SUSTAINABILITY EFFORTS

ENHANCING THE CONVENTION CENTER EXPERIENCE

By attending an event hosted by The Orange County Convention Center (OCCC), The Center of Hospitality, attendees support one of the most innovative, large-scale sustainability programs in the United States. The OCCC has demonstrated industry and community leadership by pioneering pathways for large venues to achieve continuously improving levels of sustainability stewardship.

Below are some of the initiatives attendees can enjoy during their visit to the OCCC.

### WALKABILITY & MOBILITY

- **Campus Master Plan** - Identifies key campus attributes needed to keep the OCCC as the premier event destination for years to come
- **The Center Line** - Development of a dedicated circulator bus route to aid attendee movement throughout the Convention Plaza District
- **Pedestrian Bridges** - Continued build-outs of safe, direct connections from adjoining hotels to the OCCC
- **Alternative Transportation Programs** - Fostering visitor and building occupant use of multiple alternative transportation options to and from the OCCC

### ENERGY

- **District Energy Program** - The OCCC is part of an innovative chilled water production agreement with OUC Cooling which provides energy efficient and environmentally friendly air conditioning to Convention District hotel participants
- **Renewable Energy** - The OCCC campus provides five different solar energy programs used by clients and other stakeholders for demonstration, training, and research
- **Building Efficiency** - The OCCC incorporates natural lighting, advanced technology, and employee ingenuity to achieve buildings which are 87% more energy efficient per square foot than similar buildings

### FOOD

- **Center-to-Table Gardens** - New indoor vertical gardens producing fresh, delicious vegetables and herbs from the Westwood Lobby. In partnership with Centerplate, our exclusive food service partner, the OCCC is proud to be a leader in innovative urban agriculture.
- **Food Donations** - Assisting clients who send over 25,000 pounds of food annually to local community organizations like Second Harvest of Central Florida, Christian Service Center, and the Ronald McDonald House Charities
- **Composted Food Waste** - Food scraps that can’t be donated are recycled into electricity and fertilizer for local farms through Harvest Power of Orlando

### WATER

- **Low Impact Development** - Aesthetically pleasing and innovative stormwater treatments are used on campus and redirected to natural waterbodies
- **Water Efficiency** - Bathrooms use 15% less water than building codes mandate and 100% reclaimed wastewater is used to irrigate the OCCC’s 400 acre campus

### WASTE

- **Waste Reduction** - OCCC worked with clients and contractors to reduce event waste by 53%
- **Recycling Receptacles** - Our waste bins on campus were made from used plastic milk jugs and 100% solar energy

Representatives from the Convention Center are available to speak or present OCCC Sustainability Initiatives to groups or individuals upon request. Tours of the Center-to-Table Gardens and campus solar projects are also available upon request. Additionally, the Convention Center can help match clients to local organizations for charitable donations, volunteer opportunities, and CSR outreach programs.