



# UNH On-Campus Waste Programs Research, Assessment, and Engagement

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## MISSION and RESEARCH GOALS

- Describe the current state of campus waste programs: municipal solid waste (MSW) and recycling
- Benchmark UNH's program in relation to universities recognized for excellence in sustainability
- Investigate stakeholder awareness levels, attitudes, and behaviors
- Engage the campus community in continued waste program awareness and improvement

## METHODOLOGY

- Describe the current municipal solid waste and recycling system at UNH through observation, research, and staff interviews.
- Research best practices and program achievements from universities recognized for sustainability. Use benchmarking to understand current performance.
- Develop campus waste survey to discover the predominant awareness, attitudes, and behaviors concerning UNH waste program features.
- Author UNH webpages to share valuable information about campus waste programs. Develop and post campus waste map to webpage.
- Facilitate collaboration among campus stakeholders including faculty, staff, and student organizations.

## RESULTS

- Membership renewed with AASHE; UNH members have full access to nationally used tools and resources
- Campus waste survey deployed week of September 16
- A detailed waste program description with map has been added to the UNH Recycling and Waste Program webpages to inform stakeholders about current programs
- Held the first annual Recycling Drive during UNH's Freshman Move-In Day Event



## PROJECT CONTINUATION

- Use of AASHE tools and support to establish and meet specific goals
- Re-establishment of UNH Facilities-led Campus Sustainability Committee
- Continued engagement of campus community in sustainability projects.

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