

Physical Environment Committee Minutes

January 25, 2018
12:30 pm – 2:00 pm
 Lincoln Building Third Floor Conference Room

MEETING CALLED BY	Harvey Sterns
TYPE OF MEETING	University Council Committee Meeting
FACILITATORS	Harvey Sterns
NOTES SUBMITTED BY:	Dorothy Gruich

Members

Name	Constituent Group	Term End Date	
Steve Myers	Administrator	Continuous	Present
Harvey Sterns, Chair	Faculty Senate	2018	Present
Ann Hassenpflug, Vice Chair	Faculty Senate	2018	Absent
Terry Daugherty	Chairs/School Directors	Continuous	Absent
Pam Brandenstein	CPAC – at large	2020	Present
Dorothy Gruich	CPAC	2018	Present
Don Visco	Deans	Continuous	Present
Max Fightmaster	SEAC	2018	Present
Shawn Stevens	SEAC – at large	2020	Present
Aneury Pichardo	GSG	2018	Present
TBD	GSG		
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Guests

Minutes Approval

DISCUSSION	Approval of the February 22, 2018 minutes were requested
CONCLUSIONS	All members in attendance approved the minutes

General Discussion

- It was motioned to accept the January agenda – all those in attendance approved
- Spring semester meeting dates were established. All meetings are 12:30-1:45pm.
 - 2/22/18
 - 3/22/18
 - 4/26/18
 - 5/24/18
- Stephen Myers provided a variety of campus and project updates:
- Custodial Services: The new outsourced custodial company has taken over from ABM; Andy Henry has taken over the UA custodial services since Frankie Thompson retired. There was discussion regarding how special events are prepped and serviced, for example Scholars Day. Individuals should contact their building coordinators to make arrangements for special events and/or problem areas. Anyone can also call PFOC at x7415 to report problem areas. Staff with approval can submit WebTMA work requests through <http://www.uakron.edu/pfoc/>
- Scheduled electrical shutdowns went well except for the January 2 inclement weather interference. Work is postponed to the week after commencement due to the shutdown requirements.
- The Adult Focus office has moved to the Polsky Building.
- The Grant high rise has been demolished.
- An Aramark mini-mart 'pod' has been installed in front of the conference rooms in Quaker Square.
- The demolition of the former blood bank building will take place in March. Green space is planned for the area.
- Gallucci Hall currently has 80,000 sq. ft. of empty space, with the Crystal Room located on the north side. The university is seeking donations to renovate the space or move the Crystal Room and demo the building.
- The Cummings Center has a request to the February Board of Trustees meeting for \$700,000 to finish the National Museum of Psychology and a \$4.2 million GMP (guaranteed maximum price) for the 3rd and 4th floors renovation to house the Institute for Human Science and Culture.
- Gender Neutral Bathroom Update - There are 24 unisex restrooms converted to gender neutral restrooms on campus. John Messina is working with Bob Kropf to create a website consisting of a map to all locations. Single stall restrooms will be incorporated as new construction and renovations take place on campus.

- Construction will begin in May at the College of Business Administration. Currently in the design and development phase. The addition consists of 2 floors, 10,000 sq. ft. of additional space and 2,000 sq. ft. of renovation. It will take @ 18 months to complete.
- Work on the LBJ Family Foundation 3rd floor I Promise suite at Infocision Stadium will be going out to bid.
- Update on Simmons Hall: The Office of Multicultural Development is moved into their new space. The Veterans Center is still waiting as are other moves.
- Zook Hall signage is installed to locate departments and faculty.
- Exchange Street Bike Path – UA is in the planning stages of work with the city of Akron and the Knight Foundation to create a bike path on Exchange Street that will go from the Ohio Erie Canal Lock offices on Water/Exchange streets and extend to Arlington Street. The bike paths will travel in both directions and will eliminate at least 1 traffic lane.
- UA is working to seek proposals for new energy procurement. The university pays \$8-10 million annually on electricity.
- UA is seeking natural gas bids as well to find lower costs.
- Meeting adjourned at 2:11pm

Next Meetings

Meetings Schedule: all meetings are at 12:30 pm in the Lincoln Building Conference Room 3rd floor

- Thursday, February 22, 2018
- Thursday, March 22, 2018
- Thursday, April 26, 2018
- Thursday, May 24, 2018

Physical Environment Committee Minutes

February 22, 2018
12:30 pm – 2:26 pm
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NOTES SUBMITTED BY:	Dorothy Guich

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Guests

Taylor Bennington, USG President

Minutes Approval

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CONCLUSIONS	All members in attendance approved the minutes with one correction, addition of 'I Promise' to the LBJ Family Foundation 3 rd floor suite description.

General Discussion

- It was motioned to accept the February agenda – all those in attendance approved
- Jim Haskell distributed a document outlining all of the space allocation requests received to date. The group reviewed and made decisions as outlined below.
- #415 – Discussion and recommendation was made that the Center for Data Science, Analytics and Information Technology move to Schrank Hall in the vacated Adult Focus space.
- #416 – After extended discussion, the committee decided to request more information from the English Language Institute regarding the possible move.
- #417 – A formal request has not been submitted yet (a number was assigned in anticipation of receipt). Cost would be \$120K to convert the space and the funds are not available. After further discussion, the committee is recommending the College of Health Professions consider the Health Center space instead.
- #418 – Request was handled and signed off.
- #419 – A motion to approve space for eSports in the vacated Zip Card office in the Honors Complex 142 was made and unanimously approved by the committee.
- #420 – Space approved by committee on 10/31/2017.
- #421 – did not discuss
- #422 – Office of the President is seeking the former Student Union Buchtelite and Yearbook Space to house eSports. This was previously approved by the committee in request #420.
 - Taylor Bennington, USG president, attended the meeting to express concerns on behalf of USG and student groups regarding the space being reallocated to eSports. Taylor will be meeting with President Wilson to further discuss the issue. The committee tabled the request until further information is received.
- #423 – A motion to approve space for eSports in Infocision Stadium Welcome Center was made by Dorothy Guich and seconded by Max Fightmaster. The motion was approved unanimously.
- #424 – A motion to approve the reallocation of Chima Family Center Graduate Student office space to classroom space was made by Shawn Stevens and seconded by Pam Brandenstein. The motion passed unanimously.
- #425 – A motion was made by Pam Brandenstein and seconded by Max Fightmaster to approve the various relocations in Simmons Hall. The committee approved the motion with one abstention from Dean Don Visco.

The committee reviewed the following topic submissions:

1. Urban Agriculture Garden – The Physical Environment Committee supports the concept and recommends that the faculty advisor work with the Office of Development to explore funding options, including potential grants. The committee also recommends consultation with Capital Planning to meet university campus standards in establishing such a space.
2. Polsky Building Study Area –The proposed space request will require renovation and is a fire hazard. The committee recommends that Dee Dee Pitts meet with Capital Planning to explore other potential space options in the Polsky Building.

Meeting adjourned at 2:26pm

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- Thursday, April 26, 2018
- Thursday, May 24, 2018

Physical Environment Committee Minutes

March 22, 2018
12:30 pm – 1:49 pm
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CONCLUSIONS	All members in attendance approved the minutes with one correction to topic submission involving the Polsky Building Study Area, to clarify, there were problems in meeting the fire code if the proposed space was used.

General Discussion

- It was motioned to accept the March agenda – all those in attendance approved
- Recommended for approval - request #426 for classroom space from CHP/School of Speech Language Path. & Audiology
- Recommended for approval - request from Surplus Property to redeploy materials from upper floors and consolidate surplus to one floor. Will occur over a 2-year period and Surplus will absorb cost to finish project.
- USG President, Taylor Bennington, reported on his meeting with President Wilson regarding organization space in the Student Union. The President's office did not realize the space had been allocated for student organizations but they will have space elsewhere, possibly the 'Fishbowl' in Schrank Hall.
- Approved request #422 to allocate space for E-Sports in the former Buchtelite and Yearbook space in the Student Union.

Old Business:

- Stephen Myers reported that Capital Planning is working with purchasing to get bids and issue an RFP for electrical energy to include a line item in the bid for 25% green power.

New Business: Updates from Stephen Myers

- Stephen explained that UA is responsible for administering funds for community projects (such as B&A). When projects are not fulfilled, the funds are usually returned to the state. Administrators are working to reappropriate the funds from B&A to benefit UA and the community. Possibly can use \$800K for Bierce library (community uses it as well).
- The GMP for the College of Business will be presented at the next board meeting. If approved, the groundbreaking will take place @ May 15 and the 12,000 sq. ft addition will take 1 year to complete.
- There was discussion about what to do with the Simon Perkins statue and where it could be moved. (it was moved out of Grace Park in 1999).
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Physical Environment Committee Minutes

May 24 2018
12:30 pm – 2:00 pm
 Lincoln Building Third Floor Conference Room

MEETING CALLED BY	Harvey Sterns
TYPE OF MEETING	University Council Committee Meeting
FACILITATORS	Harvey Sterns
NOTES SUBMITTED BY:	Pam Brandenstein

Members

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Steve Myers	Administrator	Present
Harvey Sterns, Chair	Faculty Senate	Present
Ann Hassenpflug, Vice Chair	Faculty Senate	
Terry Daugherty	Chairs/School Directors	Present
Pam Brandenstein	CPAC – at large	Present
Dorothy Gruich	CPAC	Excused
Don Visco	Deans	Present
Shawn Stevens	SEAC	Present
Andrew Adolph	USG	
Colton West	USG	
Aneury Pichardo	GSG	
TBD	GSG	
Max Fightmaster	SEAC	Excused

Guests

MINUTE APPROVAL

DISCUSSION	Approval of the April 26 2018 minutes were requested
CONCLUSIONS	All members in attendance approved the minutes

General Discussion

- May agenda was approved.
- Review of Space Allocations. Approval was requested. All members in attendance approved the space allocations.
 - IT Equipment Room Mary Gladwin Hall - #12000405
 - Utilize room #112
 - IT Equipment Room Olin Hall - #12000400
 - Use existing women's restroom lounge
- Stephen Myers provided update on current projects – see BOT report for detail on all projects.
 - Groundbreaking for CBA addition
 - Open bids for Campus Electricity

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Next Meetings

Meetings Schedule: all meetings are at 12:30 pm in the Lincoln Building Conference Room 3rd floor

- Need to schedule upcoming meetings

Physical Environment Committee Minutes

August 30, 2018
12:30 pm – 1:35 pm
 Lincoln Building Third Floor Conference Room

MEETING CALLED BY	Harvey Sterns
TYPE OF MEETING	University Council Committee Meeting
FACILITATORS	Harvey Sterns
NOTES SUBMITTED BY:	Dorothy Guich

Members

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Aneury Pichardo	GSG	2018	Absent
Andrew Adolph	GSG		Absent
Colton West	USG		Absent
TBD	USG		

Guests

Minutes Approval

DISCUSSION	Approval of the May 24, 2018 minutes were requested
CONCLUSIONS	All members in attendance approved the minutes.

General Discussion

- It was motioned to accept the August agenda – all those in attendance approved
- Information and map regarding gender neutral restrooms will be posted on the Student Life and LGBTQ websites. Future projects with funding for restrooms will include consideration of including gender neutral restrooms.
- Approved space allocation request #12000-433 for the Akron AAUP Office.
- Approved space allocation request #12000-420 to support Block to Block space for safety resources.
- Approved space allocation request #12000-432 for IT Telecommunications.
- The committee discussed the 'Save Pollinators' Topic Submission. The committee requests that UA grounds professionals identify and provide feedback on appropriate spaces on campus for such a project.
- Briefly discussed annual report deadline. Dorothy and Harvey will work to create one for the next meeting.

New Business: Updates from Stephen Myers

- The city is seeking public feedback on the pilot program on Exchange Street that includes bike lanes and narrower driving lanes.
- Groundwork for the College of Business is currently taking place.
- The new E-Sports facilities have been set up in the Student Union, Honors Complex and Infocision Stadium.
- Thanks to the Knight Foundation for the donation of colorful bistro tables and umbrellas placed outside for use. More are being installed in various locations, current locations include outside of Rob's Dining Hall and near Bierce Library.
- Stephen Myers will be presenting the Physical Environment Committee report to the University Council at the September meeting.
- Dorothy will send out a survey for meeting times once new committee members are assigned.

Meeting adjourned at 1:35 pm

Next Meetings - TBD

Physical Environment Committee Minutes

October 30, 2018

8:30 am – 10:27 am

Lincoln Building Third Floor Conference Room

MEETING CALLED BY	Dorothy Gruich
TYPE OF MEETING	University Council Committee Meeting
FACILITATORS	Dorothy Gruich
NOTES SUBMITTED BY:	Dorothy Gruich

Members

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Steve Myers	Administrator	Continuous	Present
	Faculty Senate		
	Faculty Senate		
Dimitria Gatzia	Chairs/School Directors	Continuous	Present
Pam Brandenstein	CPAC – at large	2020	Present
Dorothy Gruich	CPAC	2021	Present
	Deans		
Max Fightmaster	SEAC	2021	Excused
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TBD	USG		

Guests

Harvey Sterns

Minutes Approval

DISCUSSION	Approval of minutes postponed until next meeting since committee did not have a chance to review.
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General Discussion

- It was motioned to accept the October agenda with one edit to postpone elections until more committee members are assigned – all those in attendance approved.
- Pending Provost approval, the committee approved space reallocation request #12000-431 to IT Telecommunications from Study Services
- Approved space allocation request #12000-434 for Student Organization and Reflection. The request is to allocate space in Schrank Hall N and 1 small room in Polsky for meditation/prayer.
- The committee set the next two meeting dates – November 14 and December 12, 8:30am – 10am.
- The committee discussed details for the annual report and worked to establish committee goals for the next year. Goals will be finalized at the November meeting and submitted in time for the November 16 deadline.

New Business: Updates from Stephen Myers

- UA had a savings of \$1.3 million for electricity with the new energy rate. Over \$8 million was spent on electricity previously, but only \$6.7 million spent currently. Over a 4 year period of the contract, UA will save \$5.3 million.
- The Polsky façade is mostly done. The lighting is color changing and programmable.
- An update and overview of the Main Street project was provided.
- The CBA building construction is on schedule thus far.

Meeting adjourned at 10:27 am

Next Meetings - TBD

Physical Environment Committee Minutes

November 14, 2018
8:30 am – 10:27 am

Lincoln Building Third Floor Conference Room

MEETING CALLED BY	Dorothy Gruich
TYPE OF MEETING	University Council Committee Meeting
FACILITATORS	Dorothy Gruich
NOTES SUBMITTED BY:	Dorothy Gruich

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Steve Myers	Administrator	Continuous	Present
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David Myatt	GSG	2019	Present
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TBD	USG		

Guests

Minutes Approval

DISCUSSION	Minutes from August 30, 2018 meeting were approved. Minutes from October 30, 2018 meeting were approved with edits.
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General Discussion

- It was motioned to accept the November agenda with one edit to postpone elections until the December meeting – all those in attendance approved.
- Approved space allocation request #12000-435 for USTEM Center in Zook Hall Room 430.
- The committee finalized Goals for the upcoming year. Dorothy will submit them to Kim Haverkamp in time for the November 16 deadline.

New Business: Updates from Stephen Myers

- The \$4 million lab renovations in various buildings is taking place right now.
- The Vine Street apartment building next to Route 8 have been razed.
- The abatement and demolition of Galucci Hall is proceeding. The abatement will begin on the South part of the building in February/March and the building to be demolished in summer 2019. The Crystal Room will be open until the end of the spring semester.
- The bridge between the Student Union and Auburn will be rebuilt and replaced in summer 2019.
- Work is being done to install trusses to support the structure of the Ballet Center so that it doesn't collapse.
- The elevator modernization project in Auburn, Bierce and Kolbe will take place in summer 2019.

Meeting adjourned at 10:15 am

Next Meetings - TBD

Physical Environment Committee Minutes

December 12, 2018

8:30 am – 10:33 am

Lincoln Building Third Floor Conference Room

MEETING CALLED BY	Dorothy Guich
TYPE OF MEETING	University Council Committee Meeting
FACILITATORS	Dorothy Guich
NOTES SUBMITTED BY:	Dorothy Guich

Members

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Phil Allen	Faculty Senate	2021	Present
Pam Brandenstein	CPAC – at large	2020	Present
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Dimitria Gatzia	Chairs/School Directors	Continuous	Present
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Guests

Andrew Henry, Director of Building Services, Grounds and Special Services

Minutes Approval

DISCUSSION	Minutes from November 14, 2018 meeting were approved as presented.
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General Discussion

- The December agenda was approved as presented.
- The committee unanimously elected Shawn Stevens as the Chair and Pam Brandenstein as the Vice-Chair of the Physical Environment Committee.
- The committee established the following meeting dates, to be held 8:30am-10am in the 3rd floor conference room of the Lincoln Building. 1/15/19, 2/12/19, 3/12/19, 4/9/19, 5/21/19, 6/19/19
- Andrew Henry, Director of Building Services, Grounds and Special Services, presented information on two initiatives in the UA Recycling Program, food scrap recycling at Rob's Dining Hall and the Zero Waste Initiative at Infocision Stadium. Highlights from the presentation include:
 - Over 64,250 lbs of food was recycled between 8/1/17 – 5/31/18
 - The goal of the Zero Waste Initiative is to divert 90% of waste at Infocision.
 - UA is co-champion of the 2017 Gameday Recycling Challenge (GDRC), sharing the title with Clemson, beating out over 70 schools such as OSU and Harvard.
 - UA is national champion of the Diversion category with a 93.57% diversion rate (recycling, plus organics composting and recovery as a percent of total trash). UA finished in the top 5 every year since 2013.
 - Two obstacles to having more recycling bins on campus include the cost of purchasing bins and cost of staff to remove it.
- The committee discussed safety issues at the Buchtel and College Streets crossing and possible methods to slow down the traffic and fix signals to accommodate pedestrians. The issue was raised by Dimitria Gatzia after a colleague was recently struck at the crossing. One solution proposed and pursued by Dr. Gatzia was to request for the Honors Complex doors near the parking deck bridge to be open for faculty and staff to access and avoid the street crossing. The Honors Complex administration agreed to increase the hours to 6:30am-6:30pm. Stephen Myers will contact the city and invite a representative to the January meeting to discuss this and other traffic issues on campus since these are city responsibilities.

New Business: Updates from Stephen Myers

- The \$4 million lab renovations in Auburn, Goodyear and Olson are taking place.
- Advertising for the abatement bid for Galucci Hall is about to be posted, with abatement work to be completed by March 2019. The building will be demolished in summer 2019. The Crystal Room will be open until the end of the spring semester.
- Interviews to hire for the IT cabling project will be taking place. This project will replace all of the cables and elevate UA to a Cat 6 level.

Meeting adjourned at 10:33 am

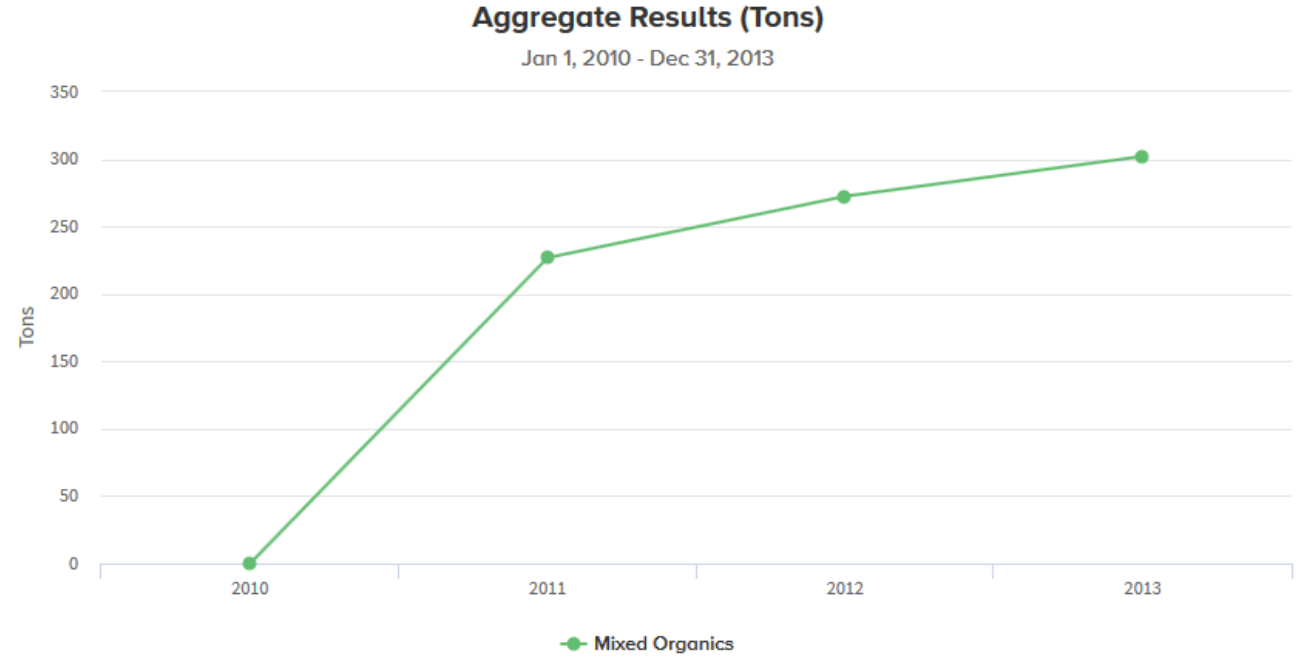
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FOOD SCRAP RECYCLING

ROBERTSON'S DINING HALL AND TRACKSIDE GRILL

Between 2010-2013, in an effort to divert solid waste from the landfill, food scraps and compostable fiber products from Robertson Dining Hall and Trackside Grill were recycled and made into compost and other soil amendments. At its peak, the food scrap recycling program diverted in excess of three-hundred (300) tons of compostables in a single year and more than eight-hundred (800) tons in a three (3) year term.

The food scrap recycling program was made possible through the support of Summit Akron Solid Waste Management Authority or SASWMA.



Aggregate Results (Tons)

Displaying data collected for: Jan 1, 2010 - Dec 31, 2013

Displaying 1 results

Search:

<u>MATERIALS</u>	<u>2010</u>	<u>2011</u>	<u>2012</u>	<u>2013</u>
Mixed Organics	0	226.91	272.49	302.17
Total	0	226.91	272.49	302.17

REINTRODUCTION OF FOOD SCRAP RECYCLING AT ROBERTSON DINING HALL

In 2017, Physical Facilities partnered with Aramark to reduce waste associated with meal preparation and to capture and divert post-consumer food scraps from the landfill.

Aramark has installed a food waste tracking terminal called LeanPath in Robertson Dining Hall. The objective...to reduce food waste related to meal preparation. The terminal allows culinary team members to weigh and document (photograph) all food waste prior to disposal.

Lessons learned from LeanPath have helped team members avoid overproduction, food expiration, and have led to better trimming practices.

The preparatory food waste, once logged in the LeanPath system, is combined with food and paper waste cleared from students' plates.

The combined food scraps are then staged in a specialized compactor designed to hold food waste. Once every ten days the compactor is transported to a class II compost facility where the organic waste is transformed into nutrient-rich compost.

Physical Facilities monitors the process, working to ensure the integrity of the waste stream and planning how to best utilize the high-quality finished product. Approximately 40 yds. of compost, created from the food waste from Rob's, will be incorporated back into The University's landscaped beds and turf grass in the Spring of 2018.

In addition to better managing its food waste, Aramark has nearly eliminated single-use items, investing heavily in reusable serving and glassware.

Also, the tray-less program at Robertson helps to reduce daily water usage and energy from the dish machine; it is no longer necessary to wash thousands of trays each day.



“In September (2017) , 13,460 lbs. of food waste and soiled paper products were captured and diverted from the waste stream,” reported Andrew Henry, Director Building Services, Grounds, Recycling, Special Services, Parking and Athletic Maintenance. “The University of Akron is unique in its approach to correcting food waste since its initiative is twofold; waste reduction achieved through the LeanPath platform and waste diversion realized through the utilization of a compost compactor.”



Food scraps are collected and measured by Aramark staff



Food scraps are used to create compost



Physical Facilities incorporates the compost into garden beds to improve the soil profile

Compost Happens Here

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YARD WASTE & COMPOST INCORPORATION

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RECYCLING

THE UNIVERSITY OF AKRON
PHYSICAL FACILITIES OPERATIONS CENTER (PFOC)

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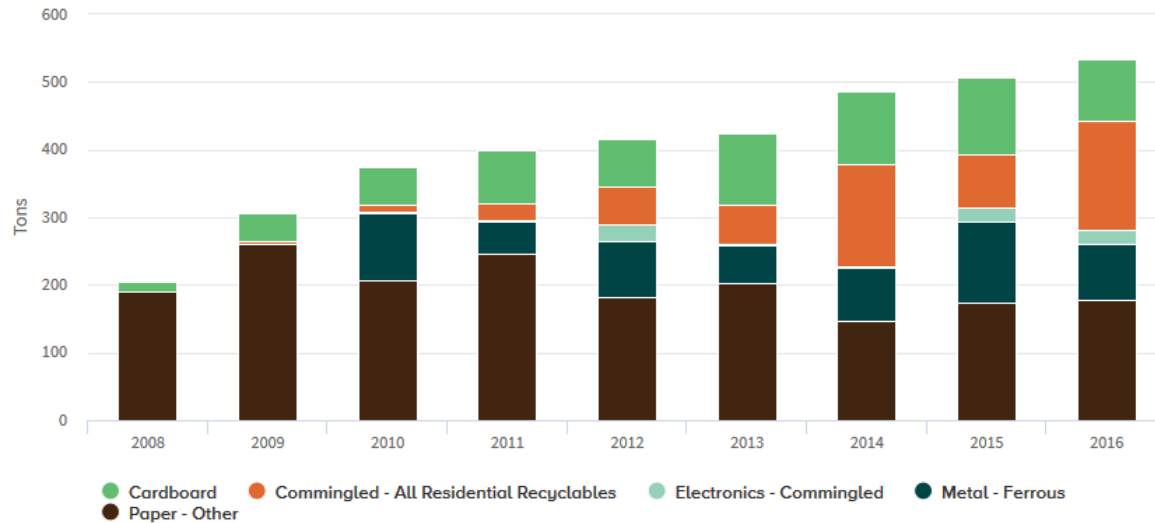
Material Recovery Facility, Columbus, OH

RECYCLING AND IMPROVED WASTE MANAGEMENT

(2011) Initiated campus-wide commingled, or single-stream, collection in lieu of source separated recycling

Aggregate Results (Tons)

Jan 1, 2008 - Dec 31, 2016



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Displaying data collected for: Jan 1, 2008 - Dec 31, 2016

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MATERIALS	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016
Cardboard	13.83	42.44	56.86	79.35	70.35	105.93	107.00	114.32	90.97
Commingled - All Residential Recyclables	0.43	2.38	10.15	24.10	57.00	57.88	151.72	79.46	161.08
Electronics - Commingled	0	0	0.89	0.93	23.58	1.77	0.74	19.23	21.52
Metal - Ferrous	0	0	100.86	49.34	82.88	55.71	79.43	120.87	81.56
Paper - Other	190.52	261.50	206.24	245.35	182.34	202.31	146.53	173.74	178.10
Total	204.78	306.32	375.00	399.07	416.15	423.60	485.42	507.63	533.23

- (2008-2016) Annually, more and more materials are diverted from the waste stream; 7 types of materials recycled in (2008) compared to 28 different materials in (2016)
- (2011-2015) Registered a 144.9% increase in recovered ferrous metals; (2011) 49.34 tons - (2015) 120.87 tons
- (2012-2015) Realized a 62.5% increase in recovered recycled cardboard campus-wide; (2012) 70.35 tons - (2015) 114.32 tons
- (2011-2014) Reported a 529.5% increase in collected commingled or mixed recyclables; (2011) 24.1 tons - (2014) 151.72 tons
- (2010-2013) Aggregate results (tons) for all recyclable material, campus-wide, rose from 412.13 (2010) to 728.46 (2013), an increase of 76.7% overall



Paradise Compost, Wooster, OH

ORGANICS RECYCLING

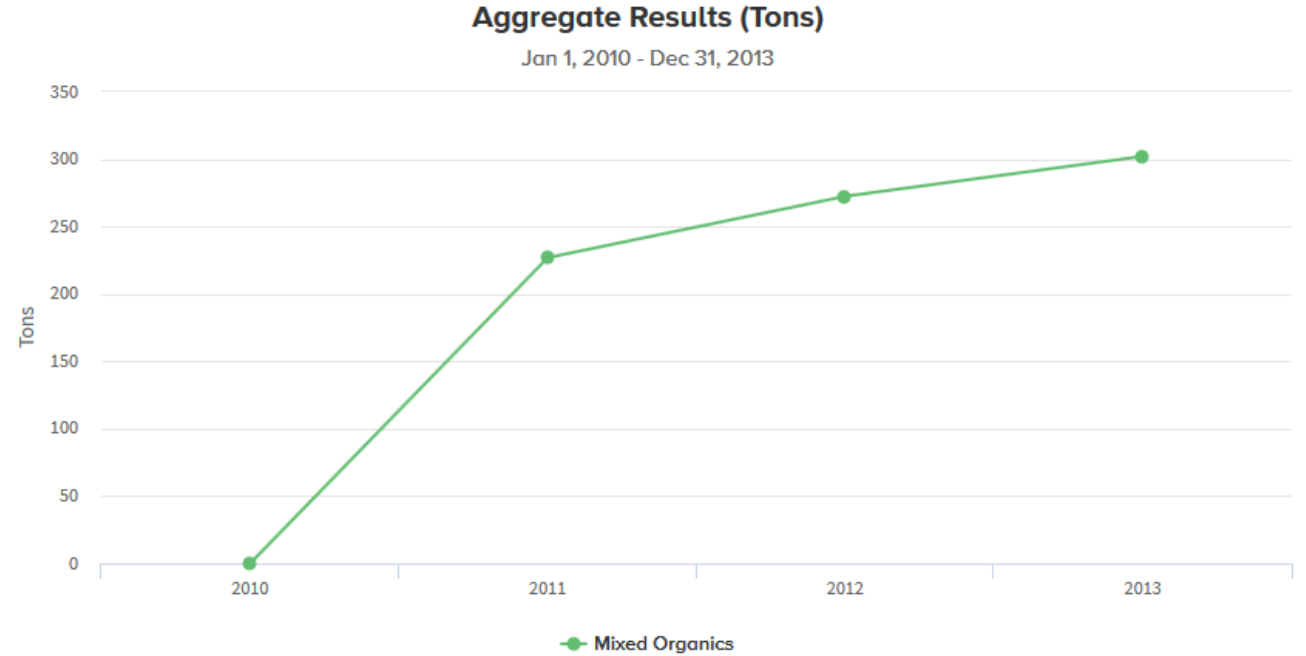
(2011) Introduced food-scrap (organics) recycling at Robertson Dining Hall & Track Side Grill

FOOD SCRAP RECYCLING

ROBERTSON'S DINING HALL AND TRACKSIDE GRILL

Between 2010-2013, in an effort to divert solid waste from the landfill, food scraps and compostable fiber products from Robertson Dining Hall and Trackside Grill were recycled and made into compost and other soil amendments. At its peak, the food scrap recycling program diverted in excess of three-hundred (300) tons of compostables in a single year and more than eight-hundred (800) tons in a three (3) year term.

The food scrap recycling program was made possible through the support of Summit Akron Solid Waste Management Authority or SASWMA.



Aggregate Results (Tons)

Displaying data collected for: Jan 1, 2010 - Dec 31, 2013

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<u>MATERIALS</u>	<u>2010</u>	<u>2011</u>	<u>2012</u>	<u>2013</u>
Mixed Organics	0	226.91	272.49	302.17
Total	0	226.91	272.49	302.17

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RECYCLE BIN GRANT

2012,2013 & 2016 RECIPIENT

The Keep America Beautiful & Coca-Cola Recycling Bin Grant Program is an effort to help schools boost their recycling results during the eight week RecycleMania Tournament, and expand their recycling efforts throughout the year.

To date, The University of Akron has received two-hundred and fifteen (215) recycle bins with an estimated value of \$34,615.

Approximately thirty-five (35) total bin grants are awarded each year to colleges, universities, secondary-schools, and municipalities.

“The immediate distribution of the awarded bins will certainly improve our position in the Recyclemania competition and help facilitate improved recycling throughout campus,” said Andrew Henry, recycling superintendent at UA

The University of Akron, Press Release, 2013



University of Akron receives 50 recycling bins through Keep America Beautiful Coca-Cola grant



Chad Nelson, a master mover in Physical Facilities, places one of the new recycling bins in The University of Akron Honors College complex. (The University of Akron)

Megan Becka, special to cleveland.com By Megan Becka, special to cleveland.com on March 03, 2017 at 4:30 PM, updated March 03, 2017 at 10:36 PM

AKRON, Ohio - Coca-Cola has awarded The University of Akron 50 recycling bins through its 2016 Beautiful Public Space Recycling Bin Grant Program.

The university received the bins last week, as part of a Keep America Beautiful partnership, and they have been placed at spots with the most pedestrian traffic, including athletic facilities, residence halls and common areas.

"Last year, The University of Akron recycled approximately 161 tons of commingled recyclables," said Andrew Henry, manager of recycling, grounds, special services, parking and athletic maintenance, in a release. "The installation of 50 additional recycle bins will certainly allow us to divert even more waste from the landfill."

The program is part of a national initiative to increase access to recycling bins in public spaces, colleges and universities, government organizations and nonprofit groups. Grant recipients were selected based on their ability to make the largest impact, recycling experience and ability to sustain the program.

"At Coca-Cola, we are working with partners across the country to invest in, and support a strong recycling system," said Bruce Karas, vice president of sustainability, Coca-Cola North America, in a release. "Through partnerships like the Keep America Beautiful and the Public Space Recycling Bin Grant program, we can help reduce overall waste by making it even easier and more convenient for people to recycle both at home and in public spaces."

⁸⁸ Since the program began in 2007, the Coca-Cola/Keep America Beautiful Recycling Bin Grant Program has provided more than 49,000 recycling bins for 925 communities. To see the full list of grant recipients, visit <http://bingrant.org>.



ZERO WASTE @ INFOCISION STADIUM

Our goal, achieve a 90% waste diversion rate at InfoCision Stadium (ICS) through the introduction of single-stream (mixed) recycling, a compost program, and recycling ambassadors.

ZERO WASTE

WHY90

Our collective goal has been to divert 90% of the total amount of waste generated at any home football game. This exceedingly high percentage of diversion is significant because it qualifies an event as 'Zero-Waste' by EPA standards. With the support of our game-day team members, including the newly acquired maintenance personnel from both Athletics and Parking Services, we met our goal on October 10, successfully diverting 90.2% of the total waste generated during UA's football contest against Central Michigan. To put that in perspective, with an excess of over a ton (2,000 lbs.) of combined waste, a mere 194 lbs. of 'trash' went to the landfill.



Recycling Ambassadors are tasked with sorting game day waste to further ensure that no unneeded items are sent to the landfill.

GAME DAY CHALLENGE

The Zero-Waste initiative at ICS has garnered a significant amount of recognition from the Game Day Challenge Organization (GDC) and its sponsors Keep America Beautiful, Recyclemania Inc., College and University Recycling Coalition and EPA Waste Wise; since 2012, the GDC has conducted “friendly competition(s) for colleges and universities to promote waste reduction”. While participating in these challenges, The University of Akron has received the following awards for its innovative waste reduction strategies:

Mid-America Conference (MAC) Championship Game Day Challenge (2013) (2014)

National Diversion Rate Runner-Up Game Day Challenge (2014)

National Organics Reduction Champion Game Day Challenge (2013)

In addition to the awards, I have had the opportunity to represent The University of Akron at the 2014 and 2015 Collegiate Sports Sustainability Summit. In 2015, I also led a webinar on stadium waste reduction strategies (case study) for the GDC. The recognition received has led to corporate sponsorship of the ICS Zero Waste Initiative, which in turn, has enabled the development of a comprehensive game-day marketing program through IMG.



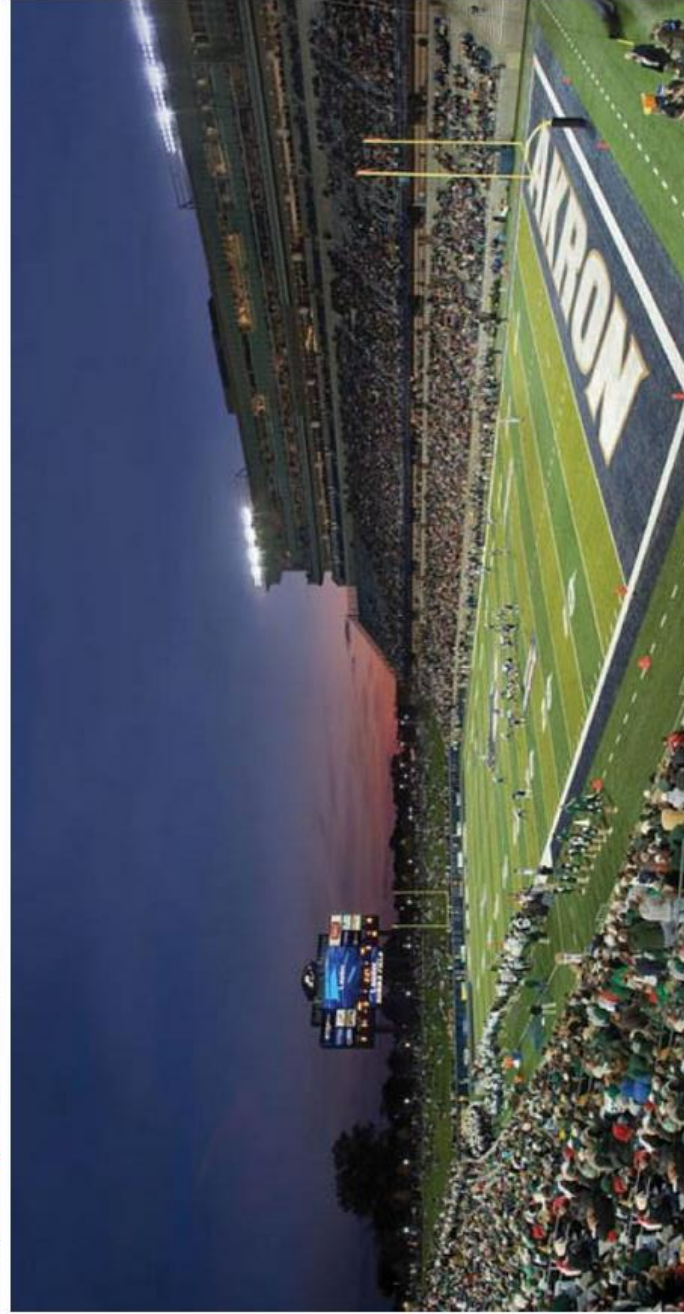


COLLECTION AND TRANSFER > WASTE REDUCTION

2016 GameDay Recycling Challenge Diversion Rate Winners

The participating schools recycled, composted or donated a total of more than 2,667,845 pounds of materials, which is a 4.8 percent increase from the previous year.

Mallory Szczepanski | Feb 08, 2017



6. 5. The University of Akron: 90.114%

<p>The University of Akron diverted more than 90 percent of its waste from landfill during a football game this season. To achieve this accomplishment, the university placed composting bins, recycling bins and trash bins throughout the stadium and tailgating sites. Recycling ambassadors were located at each disposal site to help fans place their materials in the proper bins. After each game, the recycling ambassadors also hand-sorted waste to ensure that as much material as possible was diverted from landfill.</p>



COLLEGIATE CLOTHING DRIVE

In collaboration with the Salvation Army, The University of Akron has collected clothing and misc. textiles annually, since 2012; its collection coincides with Earth Day (April 22nd) and spring residential move-out.

CAUGHT GREEN HANDED

During The University of Akron's Collegiate Clothing Drive, unknowing participants are often caught 'green-handed' by members of the recycling staff and rewarded for reducing waste.



CAR SEAT INSPECTION (AND RECYCLE) CENTER FOR CHILD DEVELOPMENT

Event partners, Center for Child Development, Safe Kids Coalition of Summit County, and The University of Akron, conducted a free community car seat inspection and recycling event. Car seats were examined by certified child passenger safety technicians to ensure child safety. Families were also invited to bring expired or unwanted car seats and bike helmets to be recycled. Akron Children's Hospital was a program sponsor.





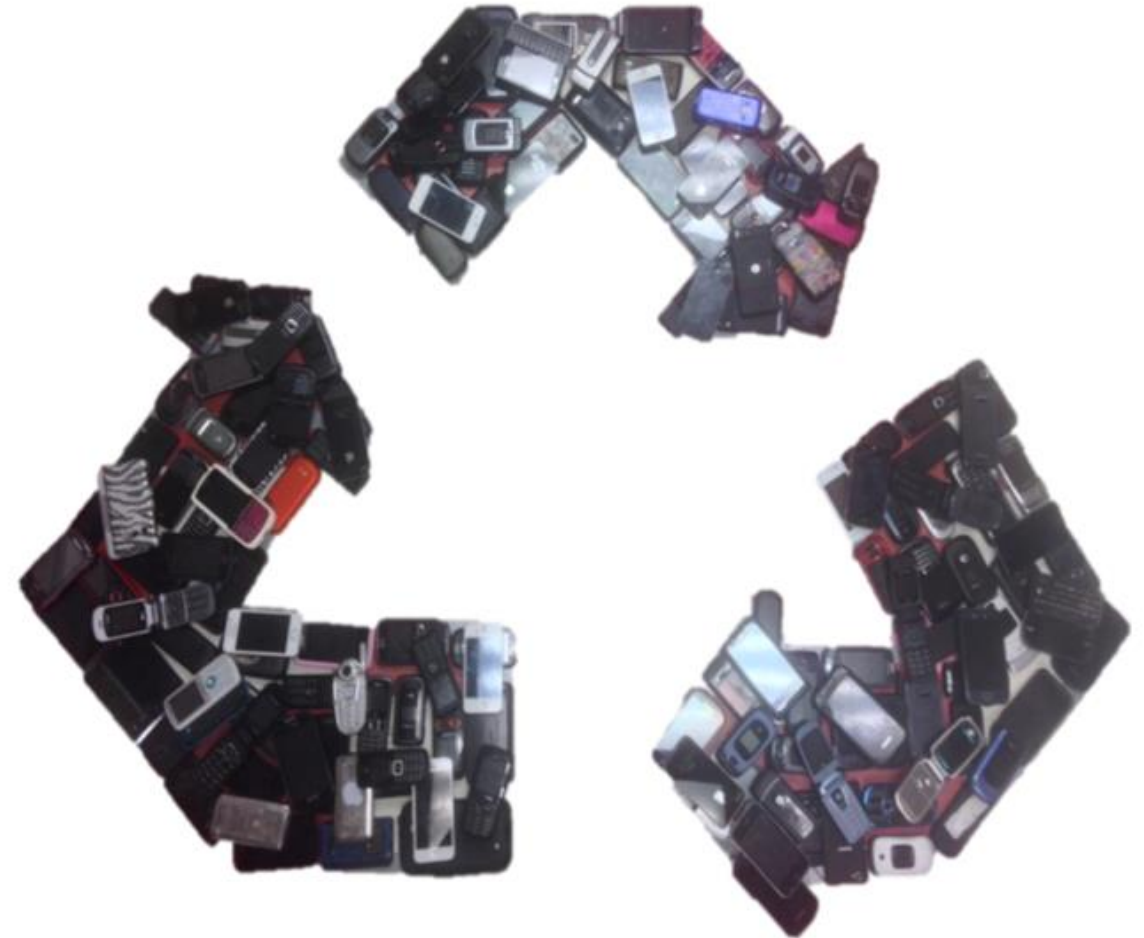
Center for Child Development – Recycled Paper Making Activity

The recycled paper making activity, pictured above, was performed at the University of Akron's (UA) Center for Child Development; it allowed recycling staff members and participating early childhood specialists the opportunity to instill the importance of recycling to the Center's children, while at the same time, demonstrating the relative ease of recycling. The happenings of the activity were documented and reported to the National Wildlife Federation Campus Ecology program as a case study on campus outreach. The report and related photos were displayed at UA's Student Union as part of a static marketing campaign.

2014 - NATIONAL WILDLIFE
FEDERATION CAMPUS
ECOLOGY CASE STUDY

BATTERED WOMEN'S SHELTER RECYCLED CELL PHONE INITIATIVE

Cell phones are now being produced at an ever increasing rate. Each new model is sleeker and cheaper than its predecessor. A combination of the device's fragility and perceived obsolescence often-times renders cell phones useless, undesirable, or both, within weeks of purchase. As a result, an extraordinary amount of e-waste is being regularly discarded. The University of Akron (UA) is pushing to help keep these electronics and their hazardous components (lead, copper, mercury and arsenic) out of the waste stream. In doing so, UA is also helping to combat domestic violence by partnering with the Medina and Summit County Battered Women's Shelter (MSCBWS). Cell phone donations help victims of domestic violence connect with community resources and local support networks.



In 2015, The University of Akron Police Department (UAPD) donated one hundred and twenty-eight (128) cell phones to the recycled cell phone initiative.