



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.

Havre de Grace Decoy Museum

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Non-Profit

Member since August 2011

Management and Leadership



Environmental Policy Statement

The Havre de Grace Decoy Museum is committed to reducing its impact on the environment. We will strive to improve our environmental performance over time and to initiate additional projects and activities that will further reduce our impacts on the environment.

Our commitment to the environment extends to our visitors, our staff, and the community in which we operate. We are committed to:

Comply with all applicable environmental regulations;

Prevent pollution whenever possible;

Train all of our staff on our environmental program and empower them to contribute and participate;

Communicate our environmental commitment and efforts to our customers, staff, and our community; and

Continually improve over time by striving to measure our environmental impacts and by setting goals to reduce these impacts each year.



Environmentally Preferable Products and Services

Our primary mission is to increase awareness and appreciation of the magnificent natural resources along Maryland's Upper Chesapeake Bay through

the education of our visitors. There are displays and interactive exhibits that show the importance of these waterways and the impact of storms and man on these delicate areas. Having toured the Havre de Grace Decoy Museum and walked our Waterfront Promenade, our visitors will take away an appreciation for the waterways and improved knowledge on how they can better care for the bays and the overall environment.

In addition, we require that the decoy carvers that work with our museum use reclaimed wood in their craft. New wood is not suitable for decoys. We estimate that the yearly consumption of reclaimed wood for decoy carving by our members is over 180 tons. That is 360,000 pounds of wood per year that will not end up in our landfills and it protects the new growth trees from destruction.

Environmentally Preferable Purchasing

The Havre de Grace Decoy Museum purchasing policy is designed to minimize our ecological footprint while maintaining business viability and supporting local businesses. It is our policy to make local vendors our first choice for all equipment, supplies, and services. This policy serves several purposes including:

- ✓ Reduction in carbon footprint for manufacture and transport of equipment and supplies, and*
- ✓ Support for local business and economy – keep dollars circulating in the Havre de Grace / Harford County area.*

We also purchase natural cleaning supplies when available.

Environmental Restoration or Community Environmental Projects

The members and volunteers of the Havre de Grace Decoy Museum include persons that are active participants in Ducks Unlimited, Delta Waterfowl, Maryland Wood Duck Initiative, AmeriCorps, Chesapeake Bay Foundation, Chesapeake Bay Gateways, Lions, Rotary, Havre de Grace High School Ecology Department, S.M.I.L.E.S, are licensed commercial watermen, and work with the Susquehanna River Clean Up, and Earth Day projects. We care about the health of the River and Bay and we spend our time encouraging others to do the same.

To continually expand the education of the public regarding the traditions and history of the Susquehanna River and Upper Chesapeake Bay. We regularly reach out to schools and organizations to encourage involvement of the youth of the community. The Decoy Museum offers a variety of interactive programs for schoolchildren in grades pre-K through 8. These programs are designed to introduce students to this region's rich waterfowling heritage and its contribution to the folk art of decoy carving and the relationship between that art form, the Susquehanna River and the Chesapeake Bay. We believe that educating our young people about their

potential impact on our waterways is vital to their caring about the health of those resources.

Waste

Recycling

The Havre de Grace Decoy Museum continually participates in the Havre de Grace single stream recycling initiative helping to divert refuse from our landfills to greener alternatives. The tipping fee for the City of Havre de Grace is now \$65.00 per ton, our participation in this program results in measurable savings to the City and the Museum.

Energy

Energy Efficiency

All of our display cabinets use energy efficient LED and fluorescent lighting resulting in substantial savings in energy costs and a reduced footprint on the environment.

Transportation

Efficient Business travel

When we host our Annual Havre de Grace Decoy Festival, we reduce the use of individual automobiles by providing energy efficient, clean burning diesel buses to transport our visitors to various sites. Each of the 10,000 visitors travels an estimated 5.8 miles on the shuttle buses. This amounts to a total of 58,000 miles of vehicle travel reduced, saving 2,636 gallons of gas and the following air emissions:

*Total Hydrocarbons = 357.709 Lbs
Total Carbon Monoxide = 2670.044 Lbs
Total Carbon Dioxide = 53128.0 Lbs
Total Nitrous Oxide= 177.577 Lbs*

Water

Water Conservation

All bathroom facilities utilize water saving low flow toilets and sinks.

Storm water Management and Site Design

The grounds of the Havre de Grace Decoy museum are landscaped to minimize runoff into the Chesapeake Bay. We have a minimal asphalt covered parking area and that is separated by a buffer to minimize runoff into the Bay.

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Maryland

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