



**Building healthy, sustainable communities**



Environmentally preferable playgrounds. Healthy, happy kids. The connection is easy to see. That's why, at Landscape Structures, our mission encompasses both. In fact, we believe that honoring the environment is one of the best things we can do for children, now and for generations to come. So while we're best known for creating some of the world's most innovative, muscle-building, brain-boosting playground fun, here we're going to focus on the other side of our commitment to kids: Sustainability.

From our industry-leading ISO 14001 certification more than a decade ago, to exciting new partnerships with Global ReLeaf® and the Sustainable Sites Initiative™, Landscape Structures has been promoting sustainable practices for years. As we continue our journey into the 21st century, we look forward to working with you to make our communities healthier, more sustainable places to live and play.

Sincerely,

Pat Faust  
President, Landscape Structures Inc.



We take our role as an environmental steward seriously—a commitment that mirrors the stance of a growing number of cities and school districts nationwide. Here are a few of the ways that we're not only protecting the environment, but helping our customers meet their latest environmental purchasing guidelines and requirements. At Landscape Structures, we:

- 1 Adopt and promote sustainable business practices
- 2 Operate in full compliance with all environmental laws and regulations
- 3 Partner with our suppliers to source environmentally preferable raw materials and products
- 4 Seek out environmentally preferable packaging and promote its reuse and recycling
- 5 Design products that are environmentally superior throughout their lifecycle, including manufacturing, use and recycling
- 6 Reduce manufacturing waste, emissions and energy use
- 7 Distribute our products in a manner that minimizes the use of fossil fuels and harmful emissions
- 8 Monitor environmental stewardship through our compliance with ISO 14001 standards
- 9 Report annually on our environmental performance
- 10 Provide a safe, respectful and healthy workplace for our employees

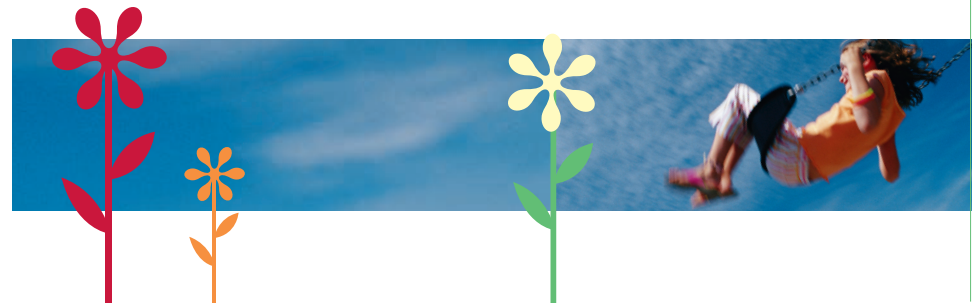
## PEOPLE

### The heart and soul of Landscape Structures

Landscape Structures is an employee-owned (ESOP) company. Every employee has a personal stake in, and responsibility for, creating the highest quality, most environmentally conscious playgrounds available. We're successful because of the way our employees and sales representatives have helped customers all over the world provide outstanding play experiences for their communities.

### Continuous improvement is in our DNA

For years, we've been cultivating a culture of continuous improvement. Every day, every Landscape Structures employee is empowered to raise the bar for our industry by proactively improving processes, products and the way we approach challenges, and by providing peerless customer service. We invite you to get to know us better and see what the power of continuous improvement can do for you!





## Evos™

An environmentally preferable playsystem

- No decks
- 30 percent smaller carbon footprint than traditional playstructures

Crystal Beach Park  
Woodward, Okla.





## PRODUCTS

### Our materials matter

We put a great deal of thought and research into how kids will use our products, and these insights inspire us as we design, engineer and manufacture our products. Because environmentally preferable playgrounds and skateparks are naturally better for kids, sustainability is always at the top of our list.

### *Here are just a few examples:*

**Our plastics contain no heavy metals.** That means you can feel good about buying rotomolded pieces such as slides and pods, knowing they are environmentally safe, and safe for kids.

**Our new ProShield™ finish is lead-free and non-toxic.** And it's so tough that it substantially increases the durability of our products! That means longer-lasting vibrant color, a glossier finish, less corrosion, fewer chips and less maintenance and replacement.

**Evos™ playsystems create a 30 percent smaller carbon footprint** than traditional playstructures, making them a particularly environmentally preferable choice that kids can't resist.

**We measure the longevity of our playstructures and other products in decades rather than years.** That makes good sense financially as well as environmentally.

Our products are designed and engineered for minimal maintenance, which means less shipping and manufacturing of replacement parts.





## PROCESSES

### Our commitments to a healthier planet

We began putting formal environmental processes in place more than 20 years ago; well before it was the critical topic it is today. We were the first playground manufacturer in North America to receive **ISO 14001 certification** for environmental stewardship—a distinction we've held for more than a decade. We've also been recognized as a **Minnesota Waste Wise Leader** for our outstanding waste reduction and recycling.

**Conservation:** Since 1998, we've saved 7,300 tons of landfill waste, 3.8 million gallons of water, 1.3 million kilowatt hours of electricity and 496,000 therms of natural gas through the implementation of innovative new processes.

**Recycling:** We reuse 90% of the scrap powder from our powdercoating process, and recycle 100% of everything that's left, to reduce landfill waste.

Not only are we recovering heat from our rotational molding process, we're using it to heat our building!

The water recycling system used in our Glass Fiber Reinforced Concrete (GFRC) manufacturing alone conserves roughly 400 gallons of water a day, or a whopping 80,000 gallons a year.

**Source Reduction:** In our manufacturing areas, we've created a single-order flow that reduces scrap production by 75% and paper use by 95%.

## PROGRAMS

### Partnering for a better future

Strategic partnerships and affiliations help us create even more opportunities to impact our communities, so we work closely with a number of like-minded organizations to ensure a healthier, more sustainable future. Two of the programs in which we participate are **Global ReLeaf®** and the **Sustainable Sites Initiative™**.

#### Global ReLeaf

A program of American Forests, Global ReLeaf plants trees around the globe to offset carbon dioxide production. With every Landscape Structures playground sale, a donation is made to purchase enough trees to offset the carbon dioxide produced while manufacturing that specific playground. [americanforests.org](http://americanforests.org)



#### Sustainable Sites Initiative

Landscape Structures is proud to sponsor the Sustainable Sites Initiative, an interdisciplinary partnership between the American Society of Landscape Architects (ASLA), the Lady Bird Johnson Wildflower Center, the United States Botanic Garden and other organizations that is developing guidelines and standards for landscape sustainability.



Just as the U.S. Green Building Council's LEED® rating system measures a building's environmental impact, the Sustainable Sites Initiative will measure the sustainability of public, commercial and residential landscape projects. The U.S. Green Building Council is lending its support to this project and anticipates adoption of the Sustainable Sites metrics into its LEED system once they are finished. [sustainablesites.org](http://sustainablesites.org)

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Our focus has always been on enhancing the lives of children through play while honoring the environment.

We are committed to working side by side with you to foster healthier kids, a cleaner planet and vibrant, sustainable communities for the future.



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