



Denver Union Station is going green for St. Patrick's Day (and every day)

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DENVER – The Denver Union Station transportation improvement project is going green, and not just for St. Patrick's Day. In the month of February over 12 tons of waste was diverted from the local landfill.

Kiewit Western, the contractor for the Denver Union Station transportation improvements, is committed to reducing the amount of waste going to local landfills. It developed a waste management plan for the project to direct the diversion of waste through reuse, salvage or recycling.

According to Hunter Sydnor, Kiewit's public information manager, there are many opportunities to divert construction waste, including:

- Asphalt and concrete can be crushed and reused as base aggregates for roads
- Metals, aluminum, steel, copper, old rails, tie plates, spikes, and signage, can be melted and then reused
- Wood, sheet materials, formwork, wood ties, pallets, and millwork, can be ground into pulp for reuse
- Plastic, PVC pipe, and packaging materials extruded into other products

"By the end of construction over 500 tons of waste will be diverted," Sydnor said. "Of course traditional items such as paper, cans and plastics used in the office are being recycled as well."

The Denver Union Station Project Authority is responsible for financing, acquiring, owning, equipping, designing, constructing, renovating, operating and maintaining the Denver Union Station redevelopment project. The Authority is a partnership of the Regional Transportation District (RTD), the City and County of Denver, the Colorado Department of Transportation (CDOT) and the Denver Regional Council of Governments (DRCOG).

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