

Developing an Environmental Justice Policy and Community Engagement Strategy

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US EPA's definition of environmental justice

Environmental justice:

“The **fair treatment** and **meaningful involvement** of all people regardless of race, color, national origin, or income with respect to the development, implementation and enforcement of environmental laws, regulations and policies.”

Fair treatment requires that “no group of people should bear a disproportionate share of the negative environmental consequences resulting from industrial, governmental and commercial operations or policies.”

Meaningful involvement is,

- ✓ “People having an opportunity to participate in decisions about activities that may affect their environment and/or health;
- ✓ The public’s contribution can influence the regulatory agency’s decision;
- ✓ Community concerns will be considered in the decision-making process; and
- ✓ Decision-makers will seek out and facilitate the involvement of those potentially affected.”



Biden's 'all of government' approach

- Elevating environmental and climate justice in all federal government operations and decision-making
 - Reinvigorating Executive Order 12898 of 1994
 - Justice40 Initiative
 - Expanding EJ focus in programs across EPA
- Proposals focus on:
 - Addressing pollution in disadvantaged communities
 - Climate resiliency
 - Achieving clean, net-zero energy
 - Establishing EJ offices within HHS, DOJ, other
- Increasing use of geospatial demographic, environmental, climate data to inform decisions

Introductions



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Community Outreach & Environmental Justice Policy

Covanta is committed to engage with and support the communities in which we have or will have facilities. Covanta believes in the meaningful opportunity for all people, regardless of race, ethnicity, color, income, national origin or education level to be knowledgeable and have the right to participate in public decisions and actions which have an impact on their environment and neighborhoods.

To implement this policy consistent with our sustainability objectives, we commit to:

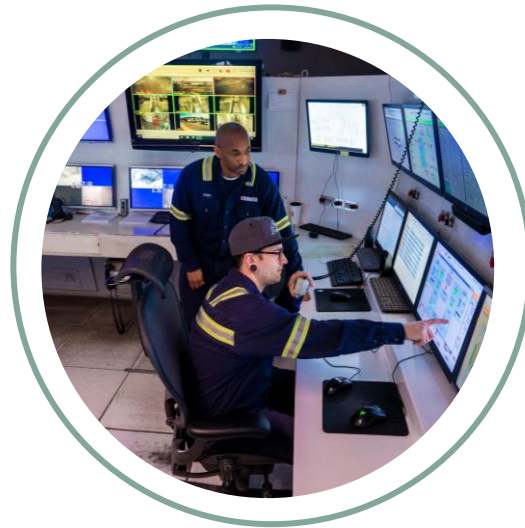
- Reduce discharges and minimize emissions from our facilities and to reduce other potential impacts of our operations, taking into account cumulative impacts
- Identify and engage with individuals and organizations in the communities in which we operate, or in which we may operate, that are interested in our operations
- Have open, two-way communication with communities on issues which may be of interest or concern to them, including environmental and quality of life issues in the community. Such communication shall include participation in meetings with community members or affected groups
- Have an enhanced public participation strategy with communities on major facility permit actions and engage in substantive conversations with community members during the early stages of the permitting process
- Work diligently to respond to issues identified by communities in which we operate
- Promptly and effectively notify the community in the event of situations that may adversely impact the environment or their health

Covanta & Environmental Justice



Investment

- Over the last 10 years, we've **invested half a billion dollars** into our sites
- **\$90M emissions enhancement investment** in our Newark, NJ facility, reduced emissions over 90%
- Most recently, **\$60M emissions enhancement** is in permitting for Camden, NJ facility includes Community Benefits Agreement



Engagement

- We commit over **6,000 active employee hours** each year to community initiatives
- Efforts include: job training, scholarships, food insecurity programs, clean ups, coat drives and more
- First supporter of NJ's EJ legislation in our industry



Transparency

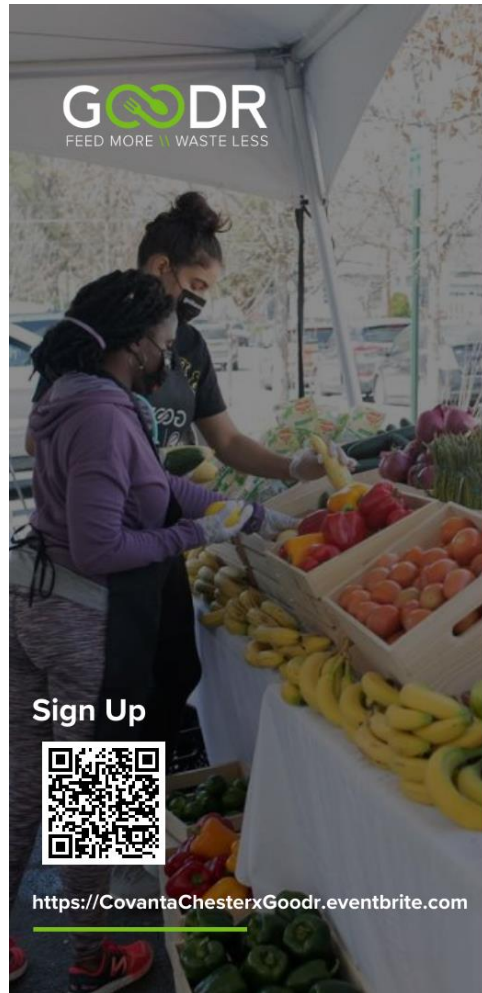
- **Open lines of communication with communities is key**
- We post **real-time emissions data online** for our NJ, PA, NY, MA, FL sites with more to come
- We host community members at our facilities and participate in public hearings



Scan the QR Code

- Learn more about what we do to support our local communities

Chester—Community Outreach Events



COVANTA
PRESENTS
The Goodr Pop-Up Grocery Market

A Free Shopping Experience.

May 6, 2023
12pm-2pm

Boys and Girls Club
201 East 7th St
Chester, PA 19013

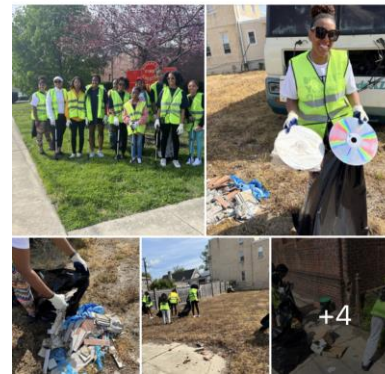
Sign Up



<https://CovantaChesterxGoodr.eventbrite.com>

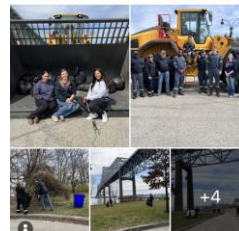
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Corporate Social Responsibility | Community...
12h · 🌐

Having the opportunity to connect with the city's youth, community organizations, local ...see more



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Our Covanta Del Val facility was back at it to clean up around Barry Park in Chester. There's ...see more



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From Chester to Camden and back to Chester.
All in a day's work, ...see more



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Alyssa Wilds and I were at Bethany Baptist Church in Chester this morning for Palm ...see more



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What a beautiful day to be out and about in Chester, PA. Our Covanta Del-Val team packed ...see more



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I enjoyed my lunch and learn Zoom session hosted by AARP (Senior Planet) with the elders ...see more



7 **Key Takeaways:**

Families Feed
500

Canvassed Homes and Businesses
450

Cleanups
4

Job Fairs
3

Community Outreach KPI's

KPI Name	Owner	Steward	Period Group	YTD				
			Period	Apr	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr
Volunteer hours in the community (in unit: EACH)	Henderson, S W	Wilds, Alyssa D.	Previous Year Actual	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
			Selected Year Plan	1,672.00	418.00	418.00	418.00	418.00
			Selected Year Actual	1,880.50	225.50	262.00	285.00	1,108.00
Community Touchpoints (in unit: EACH)	Henderson, S W	Wilds, Alyssa D.	Previous Year Actual	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
			Selected Year Plan	508.00	127.00	127.00	127.00	127.00
			Selected Year Actual	720.00	141.50	226.50	192.00	160.00

2023 Tracking

- **Community Touchpoints**
- **Volunteer Hours in the Community**

Waste-to-Energy Facilities

- Community Touchpoints
 - 3 touchpoints a month
- Volunteer Hours in the Community
 - 10 hours a month

MPFs

- Community Touchpoints
 - 1 touchpoints a month
- Volunteer Hours in the Community
 - 3 hours a month

Community Touchpoints

- Community Events
- Covanta Initiated Events
- Sponsorships
- Meetings with local elected officials
- Tours
- Local Hiring/Local Job Fairs

Volunteer Hours in the Community

Employee hours in the community

- Clean-ups
- CVA events
- Schools
- Other community service)