



COMMERCE PLAZA

Commerce Plaza is committed to fully integrating ESG initiatives into the overall property management strategy. We strive to provide an environmentally responsible building, understanding the impact on our tenants, the surrounding community and the environment.

PROPERTY CERTIFICATIONS



ENVIRONMENTAL

- Perform annual property energy, water, and waste audits
- Run an annual Zeller Energy Challenge to optimize and modernize building systems
- Evaluate and implement energy and water property enhancement projects and capital improvements, and continue to assess new technologies to achieve sustainability goals
- Retrofit exterior parking lot lighting, interior garages and stairwells with LED fixtures
- Annual audits and inspections of building systems to ensure efficiency and proper performance
- Sustainable office supplies & equipment usage, including moving to cloud data storage and reduction of printers
- Recycling provided for all tenants
- Additional Sustainability features;
 - Bike room/bike storage to promote active commuting
 - On site electric charging stations
 - Green Cleaning and Integrated Pest Management Policies



SOCIAL

- Address the information needs of our key stakeholders and tenants, and communicate with them on information including environmental, social, governance and resilience issues
- Encourage our tenants to participate in our Tenant Engagement Program, that often focuses on ESG issues, while providing them educational materials and hosting events, such as;
 - Recycling at Work Lunch & Learn, Shred Event
 - Soles for Hope
 - Greater Chicago Food Depository
 - People's Resource Center



- Yoga in the courtyard
- Accupuncture event with Aligned Modern Health
- Encouraging volunteerism by highlighting local organizations such as: Salvation Army, People’s Resource Center and Project Onward
- Promote tenant wellbeing by providing mental health resources, including annual Flu and COVID-19 vaccines, blood drives and an accupuncture event
- Human rights and Non-discrimination policies
- Integration of biophilia, maximization of natural light, water quality management plan, and cleaning protocols in our building-controlled areas to promote wellbeing for our tenants and employees



GOVERNANCE

- Seek to use governance structures that provide appropriate levels of oversight in the areas of audit, risk management, and potential conflicts of interest
- Provide frequent and transparent disclosure to tenants, including ESG objectives, strategies, performance, and building level updates
- Monitor and manage compliance with local jurisdiction benchmarking requirements and any additional policy or regulatory changes
- Identify physical and transition risks at the property that may be caused by climate change and evaluate mitigation strategies to reduce risk
- Insurance Audit completed in September 2021
- Regularly updated Emergency Response and Business Continuity Plan
- Leveraging innovative Project Management and Accounting software to track vendor and tenant finances more accurately
- Regular assessment and audit of technology and digital security, including transitioning to cloud data storage, to ensure data resiliency
- Development of Zeller Tenant and Employee Reengagement Plan in response to COVID, which was communicated digitally and updated as public health guidelines and governing ordinances changed
- Frequent communications to Tenants and building occupants regarding health and safety events
- Participation and leadership in industry organizations to ensure implementation of best practices and contributing to the Real Estate industry