

The Resource Conservation Team's February 2013 Progress Report

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Free Store

<i>Visitors</i>	<i>Clothes</i>	<i>Books/School Supplies</i>	<i>Dormware</i>	<i>Electronics</i>	<i>Miscellaneous</i>	<i>Total</i>
188	982	61	36	26	95	1200

- Coordinated pick-ups
- Continued Saturday Swap Box at Eastwood Elementary's Oberlin Winter Market (Amanda, Zach, Caroline M, Shavonne)

New Member Orientation

- All members met Keith
- Meeting 1 on logistics of RCT: new members acquainted with meeting structure, weekly responsibilities, google documents, logging hours and completing time cards on time
- Meeting 2 on recycling:
 - Discussed history as Oberlin Recyclers
 - Gave background about recycling on campus (single stream vs commingle)
 - Talked about Abitibi Paper program established this summer
 - Discussed possible projects with aluminum Abitibi
- All members got on payroll
- Obtained driver certification (Caroline de Vries and Shavonne)

Compost

- Trained new Compost Captains (Zach and Liam)
- Handed out buckets and cabinets to captains
- Sent emails to compost captains with information and with sign-up for March runs
- Corresponded with Tim Reinbot about the MU compost system (Zach)
- Plans to expand (Azariah's, Decafe) (Zach)
- Created signs about what's compostable for halls (Caroline M)

JHouse Garden

- Held brainstorming sessions on what we envision for the J-House Garden and what can get us there (Caroline M, Caroline dV, Nathan, Liam, Isabel, Shavonne)
- Completed a rough sketch of what the garden layout could be (Caroline dV)

- Emphasized potential collaboration for seed-saving with the AJLC garden
- Started talking about advertising for garden hours (Caroline M)
- Met with Eli Lisseck to make a plan for the coming weeks in the garden (Caroline M, Isabel, Caroline dV)

Recycling

- Re-stocked supply of blue bags for Village students to pick up at Free Store (Amanda)
- Philips unofficial 'waste audit' walk-through, new posters/recycling bins and paper boxes (Zach)

Abitibi

- Met with Scott Callow to discuss expansion of paper Abitibi program (Shavonne and Liam)
- Possible Locations
 - Science Center
 - Rice and King
 - Conservatory
- Concert/Event program recycling
 - Picked up concert programs from Finney and Warner Concert Hall and recycled in Abitibi bins (Kristina, Shavonne, Caroline M)
 - Full bin from Finney
 - Met with Eric Cowley to arrange to be on the productions schedule list (Kristina)

Education and Outreach

- OES filmed us explaining RCT waste reduction projects (Amanda, Liam, Nathan)
- Updated Facebook page to advertise Winter Market swap box and Free Store

Miscellaneous Projects

- Ecolympics
 - Shavonne and Liam have regularly attended weekly meetings with ResEd, OES, OSWAMP, and the Environmental Studies Department
 - Discussed possible events that the RCT could sponsor
 - RCT will be at Solarity to support Zero Waste event
 - RCT offered OES to be people power for logistical aspects of outreach for Ecolympics (postering etc.)
 - Planning a clothing refurbishing workshop with Betsy Bruce and RPC scheduled for April 6th 1-4pm (Zach and Isabel)
- Corresponded with RPC, Bill Ruth, and Lori Sprosty to put together "writing instruments brigade" collection of used writing instruments (Caroline M)
- Delivered used posters to every co-op to write ingredients lists on rather than using fresh paper (Caroline M, Amanda)
- Edited "What to Bring Checklist" for incoming first years and made plans to present edits to Becky Mosely (Liam, Caroline dV, Nathan, Caroline M, Kristina, Zach, Shavonne)