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a better community

As one of the nation's ten busiest airports, Philadelphia International Airport (PHL) is an engine of economic growth for the entire region. The Airport serves more than 32 million passengers annually and has a work force of more than 34,000 employees.

With so much activity, the Airport has established an Environmental Stewardship program that aims to carefully manage natural and cultural resources for the benefit of the public. To achieve this goal, PHL operates its facilities in an environmentally responsible manner in order to conserve the region's unique natural heritage. This will ensure a better, healthier environment for the Airport's neighbors, customers, tenants, and staff.



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through environmental initiatives,
educational partnerships, and more



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HIGHLIGHTS

Wetlands Creation and Restoration

This includes a 26-acre project that restored a freshwater tidal marsh in the neighboring John Heinz Wildlife Refuge, the expansion of a wetland adjacent to Terminal A-West and the creation of an 11.5-acre tidal wetland near the Pennypack Creek in Northeast Philadelphia.

Helping the Endangered Red-bellied and Eastern Painted Turtles

PHL has created beach areas for nesting and large, timber basking platforms in ponds that surround the Airport. The appearance of turtle hatchlings indicates that the population is now thriving in this enhanced environment.

Green Power Partnership

PHL has purchased 13,000 megawatt hours of wind energy annually, making it the largest airport purchaser of wind energy in the United States.

State-of-the-Art Deicing Facility

This facility captures and disposes of deicing fluid runoff in order to protect nearby waterways and the groundwater system.



Community Garden

This 7-acre urban oasis on PHL's property has 79 gardening plots worked by 60 local gardeners.

Recycling

PHL recycles mixed and corrugated paper. The Airport's goal is to recycle 350 tons of paper a year.

Earth Day

Each year, PHL partners with Kensington High School to plant trees at Northeast Airport. This ongoing initiative beautifies the property for the benefit of the surrounding community.

Hybrid Vehicles

PHL owns 8 hybrid and 12 compressed natural gas (CNG) vehicles, with plans to introduce more into the Airport's inventory.



SEPTA Partnership

PHL and SEPTA offer a 30% discount on SEPTA passes in order to encourage employees to use public transportation.

Philadelphia Flower Show Sponsor

For the second year in a row, PHL is a proud sponsor of the Philadelphia Flower Show. PHL has also partnered with Saul High School to support environmental education.

Self-Regulating Tidal Gate

PHL, in partnership with the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection and Tinicum Township, installed a self-regulating tidal gate for Long Hook Creek. Benefits include the restoration of a tidal fishery and waterfowl habitat, a reduction in mosquito breeding areas, removal of built-up sediment and the reduction of sheet flooding in adjacent wetlands.

