



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

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Environmental Team

The Convention Center's Director of Client Services takes the lead role on many sustainability initiatives. However, other departments such as Building Services have a large role in helping with initiatives such as energy efficiency and water conservation.

We also have a Green Team, comprised of members of staff and partners from all departments within our organization.

Annual Environmental Goals

Our annual goal is to maintain an annual diversion rate of at least 35%.

Environmentally Preferable Purchasing

We currently use over 85% green seal certified cleaning products. All trash bags contain post-consumer grade materials. We purchase recycled-content paper towels and toilet paper.

We Use disposable foodservice items made from bio-based, renewable materials (corn, bamboo, etc.) and 90%+ of our concession disposable are fully compostable.

Environmental Restoration or Community Environmental Projects

We typically participate in 2-3 service projects each year. In October 2018, a team of 20 employees volunteered to work in the Maryland Food Bank logging in a total of 38 volunteer hours. Those hours equate to saving the food bank \$1072.50 in labor costs and helping them to provide an additional 3,218 meals to food insecure Marylanders.

Waste

Solid Waste Reduction and Reuse

We donate a wide variety of goods and materials to local nonprofit organizations. In 2018 we donated roughly 33 tons of materials to organizations such as Second Chance, The Loading Dock, The Teacher Supply Swap, Baltimore Parks & Recs, United Way, and others. These materials include everything from furniture, to brick pavers, to basketball hoops.

In 2018 we donated over 75,000 pounds of food to the Maryland Food Bank and a variety of other local nonprofits.

In May 2018, we began donating food scraps to a local farm, Carriage House Farms, for pig feed. We have donated over 5,000 pounds of food in the first 8 months of donating.

In 2018 we diverted 1.778 tons of old paint to Yuck Old Paint, some of which can be reused.

Recycling

Single-Stream recycling receptacles are available in all meeting spaces and public lobbies.

When applicable we send waste to be separated out and recycled through L&J Waste Recycling. Through L&J, and other sources, we recycled roughly 111 tons of C&D material.

We have a cardboard baler on site. In 2018 we baled and recycled over 57 tons of cardboard.

We also have a Pallet recycling program that removes all pallets regardless of size or material and either resells them or recycles them. In 2018 we recycled or provided for reuse, a total of 61 tons of pallets.

In 2018 we recycled over 15 tons of scrap metal.

In our kitchen, we recycle grease with Valley Proteins and utilize FilaFry for the micro-filtration of cooking oils. In 2017, FilaFry saved over 4,000 pounds of oil and collected 7,500 pounds of waste oil with the FiltaBio Service; these services were equal to the planting of 1,146 trees.

In 2018 we utilized "Shred-It" to recycle over 4,900 pounds of old paper and files.

Composting

We use Waste Neutral to collect food scraps for composting. In 2018 we composted roughly 8 tons of food scraps.

Energy

Energy Efficiency

To date we have replaced 3,840 CFL bulbs with LED bulbs in all the meeting room, ballroom, and most lobby and perfection space.

We have also replaced 30 exterior lights from older induction bulb wall packs to LED on the east building.

In Charles Lobby service drive we replaced 22 induction bulb recessed lights with LED lights.

We have also changed out approximately 1500 T8 fluorescent bulbs with LED bulbs.

In 2019 we recently replaced 88 fixtures that are a combination of high pressure sodium and HID lighting fixtures to LED fixtures.

Transportation

Employee Commute/Customer Travel

For a number of departments, we offer the ability for 'telework days' which limits their need to travel into work.

We also have multiple bicycle racks located at our facility.

Water



Water Conservation

- *low flow restrictors on faucets and showerheads*
- *low flow toilets (1.6 gpf or less)*
- *low flow urinals (1 gpf or less)*
- *automatic or sensed faucets or toilets in public restrooms*
- *high efficiency [Energy-Star rated dishwashers](#)*

Environmental Certification Programs, Awards, and Other Activities



Completed venue certification for the APEX/ASTM Green Meeting Standard

We began using a trash monitoring service, OnePlus Systems, which provides real time monitoring sensors for our trash compactors. This allows us to be more efficient and effective to reduce the number of trash hauls. Rather than 'pulling' a compactor when it is only 60% full, we are able to monitor and predict when compactors get filled and ensure that they are as close to 100% as possible before being pulled. This saves money due to decreased hauling fees, and also reduces the impact on the environment due to fewer CO₂ emissions by trash trucks.

As of the start of 2018, smoking on the loading docks is no longer permitted. There is a new smoking area located near the loading docks that employees are able to use. This change will promote a cleaner and healthier working area for employees working in these areas. In addition, information and resources will be provided in these areas to assist staff with smoking cessation.



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