

## HELP US IN THE GREENING OF THE QUEEN BEE!



The Cincinnati Flying Pig Marathon has strived to be a world-class running event and city celebration, since its inception in 1999. We recognize that, in order to grow a world-class experience, care must be given to how we produce and handle waste. Greening of the Pig is an initiative that is designed to guide the annual running celebration on a path to zero waste and unity in our communities. We have carried the program over to the Queen Bee Half Marathon.

The Cincinnati Flying Pig Marathon has achieved Gold level certification status through the Council for Responsible Sport's sustainability standards for sports events. The Council has recognized Cincinnati's marquee race for its achievements in reduced printing materials, food and race waste composting, high levels of recycling and waste diversion, and engaging the community through education and volunteerism.

The marathon has also received a Green Business Award from the Business Courier for their sustainable practices.

**VENDORS:** In our efforts to make the Queen Bee a more waste-wise event, we would like our vendors to make a pledge. A vendor pledge to reduce non-renewable waste will help the Queen Bee to reduce its overall carbon footprint, its waste flow to landfills, and its impacts on the environment.

Help us to grow the Queen Bee Half Marathon in a sustainable way. Help us to reduce our collective carbon footprint by reducing waste and energy consumption. We will offer recycling at the event, and in the aisles next to regular trash receptacles. Please agree to offer food, beverages, and other products using recyclable or compostable materials. The following items will be collected for recycling:

- Plastic bottles and jugs  
(NOTE: To be considered a bottle or a jug the top of the container must be smaller than the bottom.)
- Glass jars and bottles of any color
- Aluminum and steel cans
- Paperboard
- Cardboard

Please consider alternatives to the following containers and materials, which are NOT recyclable or compostable:

- Plastic cutlery and cups
- Single-serving food packaging
- Paper with heavy dyes, inks, or waxes
- Please NO STYROFOAM™

**JOIN US and PLEDGE** to reduce waste at the Queen Bee Half Marathon, and receive a Queen Bee Green Pledge badge at your booth, showing your commitment to **The Greening of the Queen Bee!**

Vendor name \_\_\_\_\_ Booth Number \_\_\_\_\_

Please email completed pledge to Denise Hovey at [denise@flyingpigmarathon.com](mailto:denise@flyingpigmarathon.com)

Or fax to 513-381-1484

To learn more about certification, please visit [www.councilforresponsiblesport.org/certification](http://www.councilforresponsiblesport.org/certification) for details.