



GREEN CENTURY

Invest in a Green Future

2025 Shareholder Season - New Victories

The award-winning shareholder advocacy at Green Century resulted in concrete environmental policy changes at global companies during the 2024-2025 shareholder season.

Achieving Results

Green Century goes beyond proxy voting to change corporate policies and practices that deliver significant environmental impacts.

In the 2024-2025 season, the Green Century team:

- Secured 11 policy changes
- Met with 58 companies
- Filed shareholder resolutions at 30 companies, the most of any firm for three years running.
- Voted more than 650 company proxies to support environmental activities.

Protecting Biodiversity: Green Century filed a shareholder resolution at **Conagra** urging the packaged food company to strengthen protections for wild lands as it sources ingredients such as beef and soy. After negotiations Conagra committed to assess expanding protections for biodiverse ecosystems such as grasslands and savannahs affected by its global supply chain. Green Century also filed resolutions at **PepsiCo** and **Home Depot** asking each company to conduct a biodiversity impact assessment. Both received strong investor support.

Stopping Plastic Pollution: Green Century reached an agreement with **Starbucks** to ensure it provides accurate information about the recyclability of its plastic cups and shares details about its transition to reusable cups by early 2026. Only widely recycled items should be marketed as recyclable. **Sealed Air**, the packaging company that sells BUBBLE WRAP® and air pillows, and packaging company **Amcor** also agreed to improve the sustainability of their packaging to ensure their recycling labels do not mislead consumers. Both commitments came after Green Century agreed to withdraw related shareholder proposals.



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Green Century works with many corporations to preserve wild lands, including savannahs and grasslands. See more examples on the back side.



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Preserving Tropical Forests: **Costco**, the third largest retailer in the world, has agreed to publish an action plan to eliminate deforestation in its Kirkland Signature brand products, protecting threatened species such as the jaguar and giant otter. **Bloomin' Brands** agreed to strengthen its forest protection efforts when it sources ingredients for 1,480 restaurants, and **J.M. Smucker** now aims to source its ingredients without any collateral deforestation.



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Protecting the Climate: Green Century filed 12 climate-related shareholder proposals this year at major companies ranging from **Amazon** to **McDonald's**, asking the companies to disclose their full contribution to climate change and plans to reduce it. For two years, Green Century has pressed **TD Bank** to reduce its emissions and this year the bank pledged to cut its carbon footprint.



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Safeguarding Animal Welfare: Green Century filed a shareholder resolution asking **Darden Restaurants** to eliminate the use of gestation crates, which are considered inhumane for physical and psychological reasons. They also enable factory farming systems that increase pollution. The resolution received a significant 20% of investor support and, if adopted, would put Darden Restaurants on par with companies such as **Bloomin' Brands**, **Costco**, and **Target** that are phasing out gestation crates in their supply chains.



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Conserving Nature: Green Century helped protect the Okefenokee Wildlife Refuge, the largest intact freshwater ecosystem in the world. The refuge had been threatened by a proposed mine on its border to supply raw material to **Chemours**. Green Century held several meetings with Chemours executives and helped raise the public visibility of the issue. Following this campaign the landowner sold the land – nearly 8,000 acres – to a conservation group. This victory is an important step in protecting the Refuge, home to 900 year-old trees and many endangered species and animals, including birds, alligators, and bears.

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