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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.

Baltimore Convention Center



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Management and Leadership

Environmental Policy Statement

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Environmental Team

The Convention Center's Director of Operations takes the lead role on many sustainability initiatives. However, other departments such as Facilities and Engineering have a large role in helping with initiatives such as energy efficiency and water conservation, while the Sales and Services team share our story with clients to gain the support and buy-in of their staff, exhibitors, service providers, and attendees towards our sustainability mission and goals.

Our efforts are enhanced through the commitment of our in-house service partners like Sodexo Live! who manage the food and beverage related sustainability efforts.

Annual Environmental Goals

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

Environmentally Preferable Purchasing

We currently utilize 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 aim to purchase our food and beverage locally, when possible, by utilizing a vendor that matches our purchasing needs with nearby sources and small businesses. 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

In September 2022 the Baltimore Convention Center installed two beehives, with over 70,000 bees, on its roof with the help of urban beekeeping company, [Alveole](#). Our bees travel within 2-3 miles of their hives to pollinate plants gather resources for their honey. With the hives, the Center hopes to educate our staff and visitors on the importance of this species and all pollinators.

We typically participate in 2-3 service projects each year. In October 2022, a team of the Center's staff volunteered at Mayor Brandon Scott's Fall Cleanup event. Staff members worked alongside residents, DPW waste workers, and cleaning crews in picking up debris from local Baltimore Communities. This service day helped promote a cleaner environment and brought awareness of the negative impact littering has in the community.

With the support of clients, we gain approval to collect materials to supply special projects and non-profit organizations in our local community. In coordination with our Mid-Atlantic Nursery Tradeshow in January 2023, we provided a team to work overnight collecting live trees and plants that are destined for the landfill. 68 trees and 142 saplings and shrubs, valued at over \$17,000, were salvaged and provided to organizations like the [Baltimore Tree Trust](#) and Midtown Baltimore, to be planted in the community.

Waste

Solid Waste Reduction and Reuse

We donate a wide variety of goods and materials to local nonprofit organizations. In 2022 we donated roughly 31 tons of materials to organizations such as Second Chance, South Baltimore Station, Baltimore Outreach, Bea Gaddy Center, Catholic Charities, Helping Up Mission, Baltimore Tree Trust, Midtown Baltimore, Baltimore ToolBank and others. Materials included items such as hand sanitizer, bags, masks, pencils, school supplies, clothing, and books.

Through the use of the [MealConnect](#) app we were able to donate over 6,500 pounds of food to charitable organizations like Helping Up Mission.

In May 2018, we began donating food scraps to a local farm, Carriage House Farms, for pig feed. In 2022 we donated over 6.5 tons of organic food scraps for feed.

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 34 tons of C&D material.*
- *We have a cardboard baler on site. In 2022 we baled and recycled over 29 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 2022 we recycled or provided for reuse, a total of 7.75 tons of pallets.*
- *In 2022 we recycled over 29 tons of scrap metal.*
- *In our kitchen, we recycle grease with Valley Proteins and utilize [Filta-Fry](#) for the micro-filtration of cooking oils. In 2022, FiltaFry saved over 500 pounds of oil.*

Composting

We use [Waste Neutral](#) to collect food scraps for composting. In 2022, we composted over 12,000 pounds of food scraps.

Energy

Energy Efficiency

- *To date, we have replaced 3,840 CFL bulbs with LED bulbs in all the meeting rooms, 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 the 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 LEDs.*
- *In 2019, we replaced 88 fixtures that were a combination of high-pressure sodium and HID lighting fixtures with 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

As of the start of 2018, smoking on the loading docks is no longer permitted. There is a 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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