



Sustainability Policy

Mission Statement for Sustaining America's Central Port

America's Central Port is committed to the health of our regional, southwestern Illinois economy and our environment. We operate our business in an environmentally-sustainable manner and our responsibility is to the communities we serve; our tenants, staff and local partners. Our commitment is for responsible resource use, protection of environmental assets and making business decisions that recognize the balance between today and tomorrow.

The Port's Commitment

America's Central Port operated by Tri-City Regional Port District, a unit of local government and an Economic Developer, strives to support a growing economy and improving our communities through environmental stewardship. Establishing America's Central Port as an environmental leader by setting goals for a sustainable port and achieving these goals by being responsive and resourceful, promoting sustainable business practices by reducing, reusing and recycling and, most importantly, engaging and educating our employees, our tenants and our communities is our commitment.

America's Central Port has established the "America's Central Green Team" consisting of employees and tenants of the Port. The team has put into action six committees dedicated to developing and implementing policies and procedures and to actively pursue six different Issue Areas; namely, Engagement – policy development, community outreach, purchasing policy and develop purchasing alliances; Consumption – track energy usage and consumption, measure carbon footprint, develop a plan to reduce energy use and investigate renewable energy sources; Indoor/Outdoor Environment – temperature control management, indoor air quality measures and investigate green cleaning supplies; Waste Reduction – waste audit, establish recycling policy, paper reduction goals and electronics recycling; Water Consumption – target water usage reduction, water savers, landscaping, bio-swales and rain gardens; and Sustainable Transportation – commuting audit, auto tracking and carbon footprint, PEV (Plug In Vehicle) station and virtual meetings.

America's Central Port – Sustainability Commitments

- Develop a green purchasing policy and establish purchasing alliances;
- Implement one or two pilot programs in prominent public areas of the Port's property to exhibit alternative energy sources or energy saving lighting sources;
- Establish an equipment purchasing policy requiring new equipment meet ENERGY STAR rating standards;
- Establish a "No Idling" policy for loading zones and parking lots;
- Adopt an Indoor Air Quality Plan to follow the LEED CI/EBOM guidelines to use for remodeling projects and new construction;



- Establish paper reduction milestones such as unsubscribing to junk mail, making double-sided copying a requirement for large print projects and require inter-office memos and documents be circulated electronically;
- Encourage the use of reusable glasses/cups and eliminate the purchase of bottled water;
- Developing a PEV (plug in electric vehicle) station along the Rt. 3 corridor in conjunction with Madison County Transit; and
- Utilize water conserving devices when upgrading or replacing current equipment

The above is a short-list of the Sustainability Commitments that America's Central Port is in the process of implementing to reduce the carbon footprint of the Port and the Tri-Cities area. New technology, innovations and future development of the property will allow for the expansion of these commitments.

The Board of Commissioners of the Tri-City Regional Port District has approved this Sustainability Policy by Resolution at its September 12, 2011 Board Meeting and hereby directs the Executive Director to distribute the policy to the employees and tenants of America's Central Port.

Signed this 12th day of September, 2011

Chairman, Board of Commissioners

Secretary, Board of Commissioners