

Eat Your Greens

EPA's Lakeside Café

Research Triangle Park, NC



Quality is Job Number One

- Good food
- Good atmosphere
- No need to leave for a nice meal
- Green is added quality
 - For consumers
 - For business

Business Benefits

- Productivity
 - Less time
 - Getting there
 - Getting served
 - Getting back
 - On the job more of the day

Business Benefits

- Stress reduction
 - No need to plan
 - Relief of time pressure

Business Benefits

- Staff interaction
 - Relationship building
 - Information exchange
 - All day long – not just at meals

Business Benefits

- Marketing value of environmental stewardship
 - “Wow!” factor
 - Image
 - Value-added

Environmental Benefits

- Reduced air pollution
 - Less traffic at meal time
 - Boosts carpooling and mass transit
 - No need for a car at lunch

Environmental Benefits

- Less solid waste
 - Less packaging
 - Waste composting and recycling
- Resource for landscaping

EPA's Lakeside Café

- 900 meals per day
- Catering
- Meals to go
- Convenience store



EPA's Lakeside Café

- Seating for 400
 - Inside
 - Patio



Atmosphere and Food

- Real china
- High quality eating utensils



Atmosphere and Food

- Views
- Natural light
- Music
- Fun



Biodegradable Take-Out Products

- Biocorp utensils
- 100% recycled bleach-free napkins



Biodegradable Take-Out Products

- Earthshell
 - Plates
 - Bowls
 - Clamshells
 - Wraps



Bulk Products

- Less waste
- Paper take-out cups



Composting

- Pre-Consumer
- Fruit and vegetable



▪Meat



▪Coffee grounds



▪Grease



▪Cardboard and paper

Composting

- Post-Consumer
 - Paper cups
 - Chicken bones
 - Napkins
 - And more!



Recycling

- Recycle everything you can
- Compost the rest



Green Caffeine

- Shade grown
- Paper cups
- Recycled paper holders



Catering

- Same green products
- Special waste handling



Environmental Education

- Displays and Table tents
- Landscaping labels
- Interactive exhibits

Opportunities at EPA's Café

- More organic and local food
 - Overcome cost and quality issues
- Added composting locations
- Better life-cycle impact from recycling
 - Lower air and water pollution impacts
- Lower pricing for green products
 - Stronger supply-demand relationship

Here's Your "To-Go" Order

- Think big picture
- Emphasize quality
- Integrate with facility operations
 - Custodial
 - Transit
 - Landscaping
 - Recycling, etc.
- Change the way people think about food!