

In Sweden, it is natural to consider the environment everyday. House of Sweden is no exception. As an extension of the Kingdom of Sweden, House of Sweden in the United States embraces the Swedish philosophy of environmental stewardship and sustainable design principles. We aim to provide our guests with the a truly Swedish experience, part of which is a reflection of the burgeoning green culture spreading across Europe, with Stockholm at the forefront of green design and sustainable living.

At House of Sweden we strive to:

- Minimize our use of resources
- Effectively manage our waste production and consumption
- Support a green supply chain with environmentally responsible purchasing practices
- Promote eco-awareness to and with others

Green Building and Event Center

- Integrated energy efficient building design with overhangs that provide adequate shading without blocking natural sunlight;

Energy

- Green energy contract - 100% wind generated energy
- Integrated energy efficient Swedish glass, which covers much of the exterior/interior of the building
- Energy efficient exterior façade – LED lighting
- Installed programmable thermostats which are closely monitored;
- Installed automatic dimmer lights with motion detectors in the Conference Hall

Water

- Advanced water filtration system with no plastic bottles;
- Rain water collected and used for watering;
- Green irrigation system installed.

Waste Reduction

- Comprehensive recycling program throughout facility;
- Use eco-friendly office supplies and conference materials.

Cleaning

- Green cleaning products are used throughout event center and apartments and only certified green cleaning companies are contracted;

Transportation

- Covered bicycle racks are available.
- Offering bikes and pedi cab options to conference attendees

Eco-Awareness and Responsible Purchasing

- Contract with companies that have a clear environmental commitment.
- Increasing inventory of on site tables, A/V etc to minimize truck deliveries of rentals

Community Involvement

- Member of Sustainable Business Network of Washington
- Member of the Green Meetings Industry Council
- Pledged to be Trash Free Potomac Facility through the Alice Ferguson Foundation