U.S. Zero Waste Business Council

Hartsfield-Jackson Atlanta International Airport
Sustainable Food Court Initiative
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Hartsfield-Jackson Atlanta International Airport

Airport-at-a-glance

- 92.2 million annual passengers
- 950,000 total flights per year
- 250,000 average daily passengers
- Nonstop flights to more than 150 U.S. cities, 60 international cities in 45 countries
- 5.6 million-square-foot terminal complex
- 4,700-acre campus with cargo, maintenance and support facilities
Sustainability Guiding Principles

Maintain a balanced and integrated approach for all future development and management by ensuring:

- Prioritize future investments based on life-cycle analysis and total cost of ownership.
- Preserve the Airport’s financial health through proactive and cost-effective solutions.
- Ensure compatibility with surrounding communities.
- Enhance stakeholder engagement.
- Promote a people-oriented work environment.
- Identify and mitigate environmental impacts associated with the Airport operations above and beyond the environmental compliance requirements.
- Integrate environmental sustainability in the decision-making process.
# Focus Areas and Categories

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Waste Reduction Targets

- **FY 2020**: Reduce, reuse and recycle 90% of ATL’s waste
- **FY 2015**: Reduce and recycle 50% of ATL’s waste
- **FY 2013**: Reduce and recycle 40% of ATL’s waste
- **FY 2012**: Reuse and recycle 30% of ATL’s waste

**Initiatives**

- **Implement pay as you throw system if feasible**
- **Coordination with airlines to recover all waste**
- **Develop and implement comprehensive waste reduction guidelines for employees and passengers**
- **Plan and install an anaerobic digestion facility to convert waste to energy**
- **Reduce packaging by ordering in bulk, replace paper towels with hand dryer, donate used durable goods to charitable organizations**
- **Include all outlying facilities in all waste reduction & recycling efforts**
- **Plan and install an on-site composting facility**
- **Display prominent recycling receptacles all over ATL**
- **Sustainable food court initiative: coffee grinds for composting, recycling cooking oil and grease in restaurants, excess food donation programs, use of compostable serve ware**

**Policies**

- Continuation of ongoing waste reduction initiatives
- Adopt ATL’s Zero Waste Policy

**Focus Area 3: Operations and Maintenance**
Hartsfield-Jackson
Atlanta International Airport

Zero Waste Zones Participant
Sustainable Food Court Initiative Airport Pilot
Sustainable Food Court Initiative

Mission:
To bring zero waste initiatives to food courts and develop industry, sustainable best practices for Back-of-the-House and Front-of-the-House operations.

Provision in new airport concessions contracts
Concessionaire shall use compostable serviceware along with consumer-facing packaging and source separately all food service wastes for direct transport to off-airport composting facilities.
What does ATL’s Future Hold?
Greening ATL

✓ GRI B+ Global Reporting Initiative
✓ Airport EcoDistrict ATL, first airport globally
  ▪ Green Acres - ATL’s Energy Park
  ▪ Ground Source Heat Pump
  ▪ Airport-wide Climate Action Plan
    • Comprehensive greenhouse gas inventories to include emissions from airlines and secondary sources