

## Keweenaw Mountain Lodge

Site Visit Conducted  
May 15, 2024

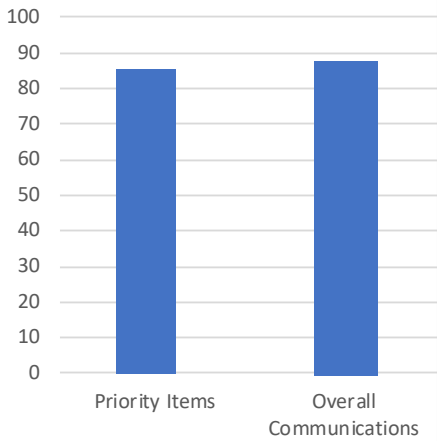
Recertification Due

May 2027



Congratulations! Keweenaw Mountain Lodge has achieved certification through Audubon International's Green Lodging Program. Thanks to your environmental stewardship and practices, you have earned designation as a Gold Certified Green Lodging Property. This report summarizes your current progress in your sustainability initiative and gives recommendations for future improvements.

## Communication & Education



### Communication Priority Items

- ✓ Communication to guests about environmental initiatives
- ✓ Formation of a Green Team with regular meetings
- ✓ Regular staff training about environmental policies
- ✓ Written environmental policy
- ✓ Environmental policies incorporated into purchasing policy
- ✗ Written environmental action plan

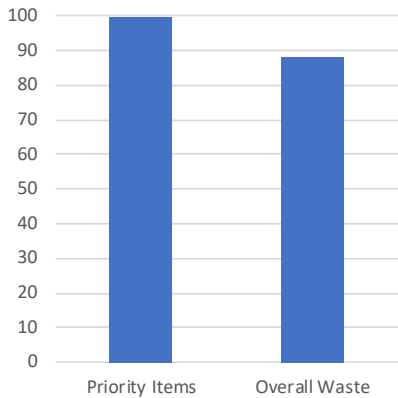
### Other Accomplishments

- Participation in Dark Sky Project and host dark sky events
- Sustainability initiatives and values are described on the website
- Actively encourage feedback and suggestions from staff
- Member of Carbon Neutral Club
- Environment and Sustainability education center for guests
- Certified B Corp

### Suggestions for the Future

- Develop a written strategic environmental action plan to cover at least five years in the future

# Waste Reduction, Reuse & Recycling



## Waste Priority Items

- ✓ Recycle all types of recyclable items collected in the area
- ✓ Provide recycling bins for guests
- ✓ Paper products are at least 30% post-consumer recycled content
- ✓ Donate items to local charities

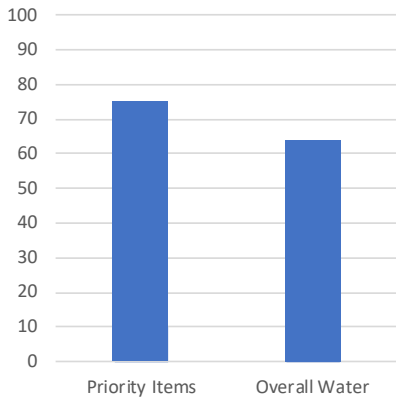
## Other Accomplishments

- Used items donated to organizations such as Habitat for Humanity
- Guest receipts are emailed
- Use of Lomi food waste reduction solution
- Provide compost to a local farm
- Participate in Clean the World used soap collection
- More than 50% of food served onsite is produced locally with a focus on seasonal produce, sustainability certifications, and grass-fed, pasture-raised meat

## Suggestions for the Future

- Find local artists who can use otherwise hard-to-recycle items
- Install bulk dispensers for hand soap, shampoo, conditioner, and body wash in guest room to eliminate single use-plastics
- Perform a waste audit to determine where improvements can be made

# Water Conservation



## Water Priority Items

- ✓ Preventative maintenance schedule to prevent leaks
- ✓ Towel and linen reuse in guest rooms
- ✓ Low-flow toilets
- ✓ Low-flow faucets
- ✓ Low-flow showerheads
- ✗ Soaker hoses used for irrigation
- ✗ Use of graywater or collected rainwater for irrigation

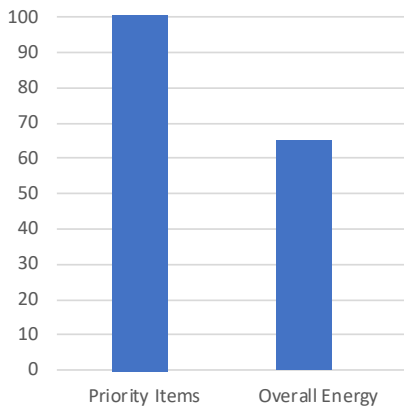
## Other Accomplishments

- Photo sensors on public restroom faucets
- Sidewalks swept instead of washed with water
- High efficiency dishwashers

## Suggestions for the Future

- Install soaker hoses for irrigation
- Collect rainwater or graywater for irrigation
- Plant native and drought-tolerant plants to reduce need for watering
- Replace paved surfaces with pervious pavement to reduce runoff
- Install rain gardens to reduce runoff

# Energy Efficiency



## Energy Priority Items

- ✓ Preventative maintenance schedule to maximize efficiency
- ✓ LED lighting throughout the majority of the property
- ✓ Programmable thermostats
- ✓ Sensors or timers on outdoor lighting
- ✓ Energy efficient windows
- N/A A/C units with SEER of 12 or higher
- ✓ Onsite renewable energy or renewable energy credits purchased
- ✓ Energy Management System

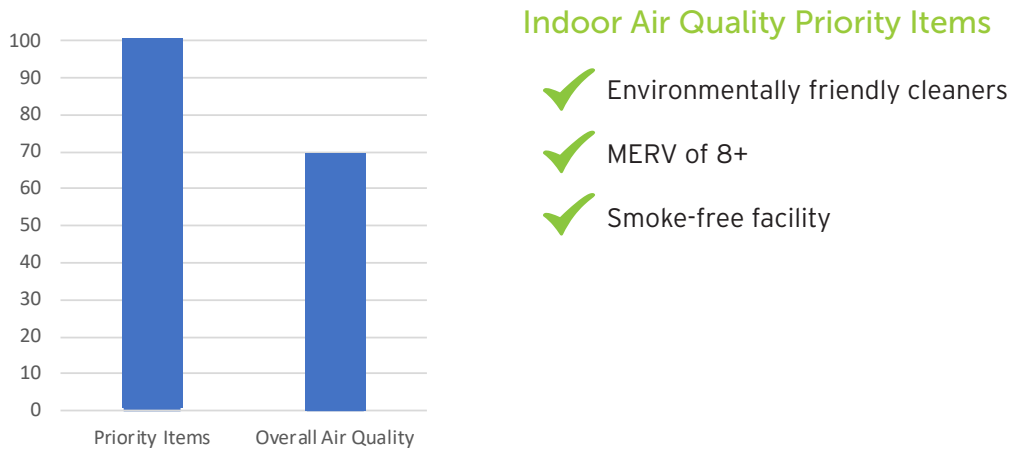
## Other Accomplishments

- No air conditioning; windows are utilized for airflow
- Lights are left off in guest rooms, unless late arrival
- Cold water is used for laundry
- Energy assesement conducted
- Bikes available for guest use
- Utilize outdoor solar lights
- Electric vehicle charging stations

## Suggestions for the Future

- Install an onsite renewable energy source
- When electronics purchases are made, look for Energy Star certification

# Indoor Air Quality



## Other Accomplishments

- Monitoring for mold and mildew
- Use of an integrated pest management system
- Indoor plants naturally clean air

## Suggestions for the Future

- When paint is purchased, look for low- or no-VOC
- Look for cleaning products certified by Green Seal