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**Food Waste
Solutions Summit
presented by ReFED**

2023 SUSTAINABILITY REPORT

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CONFERENCE VITALS



ABOUT THE FOOD WASTE SOLUTIONS SUMMIT

The Food Waste Solutions Summit is the premier food waste event of the year, bringing together food businesses, funders, solution providers, innovators, policymakers, nonprofits, and more to drive the adoption of solutions to reach our collective goal of a 50% reduction in food waste by 2030.

Date	May 16 – 18, 2023
Location	St. Louis, MO
Venue	Hyatt at the Arch, St. Louis
# Attendees	118 Virtual Attendees 534 In-Person Attendees
# Sponsors	29
Event Features	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• 4 Main Stage Sessions, live streamed• 19 Breakout Sessions, partially livestreamed + recorded• 3 Pre-Summit Activities• 11 Field Trips• 1 Structured Networking• 2 Networking Receptions, 2 Breakfasts, 3 Lunches

SUSTAINABILITY ACHIEVEMENTS: THE FOOD WASTE SOLUTIONS SUMMIT

REUSABLE SERVICE WARE

Meals, snacks and reception food and drinks at the Food Waste Solutions Summit was served 100% on reusable service ware, eliminating thousands of disposable items thrown away at an average event. This saved **139,374** liters of water & **1,198** kilowatts hours of energy.



REMOVING WATER BOTTLES FROM THE ATTENDEE SLEEPING ROOMS & EVENT SPACE

The Food Waste Solutions Summit removed all single-use plastic water bottles out of all attendee sleeping rooms and at the event. The organizers requested that attendees bring their reusable water bottle as the event location had refillable water stations available to all attendees. By eliminating single-use plastic water bottles, this saved **5,063** kilowatts hours of energy.



FOOD DONATION

As part of the Food Waste Solution Summit, there were **2,160 cans and 900 boxed items** donated to a local food bank on behalf of Target. The food donated from this session will provide **1,935 meals** to feed the food insecure in Missouri.



SUSTAINABILITY ACHIEVEMENTS

VIRTUAL ENGAGEMENT TO REDUCE EMISSIONS

Providing Summit attendees, the ability to attend virtually allowed the Summit to achieve a **reduction of 25,960 kg CO₂e***. That's like taking a car off the road for over 66,000 miles!



COMMUNITY LEGACY PROJECT

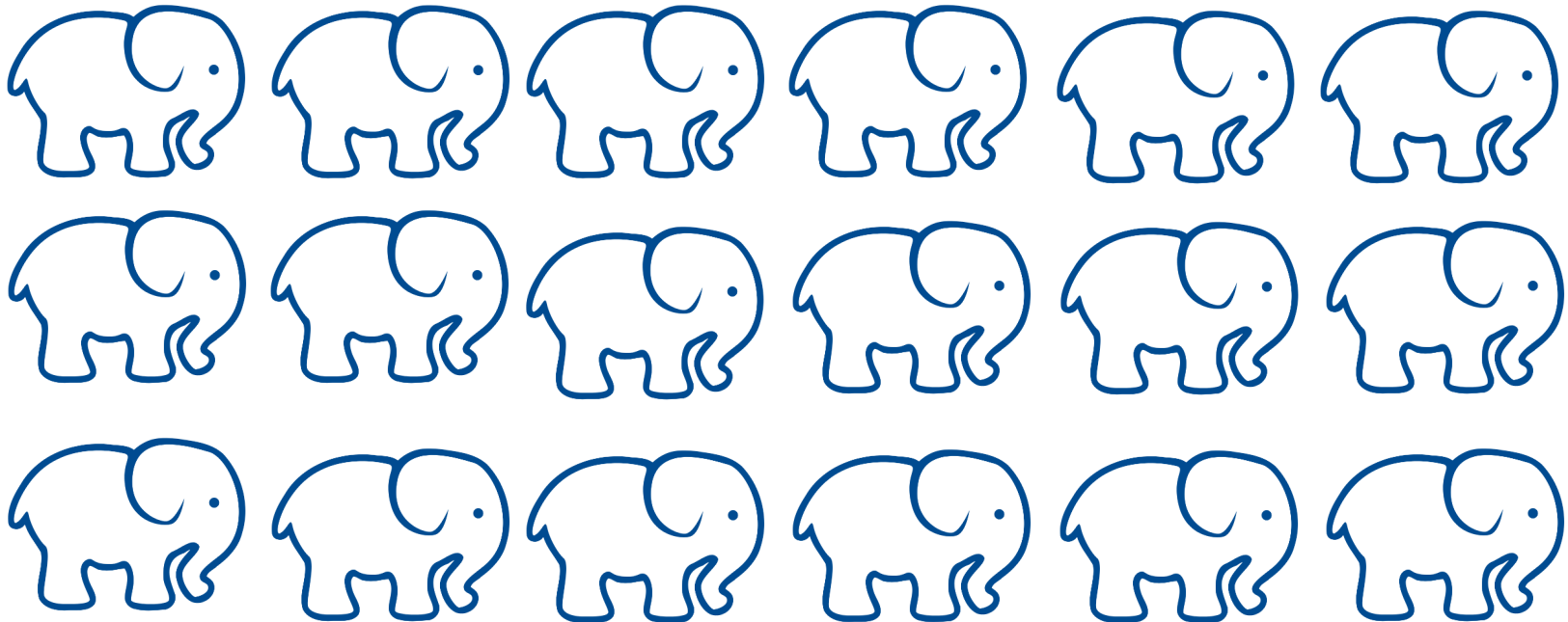
The Food Waste Solutions Summit provided 11 field trips for attendees to attend. This was to introduce the attendees to the local food system in St. Louis and bring food waste and sustainability to life.



*kg carbon dioxide equivalent

DID YOU KNOW?

The Food Waste Solutions Summit **saved 2,598 kilograms of waste** through its sustainability efforts. That is equivalent to the weight of 18 baby elephants!





As proud as we are of our sustainability efforts, the following are areas for continuous improvement in future event cycles:

REDUCE OR ELIMINATE BEEF

While The Food Waste Solutions Summit was mindful of the meat provided at the Summit, by eliminating beef entirely from the event, you would save **5,404 kg CO₂e** which equates to about **10 kg CO₂e** per attendee.

PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION

Incentivize use of public transportation by providing complimentary or reduced-price transit pass and promote use of public transit through communications to the attendees.

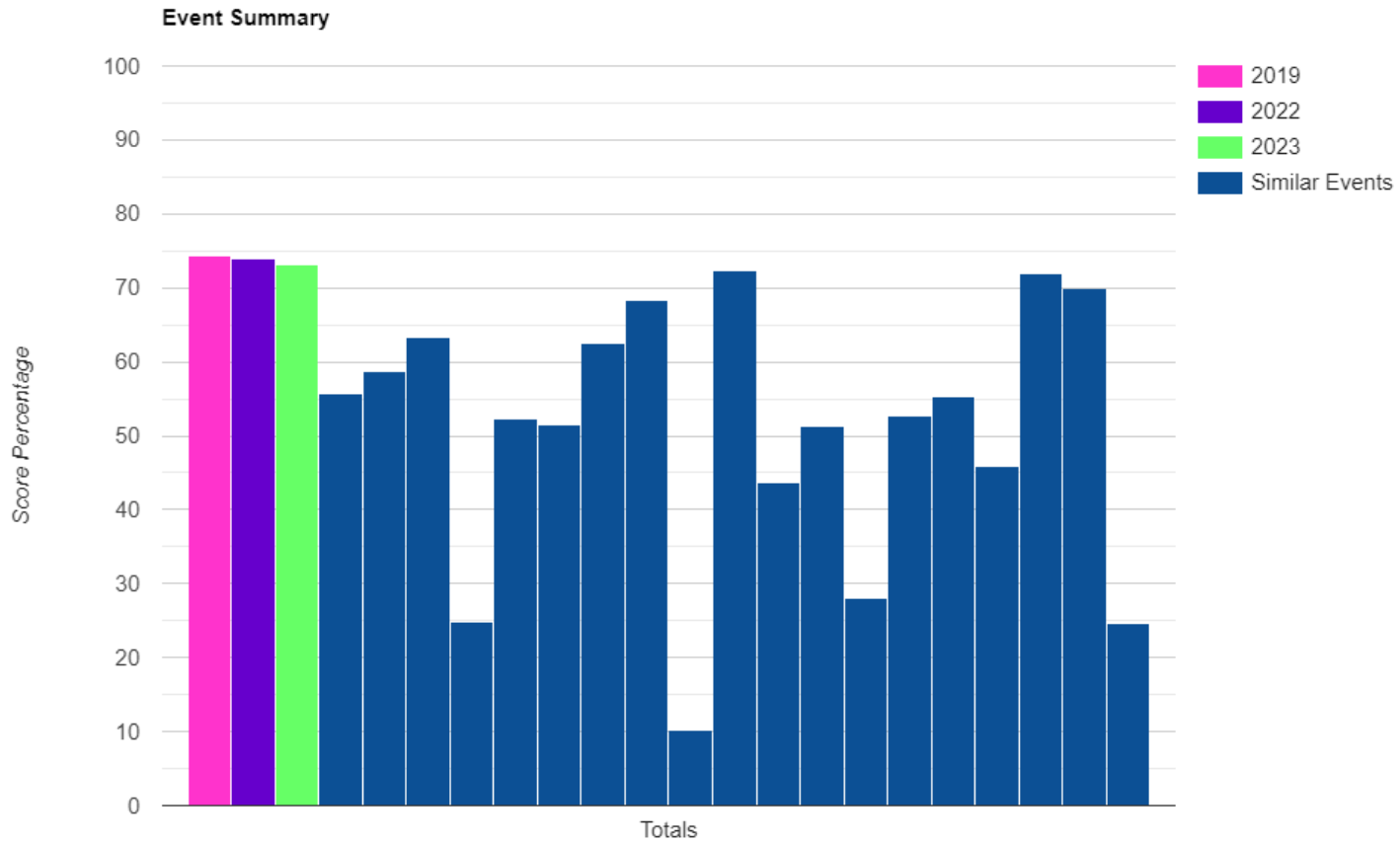
EVENT SCORING



The **MeetGreen® Calculator 2.0** is a comprehensive tool available for benchmarking the sustainable elements of events. Using the Calculator allows ReFED to capture valuable information throughout the event planning process in order to make it easy to see where successes lay and where improvements can be made. The 2023 Food Waste Solutions Summit presented by ReFED achieved the level of Visionary.

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Calculator 

Event Scoring



This report shows the total calculator score for the 2023 Food Waste Solutions Summit over a history of 3 years, plus similar events.



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Congratulations

**on a successful event using
the Earth's resources wisely!**

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