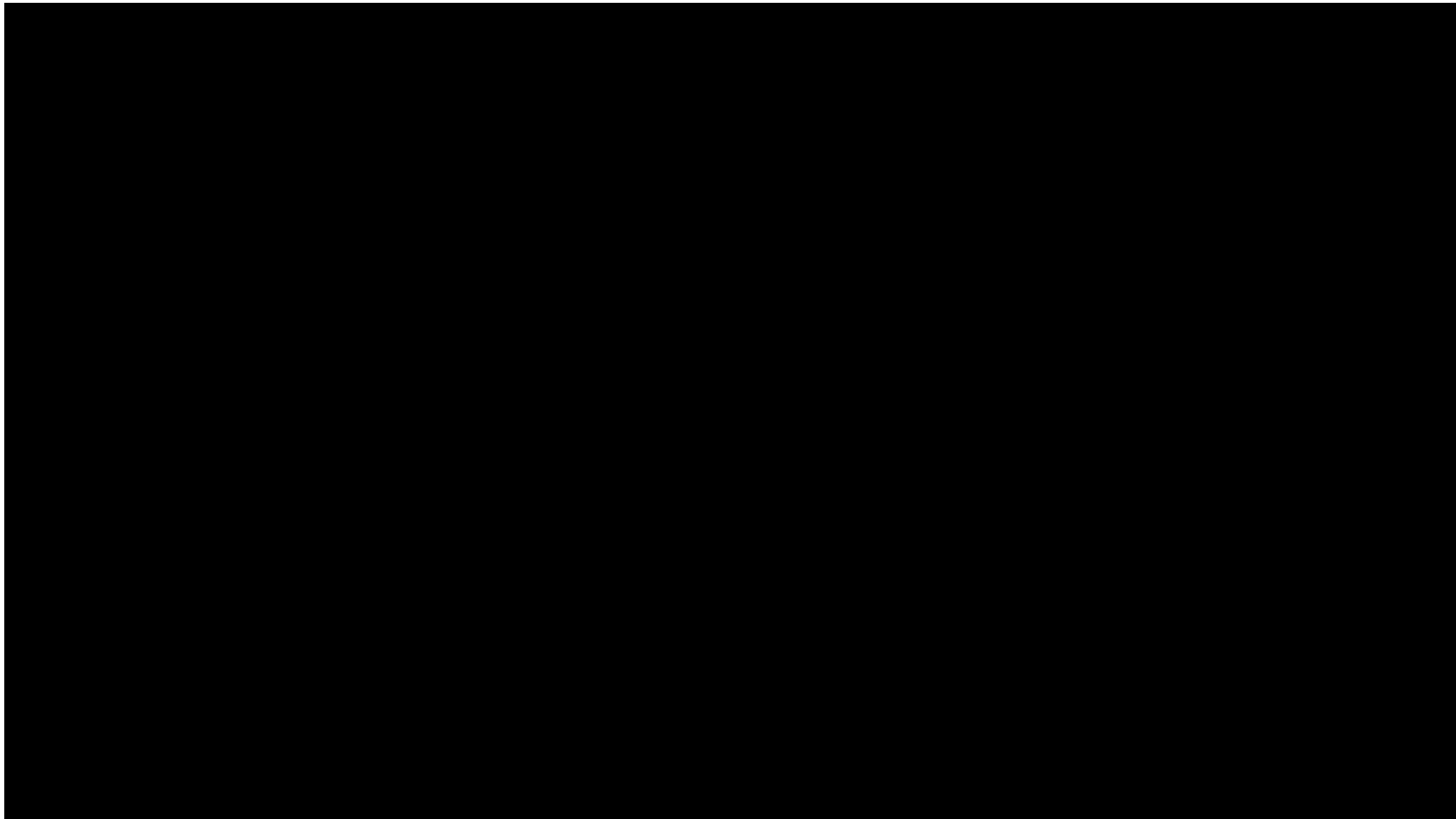
**Strengthen community
partnerships**



Partnering With Our Community

- Free and low-cost access programs
 - Orleans Parish Appreciation Days
 - SNAP program for Orleans Parish residents
 - Audubon Museum Culture Pass
 - Taylor Scholars Awards Program
- Local school partnerships
- Volunteer and internship opportunities





How you can help!

Ways to get involved



Upcoming Events



- **Become a member**
- **Make a donation**
- **Volunteer**

A scenic view of the New Orleans waterfront. In the foreground, a paved walkway runs along the water, with a grassy area and some trees to the right. A modern building with a glass facade and a curved roof is visible in the middle ground. In the background, a large bridge spans the water, and several tall buildings are visible on the skyline. The sky is clear and blue.

Thank You

**Together, we're building a greener,
more connected New Orleans.**