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SA1819-037: Resolution to Implement Plastic Bag Recycling on Campus with Trex

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WHEREAS the University of Wisconsin-La Crosse (UWL) is committed to working towards sustainable environmental excellence, and Chancellor Joe Gow signed the Talloires Declaration in 2008;

WHEREAS UWL is committed to sustainable practices such as composting food waste through Hillview Urban Agriculture Center;

WHEREAS the University of Wisconsin-La Crosse is committed to the conservation of natural resources through its implementation of energy reducing programs that have earned the university a STARS Silver Rating from AASHE;

WHEREAS plastic bags, a major contribution to harmful effects on local ecosystems such as the La Crosse Marsh, the Mississippi River, and the bluffs, cannot be recycled through the La Crosse County's single stream recycling program;

WHEREAS Trex offers a challenge to universities to collect 40,500 plastic bags (500 lbs) over a six-month period and use them to make a bench;

WHEREAS items distributed and used on university property such as clean grocery bags, bread bags, case overwrap, ice bags, Ziploc and other resealable bags, produce bags, bubble wrap, salt bags, and cereal bags can be recycled through Trex;

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THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED; the University of Wisconsin-La Crosse will initiate a partnership with Trex effective immediately to recycle plastic bags over a six month period and receive a bench as long as the goal of 500 lbs. of plastic is met or exceeded.

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