



Maryland Green Registry

2019 Leadership Award Winner Baltimore Convention Center



About the Baltimore Convention Center

The Baltimore Convention Center is the premier location in the mid-Atlantic region for organizations to host conventions, meetings, banquets, trade shows, and other events with over 1.2 million square feet of space.

Achievements

Food Waste Reduction: In 2018, while working with their catering partner, Centerplate, more than 5,500 pounds of food scraps were donated to a local farm for pig feed, resulting in savings of \$200-300 per week for the farm. Over 75,000 pounds of food were donated to the Maryland Food Bank and 850 pounds more were sent to other local nonprofits using the MEANS Database, an online food rescue program. Approximately 8 tons of food scraps were collected and composted. In addition, more than 3,000 pounds of food waste have been eliminated by kitchen staff through waste reduction strategies.

Material Re-Use: In 2018, approximately 33 tons of material including furniture, brick pavers and even basketball hoops have been donated to local organizations. Recipients include Second Chance, The Loading Dock, The Teacher Supply Swap, Baltimore City Recreation and Parks, and the United Way.

Green Procurement: The Center purchases GreenSeal cleaning products, recycled-content paper supplies and food service items made from bio-based, renewable and compostable materials.

Training: Staff has been trained in waste reduction, food donation and recycling protocols and an informational board for employees communicates goals and results. Staff is also included in workshops and meetings with vendors to discuss ideas for waste reduction.



The Maryland Green Registry Leadership Awards recognize organizations that have shown a strong commitment to the implementation of sustainable practices, the demonstration of measurable results, and the continual improvement of environmental performance.