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Rutgers University, founded in 1766, is working to create an enduring future for students and the environment. As part of this commitment, Rutgers wanted to get more value from their existing resources and make their budget go farther. Since 2000, they’ve been doing just that, working with Waste Management to create campus-wide solutions that lower waste-related costs and improve efficiency.

Although Rutgers is the eighth-oldest campus in the nation, they have a long history of thinking green. In 1972, the University was already a recycling pioneer. Today, with the help of Waste Management, the school recycles a remarkable range of materials — plastic, paper, cardboard, concrete, metal and C&D debris. They even send their organic waste to a local farmer for composting. And, with the largest solar field of any American campus, Rutgers also cogenerates much of the energy that powers the university.

With these past achievements, you can understand how Rutgers is well positioned to realize its sustainability goals. Since joining with Waste Management, the University has:

• Achieved a 67% recycling material diversion rate, toward a goal of 85% by 2015.
• Installed nine of our Solar-Powered Trash Compactor sets, to reduce collection costs and GHG emissions.
• Implemented single-stream recycling. All recyclables can be mixed together — no sorting needed.
• Won the RecycleMania Gorilla Prize (2006-2011) for having the highest tonnage of recyclables.
• Won the EPA’s “WasteWise Partner of the Year” (2007). Rutgers diverted 15,800 tons of material, saving $840,000 in landfill costs.

We continue to work with Rutgers to find new ways to Think Green.

Let’s talk about sustainability for your campus. Call an Education Solutions specialist at 888 558 6390 or visit wm.com/campus.