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- **Mission: *To bring zero waste initiatives to food courts and develop industry sustainable best practices for Back-of-the-House and Front-of-the-House operations***

Co-Chairs:

- **Christopher Moyer, National Restaurant Association Conserve Program Director**
- **Doug Kunnemann, NatureWorks, Business Segment Director**
- **Holly Elmore – Our LEADER!**

The Who, Where and How!

- **WHO:** The SFCI Team consists of national leaders in the foodservice, packaging, recycling and waste hauling industries along with the supporting industry trade associations.
 - Bemis, Solo Cup, Waste Management, NRA, FPI, NatureWorks, and others!
- **WHERE:** Atlanta food courts in the following categories: shopping mall, multi-use building, event venue and airport, will serve a pilot projects to develop industry standards that strive for zero waste.
- **HOW:** Each pilot project is broken into three phases supported by a committee of industry experts. These categories include: Back-of-the-House, Front-of-the-House and General Food Court Area.

SFCI – What has Been Accomplished

- Project Packaging Survey Format
 - Assist in defining existing packaging
- Food Court Analysis Guide
 - Determine baseline of disposed waste for the targeted area, broken down by stages
 - Create a system to track organics collected and assess new packaging uses/options that compliment sustainability goals
- SCFI Project Timeline Format
 - An organized approach that documents the steps required to complete any SFCI project under a defined timeline with outcomes

So Where Are We?

- Four (4) projects nearing final definition
- Once a project is defined, the SFCI team will establish baselines:
 - Packaging
 - Transportation (back of the house)
 - Consumer Facing
 - BOH (Back of house) current disposable stream
 - FOH (Front of the house) current disposable stream
 - Current recycling practices

Next Steps -

- Next SFCI Team call is scheduled for April 25th
- SFCI and other Elemental Impact initiatives will be showcased at the NRA - May 21st
 - <http://show.restaurant.org/NRA11/public/Content.aspx?ID=1039>
 - Compost: The Quiet Hero Returns to Explain "How"
(Chris Moyer and Holly Elmore)
- SFCI is still seeking additional and engaging members!
- For additional information or if you wish to join SFCI, contact Holly Elmore at 404-261-4690 or holly@elementalimpact.org.

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