



Maryland Green Registry MEMBER

The Maryland Green Registry promotes and recognizes sustainable practices at organizations of all types and sizes. Members agree to share at least five environmental practices and one measurable result while striving to continually improve their environmental performance.

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Management and Leadership

Environmental Policy Statement

The Maryland Department of Commerce is committed to reducing our impact on the environment. We will do our part to promote sustainability and to be a steward of our natural resources.

Environmental Team

The Maryland Department of Commerce's Environmental Team is made up of representatives from the offices of General Services, Information and Technology Management and the Contracts and Procurement and Strategic Industries. The team meets quarterly.

Environmentally Preferable Products and Services

*The Department of Commerce Office of Tourism Development manages a program called **Maryland Green Travel**, which promotes sustainable practices at accommodations, restaurants and tourist attractions.*

Environmentally Preferable Purchasing

The Department of Commerce uses service contracts for recycled and environmentally preferable office products available through the Department of General Services.

Waste

Recycling

The Department of Commerce is dedicated to its recycling program. We recycle paper, bottles and cans on each of our floors at the World Trade Center Baltimore. The recycled material is collected by our landlord, the Maryland Port Administration, and contributes to the World Trade Center Baltimore's total recycling output.

Energy

Energy Efficiency

The Department of Commerce is located at the World Trade Center in Baltimore. The building is owned by the Maryland Port Administration (MPA), which entered into an energy performance contract that has resulted in 5.3 million kWh in annual electrical savings. The contract covered upgrades to the heating and cooling system including new chillers and boilers and also eliminated the need for cooling towers by using the Baltimore Harbor as a heat sink for the chilled water system. Lighting fixtures were also replaced with high efficiency equivalents and a new Energy Management and Control System was implemented that includes air and water temperature setbacks and demand-based ventilation.

The Department of Commerce submits an annual energy plan to the Department of General Services to meet the energy reduction goal of 10% energy reduction goal by FY2020 from a 2010 baseline.

Transportation

Employee Commute

State employees receive free transportation on MTA routes including local buses, the Baltimore Metro Subway, and Light Rail and Commerce's location in downtown Baltimore makes it convenient for employees to take advantage of public transportation.

Fleet Vehicles

The Department of Commerce has two hybrid vehicles in its fleet, along with 3 flex fuel vehicles. It is estimated that the hybrid vehicles save approximately 225 gallons of gas per year.

Water

Water Conservation

As part of the Maryland Port Administration's energy performance contract at the World Trade Center in Baltimore where Commerce is located, 17 million gallons of water are being saved annually through heating and cooling upgrades and the retrofitting of plumbing fixtures (toilets, urinals, faucets and showers) with low flow equivalents.



Help build a greener, more sustainable Maryland through voluntary practices that reduce environmental impacts and save money.

Learn more at green.maryland.gov

