

Philadelphia International Airport Environmental Policy Statement

The many natural resources that surround the Philadelphia International Airport and Philadelphia Northeast Airport, which comprise the Philadelphia Airport System (Airports) have helped shape the region's rich history and their use has led to the region's prosperity. The Airport will focus on protection and restoration to reduce resource use.

The Airports transportation and economic mission will be achieved in a manner that demonstrates responsible environmental stewardship. The implementation of proactive environmental management systems will contribute to the economic, social, and environmental well being of the City of Philadelphia and the metropolitan region.

The Airports will comply with all applicable regulations and other requirements, while striving to continually improve environmental performance, prevent pollution, and reduce the potential impact of their activities. This commitment will be tracked through the establishing, implementing, and reviewing of relevant environmental objectives and targets for Airport operations and activities.

Philadelphia Airport System will actively seek resolutions to environmental issues by striving to achieve the following goals:

Compliance and Monitoring: The Airports will fully comply with all applicable environmental laws, regulations, and other requirements, and strive to exceed legal and regulatory standards where doing so is consistent with the transportation and economic development mission of the Airports. Using innovative technologies and best management practices, the airport will develop, monitor, and regularly review specific targets for activities and programs that help achieve compliance and improve environmental performance. The Airports will hold tenants responsible for compliance with all the applicable laws and statutes regulating their activities.

Sustainability: The Airports will strive to reduce the impacts of operations and activities to preserve and protect surrounding natural resources through cost-effective energy use, recycling, water conservation, waste reduction, pollution prevention activities, and procurement of green materials. Airport facilities will be designed, constructed, and rehabilitated, where possible, to make use of sustainable materials and green building techniques.

Communications: The Airports will distribute the environmental policy to all on-Airport city employees so they can be aware of and active in implementing this policy. This policy will serve as an impetus to promoting open discussions among all employees about the environmental aspects of their operations and activities and the environmental management system so that they may make informed choices and assist in the accomplishment of the environmental goals. The Airports will require all tenants to communicate to their employees the requirements of the environmental management system.

Environmental Stewardship: Current Airport operations and activities will be modified and improved by incorporating sustainable business practices to minimize or avoid impacts to natural resources to the greatest extent possible. The Airports will participate in activities that assist in enhancing the natural environment with a focus on sustaining resources that are vital to local stakeholders. The Airport will improve overall environmental quality through clean up and restoration efforts focused on areas affected by past Airport operations and activities.

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