



# Special Event Report Card

Event Name: **Boogie's Diner Buddy 5 Mile Race**  
Event Date: **July 4<sup>th</sup>, 2010**

Overall Effort: 

Education	
Waste Stations	
Giveaways/Sponsors	

## Explanation of rating system:

-  Excelled
-  Met ZGreen Requirements
-  Just missed requirements
-  Did not meet requirements

## Comments/Suggestions:

The 2010 Boogies Buddy Five Mile Race did a better job of meeting ZGreen requirements than last year, but still has room for improvement. It was helpful that the Buddy Program took advantage of the City's free staff training, as it ensured that all staff members were aware of the event's greening efforts. The sponsor giveaways were kept to a minimum and consisted of magazines and food and beverages. It was good that people could take magazines if they wanted, but were not forced to take a magazine in a gift bag. The ZGreen education requirement was met with a sign at the registration table and announcements over the PA system. Nice work. The snacks were easy to eat and pre-cut, which meant there was minimal food waste and no need for dishes or utensils. Water was provided in bulk to avoid bottled water.

## Areas for Improvement:

Waste stations were set-up correctly, but there were two lone trash bins at the finish area that needed to be paired with recycle bins. The most important opportunity for improvement is to make sure attendees can properly dispose of cups. As discussed in the staff training, compostable cups are not recyclable and in fact, if an event does not offer bins for compostable material, ZGreen advises against using compostable cups since they cost more and do not break down in the landfill. Since this year's event only provided trash and recycle bins, nearly all of the compostable cups ended up in recycle bins. This did nothing to reduce the event's waste and actually resulted in a great deal of contaminated material in the recycling stream. It also confused attendees. To avoid this problem, we recommend using traditional plastic cups labeled # 1-# 6 that can be recycled. If compostable cups are preferred, it is important that the event offer staffed compost bins instead of recycling bins to avoid confusion and produce a clean waste stream. Please reference [this](#) document for more information about compostable and recyclable items and feel free to contact ZGreen with questions.