

## Outdoor Rec Terracycle - Progress Report

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### Project Manager Name

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### Requested Metrics

1. # of people in the core project team involved in planning and execution of the project (students, faculty/staff, etc.)

3 primary: Lila, Lofton, and Michael

~30 participants: Outdoor Rec staff who utilize the boxes

2. # of hours spent on this project (broken up by students/ staff)

~.5 per week, it is a very low maintenance project. Mostly entails checking for contamination, training staff, scheduling/attending meetings, etc

3. # of employees trained on how to use the Terracycle boxes

~30 employees

4. # of lbs of waste diverted from landfill - broken out by material type

7.6lbs of laminated paper packaging and 6.8lbs of plastic waste so far! About 2 full medium Terracycle boxes worth of waste!

### Project Accomplishments

Aside from successfully training staff about how to utilize the boxes, we have also begun talking with other areas of Campus Recreation about how to implement sustainable practices throughout our facilities. Michael and I (Lila) have met with assistant directors from all areas of the rec and talked about our waste reduction efforts so far as well as our other sustainability efforts with CSF (like our bike program).

### Next Steps

We are planning to mail out the current boxes at the end of this semester. The last day the rental center is open is December 11th, so following that the boxes will be shipped back to Terracycle. In the spring, we will put out our second round of boxes (which we have already ordered). We plan to train the new hires on how to use them and continue reinforcing proper use to current staff as well.

Other than that, we will continue participating in the Sustainability Working Group with Campus Rec and work to expand sustainability efforts in all program areas.

## **Challenges Faced**

This is a pretty simple project and we did not encounter many challenges in the execution thus far. However, one of the items we planned to order (a battery bucket) is no longer offered by Terracycle. So, we have concluded that we will instead be purchasing an alternative box, yet to be determined.

## **Project Support**

Support for Lofton as he takes over the project would be amazing!

## **Photo Link**

## **Media/Links**