



2023 ENVIRONMENTAL HANDPRINT REPORT

Acknowledge our
footprints: material
consumption, energy
use, associated waste.

Counter/offset those
negative environmental
impacts with actions that
benefit our community/planet.

Establish annual goals,
Implement a plan,
monitor progress/challenges,
and measure results
to track our impact.

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Why it Matters?

The team at Portico believes that business should be a force for good, especially when it comes to the environment. To hold ourselves accountable, we establish annual sustainability goals and measure our performance so that we can share outcomes with our supporters and community.

Actions and Outcomes for This Year



01

Renewable Energy

Switching from basic grid electricity service to Somerville's "100% Local Green" renewable energy option decreased our Scope 2 emissions by 12 MTCO₂e, akin to growing 200 tree seedlings for a decade.



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Reduce & Reuse

Our taproom reusables initiative prevented 12,737 single-use plastic items (cups, trays, can carriers, cutlery) from ending up in the trash (incineration), and saved us \$924 in packaging cost.



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Sustainable Transportation

We joined the Bike Month Challenge, hosted a bike tour group event, and advocated for safe, protected bike lane infrastructure on our social media accounts.



04

Healthier Neighborhood

We volunteered more than 50 hours through the Cambridge and Somerville Urban Forestry programs to adopt and care for 37 newly planted trees in our immediate neighborhood.



05

Protect Waterways

We volunteered more than 20 hours of work and brewed a special beer, Dam Free Ale, with the Charles River Watershed Association to raise awareness and funds for river restoration efforts.

We've been recognized!



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Green Recognition

We earned a "Green Brewery Recognition" designation from the EPA's new BetterBev initiative for demonstrating continuous progress towards environmentally conscious production and business practices.



Our Green Initiatives



Climate Action

Reduce GHG emissions through energy efficiency and renewable power.

Reduce Plastic

Favor reusables over single-use disposables in the taproom.

Sustainable Transport

Work towards bike-friendly business certification for 2024.

Healthier Neighborhood

Promote urban forestry by adopting and caring for newly planted trees.

Protect Local Waterways

Support and volunteer for the Charles & Mystic River Watershed Associations.

