
Sustainability

Sustainable Commitment

A LEED Gold Center, The Huntington Convention Center of Cleveland (HCCC), The Global Center for Health Innovation (GCHI) and SMG are committed to operations that reduce environmental impact by focusing on conserving resources, recycling initiatives, and utilizing environmentally friendly products and practices that continually improve these efforts.

Sustainable Design

Below Grade Construction: The Huntington Convention Center of Cleveland's below grade construction allows for the efficient use of the Earth's geothermal and insulating properties to help naturally reduce heat loss and more efficiently maintain steady temperatures.

Green Roof: The Convention Center's green roof, which makes up Malls B and C offers breathtaking views of Lake Erie. This unique living roof design is not only aesthetically pleasing but functions to reduce combined sewer overflow by incorporating plant life and soil materials that efficiently filter storm water.

Lighting: The Centers are equipped with a state of the art lighting control system that is highly programmable and is able to use daylight harvesting by taking advantage of the extensive natural light throughout to reduce energy use.

Low Flow Water Systems: The design includes significant water reduction systems such as low-flow washroom fixtures and the processing of lower water loads in sinks throughout the Center.

Heating/Cooling: Our energy provider serves multiple buildings within a concentrated area and as such can deliver efficient and reliable thermal heat and chilled water underground.

Transportation: We encourage and embrace the usage of alternate transportation. There are 275 bike rack spaces on the malls, as well as efficient and nearby connections to RTA bus and rail lines. We are also located within walking distance of multiple hotels making it easy for attendees to walk to and from their event.

Water Re-Fill Stations: Eco-friendly water re-fill stations are strategically placed throughout to help reduce the need for more plastic water bottles. These stations are located in the exhibit halls, outside of meeting room 8 and in the Global Center's Atrium.

Sustainable Practices

Single Stream Recycling: We are committed to recycling, reducing and reusing as many products as possible. We work hand in hand with our employees, vendors, customers, partners and visitors to minimize our collective impact on the environment.

Organic Food Waste Recycling: The installation of the Grind2Energy system allows us to divert our food scraps from landfills by grinding, storing and removing for conversion to electricity and compressed natural gas. Unused food is donated to local foodbanks and other non-profit organizations when possible.

Equipment/Products: All departments and partners of the Centers use green products whenever possible. Our housekeeping staff uses products such as Orbio water produced from water, salt and a small amount of electricity to create a safe, non-toxic environmentally friendly cleaning solution.

Levy Restaurants, Inc., our exclusive food and beverage provider sources products that are locally grown, in season, organic and hormone/antibiotic free. In fact, some of the products used such as vegetables, honey and eggs are grown right on the North Patio area located directly outside our Grand Ballroom. In addition, the food and beverage containers used in our concession stands are made from 100 % compostable materials.

Sustainability Committee: Our sustainability committee meets monthly to discuss and promote current and future initiatives. The committee is comprised of at least one member of the various departments and service partners to foster a team effort and approach.

Sustainable Options

Visitors are encouraged to do their part and help contribute to the recycling program, here is how you can help:

- Walk or bike to and from the Center or utilize available mass transit options.
- Place all recyclables in correct bins and encourage others to do so as well.
- Use our eco-friendly water re-fill stations to fill water bottles located in the Exhibit hall, outside of Room 8 and in the Global Center.
- Turn off lights in meeting rooms if you are the last ones in there for the day.
- Utilize the energy efficient hand dryers within the restrooms instead of paper towels.

