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SUSTAINABILITY AT McCORMICK PLACE

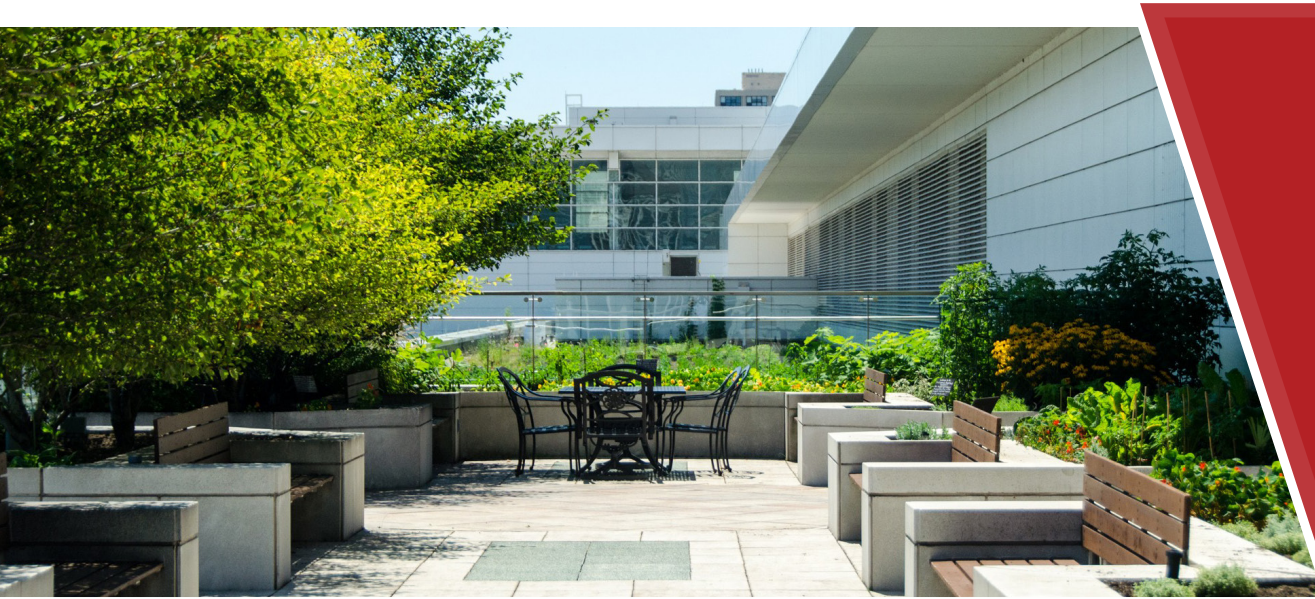
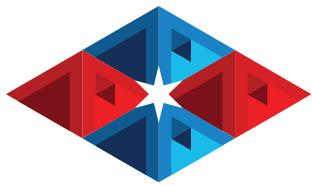
McCormick Place has a fierce commitment to sustainability and energy conservation. Awarded the "Best of" Editor's Pick in the "Green Meetings" category from the Illinois Meetings Events Magazine, McCormick Place is proud to proactively lead in green initiatives. Designing unique pathways to promote ecological efficiency on our campus as well as the rest of Chicago, McCormick Place utilizes a combination of partnerships and campus practices to realize its goal of sustainability.

CAMPUS INITIATIVES

McCormick Place incorporates environmentally friendly products, processes, and practices into all of its operations because we are committed to a greener, more sustainable Chicago. Some of the ways we do this include:

- Making a \$36 million-dollar investment in September of 2019 for a three-year plan that is expected to be completed in 2022, to retrofit the lights in McCormick Place and the parking lots with energy efficient LEDs.
- Monitoring of all HVAC, lighting, and plug loads to manage McCormick Place's true electricity need
- Conserving water through a high efficiency, timed irrigation system and the diverting of stormwater into Lake Michigan instead of the sewer system
- Prohibiting the use of non-biodegradable disposable dishware, including Styrofoam and polystyrene
- Use of environmentally friendly cleaning products
- Encouragement of environmentally conscious public transport options
- Use of a CO2 monitoring system in the LEED-certified West Building that provides feedback on ventilation performance
- Caretaking of the McCormick Place Bird Sanctuary that provides 6 acres of habitat for local and migrating bird species





PARTNERSHIPS

Sustainability is a collaborative mission.

That's why McCormick Place has made several key partnerships to advance the sustainability of our operations. From green food services to protecting Chicago's ecosystem to energy efficiency, McCormick Place's partnerships are the key to defining our success in sustainability.

► Chicago Botanic Garden and Windy City Harvest

- In conjunction with SAVOR... Chicago, the Chicago Botanic Garden's Windy City Harvest program operates the largest rooftop garden in the Midwest located on McCormick Place's West Building
- This garden provides McCormick Place with over 8,000 pounds of farm-to-table produce annually and honey from the rooftop apiary.
- The garden also helped McCormick Place's West Building attain a LEED Certification (Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design) from the U.S. Green Build Council

► Lights Out Chicago

- McCormick Place is a proud member of the Lights Out Chicago program that encourages city buildings to turn their lights off at night to protect migratory birds. This prevents birds from flying into buildings and reduces the energy McCormick Place uses to operate annually.

► Food Service

- Food and beverage provider to McCormick Place, SAVOR...Chicago has been recognized for its sustainability leadership, including recognition from the Environmental Protection Agency for education and outreach
- SAVOR...Chicago also won the EPA's National Food Recovery Challenge
- Additional SAVOR...Chicago Successes
 - Since 2011, SAVOR...Chicago has increased the diversion of pre-consumer waste to nearly 100% through the use of composting, a rigorous waste separation program, changes in packaging, and recycling food grease in biodiesel.
 - Annually, SAVOR...Chicago donates up to 1,000lbs of food to neighborhood charities
 - All flatware and paper goods used by SAVOR... Chicago are made from 100% recyclable, plant-based materials
 - Introduction of the Green Angels™ post-consumer recycling and composting program which handles the precise sorting of waste on campus. This ensures that all reusable is recycled or composted, subsequently limiting what McCormick Place sends to landfills