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Green Registry
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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 Seafood Festival

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Non-Profit

Member since October 2011

Management and Leadership



Environmental Policy Statement

The Havre de Grace Seafood Festival 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 vendors, customers, our staff, and the community in which we operate. We are committed to:

- *Not only complying with all applicable environmental regulations, but exceeding them;*
- *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 vendors, 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.*

Environmental Team

Our vision is a sustainable world, and we are dedicated to delivering sustainable projects that protect, enhance, and restore the existing natural and human environment. The green team consists of all vendors, their staffs, our employees and Festival volunteers working together to obtain this goal.

Environmentally Preferable Products and Services

The Havre de Grace Seafood strives to set a new standard for making festivals environmentally friendly and hopes to become an example for other events to follow. Through our support of the Maryland Green Registry and our Green Event Initiative, the Havre de Grace Seafood Festival encourages all vendors to offer only compostable plates, bowls, cups and flatware to festival visitors. By contract, no vendor will be permitted to use or distribute any Styrofoam product at the Festival. The list of mandated compostable products will be expanded each year.

Environmentally Preferable Purchasing

All vendors are encouraged to purchase food products locally when at all possible. Our main supplier is within 15 miles. Deliveries for all 28 food vendors are made on a single efficient low emissions diesel truck. We require that all vendor and delivery trucks shut down their engines while making deliveries or unloading reducing emissions even further.

Environmental Restoration or Community Environmental Projects

The Havre de Grace Seafood Festival staff and volunteers are encouraged to participate in clean up efforts of the Susquehanna River and Upper Chesapeake Bay. We participate in the Maryland Adopt a Highway program and other efforts. The Festival has purchased a highly efficient Smart Car that is being vehicle wrapped to promote the Festival and our efforts to preserve the Upper Chesapeake Bay.

The Havre de Grace Seafood Festival is also actively working to provide an opportunity for an Eagle Scout project at the Festival. We will use this initiative to educate the public about the importance of recycling for the good of the Chesapeake Bay.

Waste

Recycling

All vendors use sustainable vegetable oil. 750 gallons of used vegetable oil was recycled at the 2011 Havre de Grace Seafood Festival.

52 tons (104,000 pounds) of single stream recyclables were diverted from the waste stream to recycling. These included cardboard, glass, metals, and plastic bottles.

*The total reduction in greenhouse gas emissions for the 2011 Havre de Grace Seafood Festival was **294** MTCO_{2e}.*

*The financial impact of our single stream recycling initiative for one event:
Tipping fee for 104 tons of trash @57.20 per ton = \$5,948.80
Tipping fee for 104 tons of Single Stream Recyclable @4.00 per ton = \$416.00
Total Cost Savings = \$5,532.80*

Energy

Energy Efficiency

The vendors operating the 28 mobile restaurant operations at the Havre de Grace Seafood Festival are encouraged to operate on high efficiency propane gas.

Transportation

Fleet Vehicles

The Festival has purchased a highly efficient Smart Car that is being vehicle wrapped to promote the Festival and our efforts to preserve the Upper Chesapeake Bay. This vehicle is provided, free of charge, for use by any City or County staff member that is commuting to a function. This practice promotes the Festival activities while decreasing the fuel usage and environmental impact that would be seen using the gas guzzling City or County owned fleet vehicles. The Smart Car has saved over \$800 in annual fuel costs.

Environmental Impact of using the SMART car for one year:

*Total Reduction in Hydrocarbons = 61.674 Lbs
Total Reduction in Carbon Monoxide = 460.352 Lbs*

*Total Reduction in Carbon Dioxide = 9160.0 Lbs
Total Reduction in Nitrous Oxide= 30.617 Lbs
Total Savings in Gas= 238.1 Gal*

Water

Water Conservation

All sinks in the 28 vendor operations are required to use low flow faucets.

Other

We are working with other Festivals to encourage them to Go Green as well.

The State of Maryland often has more than 20 festivals or special events on any given weekend. If just two festivals or events a weekend followed our lead we could see 78,000 gallons of cooking oil reclaimed and 5,408 tons of garbage sent to recycling plants instead of landfills. That is over 10 million pounds of garbage diverted from State landfills. These numbers can be reached while saving money for the Festivals and Events.

The Festival offers a 10% discount on vendor fees to any business or organization that is on the Maryland Green Registry or on their own State Registry.

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