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Welcome to the 73rd Annual Meeting! We would like to share with you how we are “greening” the Annual Meeting and what you can do during your stay to contribute to the effort.

Current Omni environmental initiatives include:

- Recycling all waste through Pittsburgh Recycling; including pallets, grease, toner and cardboard
- Removed all phone books and Styrofoam from Hotel
- Note pads in rooms are made from recycled products
- 1 out of 3 cleaning products are Green
- Utilize the Shred It Program
- Gently used Towels and Blankets are donated to the Animal Rescue League
- Robes, Pillows and Blankets are donated to Local Ministries & Homeless shelters
- Omni outsources to a Linen Company that is certified Green
- In-room cards allow guests to choose to have their linens & towels changed
- Produce, herbs and meat are purchased locally
- Left over banquet food is served in the employee cafeteria
- Omni offers a Paperless Check in and video Check out
- Compact fluorescents light bulbs in 70% of the hotel, motion detectors for some of the meeting space lights
- Low flow showerheads and sink aerators, hi efficiency boilers, toilets and urinals

What We are Doing:

- Our sponsor Native Energy (www.nativeenergy.com) is donating carbon reductions from a renewable energy project to offset the emissions from the annual meeting, including attendees’ travel, the hotel and meeting rooms. Their contribution will be supporting the Mains dairy digester. The Mains Dairy in Newville, PA is constructing an anaerobic digester for manure conversion and on-farm electricity generation. The digester is expected to generate approximately 1,765 kWh/day, 60% of which will be used for farm operations, with the remaining 40% going onto the local electrical grid.
- NWF staff from the Washington, DC area traveled to this year’s annual meeting either by bus or carpoled.
- These efforts are in addition to NWF’s overall actions to reduce its carbon footprint by at least 2% per year through the Cool-It! program.

- The lanyards holding your conference badge are made from recycled plastics (polyethylene terephthalate) such as used water bottles and containers. The process uses the latest recycling technology to reuse the plastics and avoid throwing them into landfills. The bull nose clips on the lanyards are made of recycled metal.

What We are Doing (continued):

- The meeting programs are printed on Forest Stewardship Council (FSC) certified and recycled paper which has the dual benefit of lowering impacts on wildlife habitat and lowering carbon emissions. To minimize the impact of NWF's paper use day to day, NWF continues its use of higher post-consumer waste recycled papers that are also FSC certified for all NWF magazines, office paper, letterhead, and business cards. This is an example of NWF using our "consumer" power to create demand for more environmentally friendly and energy-conserving products.
- National Wildlife Federation strives to off-set our footprints for the meeting. For the restoration event, we will be planting 200 trees. A total of 300 trees can counter balance the amount of pollution one person produces in a lifetime. NWF is contributing through planting of trees for urban forest, carbon and creating a new landscape for the children of Pittsburgh and future generations. Additionally, the paper goods for the restoration events are from sustainable sources.

What You Can Do:

- Be sure to recycle your paper, plastic bottles, aluminum cans, newspaper, cardboard and office paper in the hotel recycling containers.
- Use the "in-room cards" that allow guests to choose to have their linens and towels changed. In one reuse program at another hotel chain, about 70 percent of guests participated, enabling a hundred-room hotel to reduce its monthly water usage by 48,000 gallons and its detergent usage by 320 gallons.
- At the end of your stay, please return your badge holders and lanyards at the registration desk or at the designated drop-off boxes after the Awards Dinner. We will reuse the badges for future meetings.
- Use the NWF annual meeting evaluation form to give us your ideas and suggestions on how NWF can continue to "green" future annual meetings.