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Environmental Fact Sheet, Poste Moderne Brasserie

- **Organic garden:** An organic vegetable and herb garden is maintained year-round and ingredients are picked and used daily to prepare fresh meals. Coffee grounds from the restaurant are saved and used as fertilizer in the garden.
- **On-site Water Purification:** Since 2007, Poste eliminated all bottled water by installing an on-site water filtration system allowing the restaurant to serve both carbonated and non-carbonated purified water. In 2008, Poste switched over to use Natura® and was the first restaurant in Washington, DC to install the system. The restaurant serves the water in reusable and elegant swing-top bottles.
- **Organic Beverages:** All coffee is organic, shade grown and/or fair trade. Poste offers over 20 organic and biodynamic wines, freshly squeezed organic orange and grapefruit juices, two organic liquors and one organic beer.
- **Biodegradable Products:** Disposable utensils, straws, and packaging have been replaced with 100% biodegradable corn-based materials.
- **Composting:** All food scraps and spoiled foods are composted and on average the restaurant composts 500 pounds of scrap per month. In addition, all cooking oil is recycled and converted into diesel fuel.
- **Market to Market Dinners:** Chef Rob Weland hosts a weekly market to market dinner, where he takes small groups on an excursion to the neighboring Penn Quarter Farmer's Market. He shops for fresh produce, introduces guests to local farmers, and takes them back to the restaurant where he prepares a meal with their purchases. The restaurant's wine director also does a biodynamic wine pairing with each course.
- **Cleaning Supplies:** The restaurant is cleaned with environmentally friendly and non-toxic cleaning products.
- **Soy Inks and recycled paper:** All menus, daily specials, check presenters and other materials are printed on recycled paper using soy-based ink.
- **Recycling:** A back-of-house recycling program is in place and enforced where glass, bottles, paper, plastic and cardboard are recycled.
- **Energy Conservation:** Back-of-house lighting is retrofitted and audited to ensure that energy efficient bulbs are in place. All lighting in the back-office space is motion-sensored.
- **Community Support:** Support of the Trust for Public Land (TPL) through a national partnership with Kimpton Hotels and Restaurants. Every year, Poste hosts a local Washington, DC benefit event for TPL, a nonprofit organization that conserves land for people to enjoy as parks, gardens, and other natural places, ensuring livable communities for generations to come.