

Colby



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Sustainability Tracking and Assessment Rating System (STARS) Innovation Credit

Re: RESCUE Sale Innovation Affirmation

To Whom It May Concern:

RESCUE (Recycle Everything, Save Colby's Usable Excess) started in 2001-02 to capture clothing, household items, furniture, appliances, and other items that departing students leave behind. Following their collection in the spring, the range of goods are cleaned and stored for sale the following fall, which allows students to purchase gently used items from their peers instead of purchasing new ones.

The RESCUE Sale diverts thousands of pounds annually from the waste stream by ensuring students' unwanted dormitory items are used until the end of their product lives. It has also raised awareness about the benefit of donating and purchasing used goods among the Colby and Waterville Communities, as items that aren't sold, but still usable are donated to local homeless shelters and charity groups.

I, Dale DeBlois, the Environmental Program Manager, affirm that Colby's RESCUE sale meets the criteria for an innovation credit from STARS. As defined by STARS, innovative credits are reserved for new, extraordinary, unique, ground-breaking, or uncommon outcomes, policies, and practices that greatly exceed the highest criterion of an existing STARS credit and are not covered by an existing STARS credit.

Signed: Dale DeBlois

Date: 9/12/14
