

Sustainability In The Grocery Industry

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How did we get here?



The grocery industry and sustainability are symbiotic

Grocery Industry

- Expense reduction
- Revenue generation

Community

Sustainability

- Waste reduction
- Energy conservation

US Grocery | \$700B industry; 5M employees; 40k Stores; 30k products/store

Sustainability Areas Of Focus





Design, energy efficiency, recycle and reuse

Product



Manufacturers, growers, private label

Flow



Transportation, warehousing, customer convenience

Footprint | Common areas of focus

Design



- LEED certification
- Refrigerants (HFCF's)

Energy



- LED lighting
- Efficient equipment

Recycle / Reuse



- Food recovery
- Corrugated, plastics recycling

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Flow | Single use plastic bags

1) Estimated one trillion bags used annually



> 60 countries have banned single use bags

City Commission unanimously approves plastic bag ban in Gainesville

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2) Retailers and cities in N.A are gradually implementing bans

Converting customers to reusable bags is key



Thank You

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