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Students and Facilities Plan America Recycles Day Event in Brickyard

BRICKYARD, NOVEMBER 15, 9AM-3PM – Every hour, NC State University sends 10 dumpsters worth of waste to the North Wake County Landfill. As the University, City and County continue to grow, the trend in waste disposal becomes increasingly troublesome.

Adding to this problem, North Carolinians are producing more waste, 11.5% percent more trash per person than five years ago. In light of current water shortages and skyrocketing fossil fuel costs, the question, “how do we begin to reverse problematic social, economic, and environmental trends” is something many students at our University have begun to explore.

“The waste that each of us produces constitutes a significant impact upon our natural community,” said Ryan Powell, Education & Outreach Coordinator, “Educating students is not only about reducing our campus’ ecological footprint, but also about the continued impact graduates will have as they go on to become leaders in communities across the globe.”

In an effort to change peers’ behavior, student leaders from the Caldwell Scholars, the Wolfpack Environmental Student Association (WESA), GREEN, and student interns from Waste Reduction & Recycling (WRR) have teamed up to host an America Recycles Day event in the brickyard from 9AM-3PM on Thursday, November 15th 2007.

The focus of the event will be waste reduction and recycling education. Each of the volunteer organizers will present educational posters covering topics ranging from electronic waste, to disposal of hazardous household materials. The event is open to the entire campus community and will include games, prizes and interactive activities.

For additional information on NC State University’s America Recycles Day contact Ryan Powell at 515-9881 or visit www.ncsu.edu/facilities/recycling/.

WASTE REDUCTION AND RECYCLING is a fully-funded office within Facilities Operations, Grounds Management Department. The office is responsible for management of campus waste through responsive and innovative programs that provide an environmentally sustainable and cost-effective service to the campus.

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