

Recycle Mania

A white recycling symbol consisting of three chasing arrows forming a triangle, positioned to the right of the title.

One man, one dog, and one grocery bag
respond to the challenge



The story begins with a dog who gets walked a few times a day...



Dylan (aka “Dogface”)

Age: 7 years

Born: Trenton, NJ

Weight: 65

Breed: Mutt

Occupation: Makes fur

Likes: Long walks,
snacks, chin scratches

Dislikes: Nail-clips, Tail-
pulls, Litter

And includes this guy, who has a habit of picking up trash rather than walking by.



He usually comes home with a few pieces of trash...



But recently he has been bringing home armloads.



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So this year, during Recyclemania, he decided to collect all the recyclables until the end, just to see how much they all weighed.



He put a trash can outside his door...



and put his armloads of trash in it.



It filled within days. So he switched to large plastic bags.



And rather than carrying it in his arms, one day he grabbed a bag...



and filled it.



He filled one the next day, too.



And the day after that.



And the next day.



And the day after that, too.



The next day, he took a bigger bag.



By the end of the week, this is what he had.
(It seemed like a good idea to take Sunday off).



Just for fun, he recorded the routes he took on those dog walks.
They looked like this...

Monday



0.73 miles



Tuesday



0.35 miles



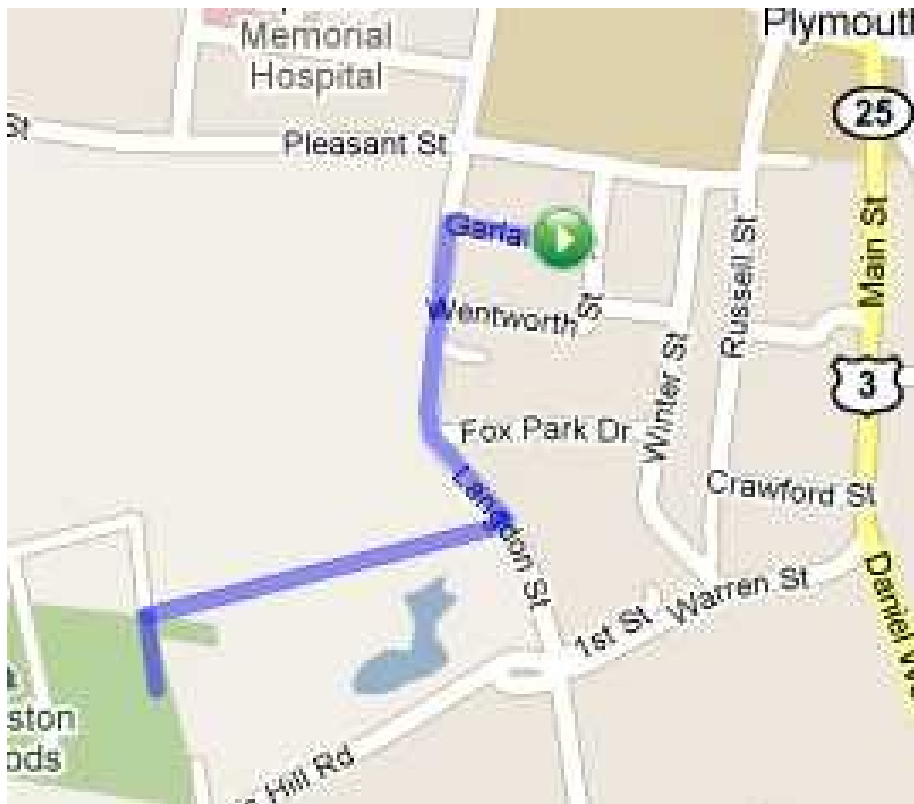
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0.98 miles



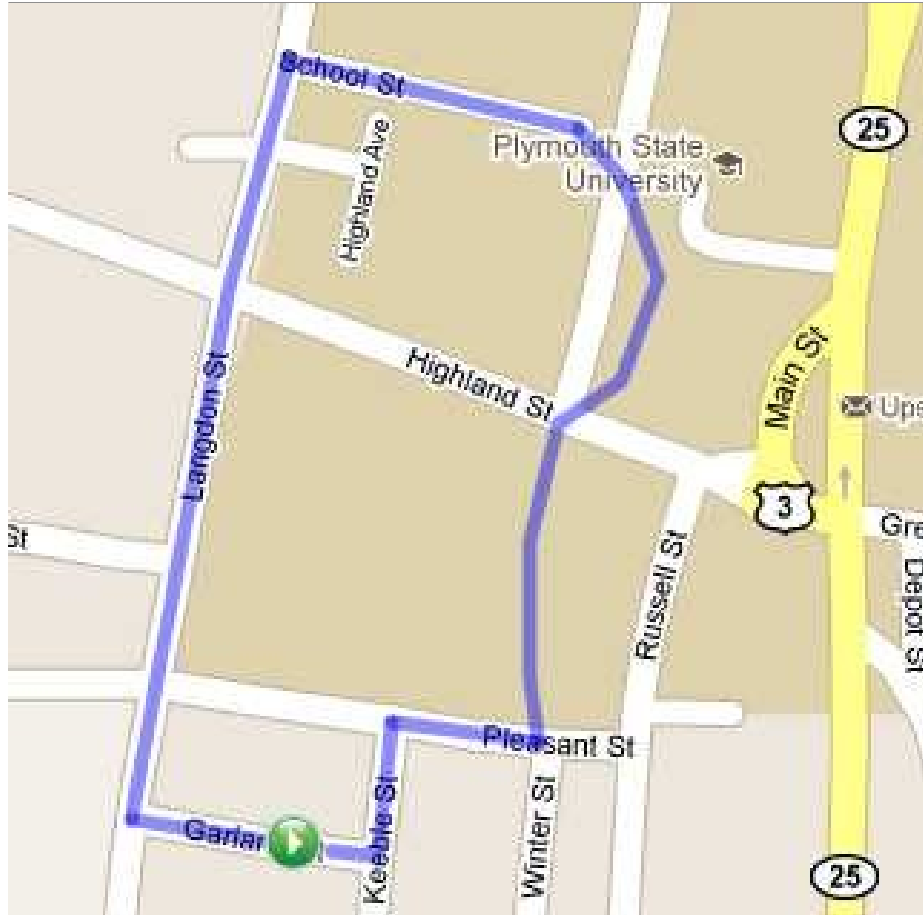
Thursday



1.12 miles



Friday



0.84 miles



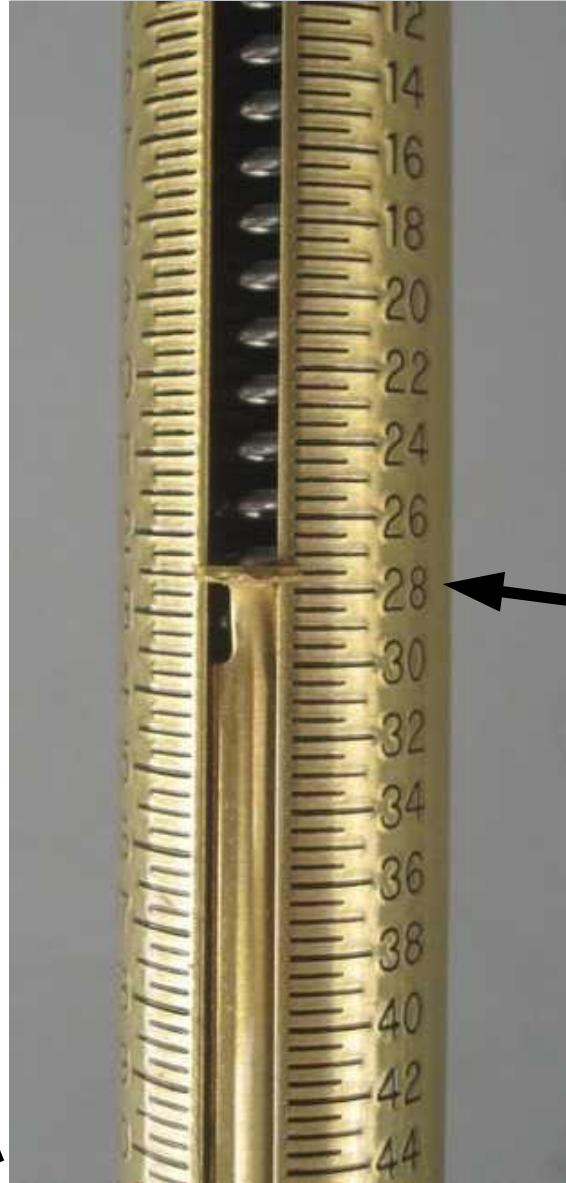
Saturday



1.01 miles



This is what he had at the end of that week.



- One Week
- Two bags
- 27.5 lbs

One Man, One Dog and One Grocery Bag a Day!



But he didn't stop there. Everyday until the end of Recyclemania, he left with an empty bag and returned with a full one. In the end, he had collected:



117.5 pounds of recyclable:

- Glass
- Plastic
- Aluminum

Thus, he accomplished his goal:



United States Coast Guard Academy:
81.75 lbs per student

*[Plymouth State University:
8.51 lbs per student]*



Plymouth Recyclemaniac:
117.5 lbs

WINNER !!!

But he is not done, because his beautiful town of Plymouth...



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Has a problem.

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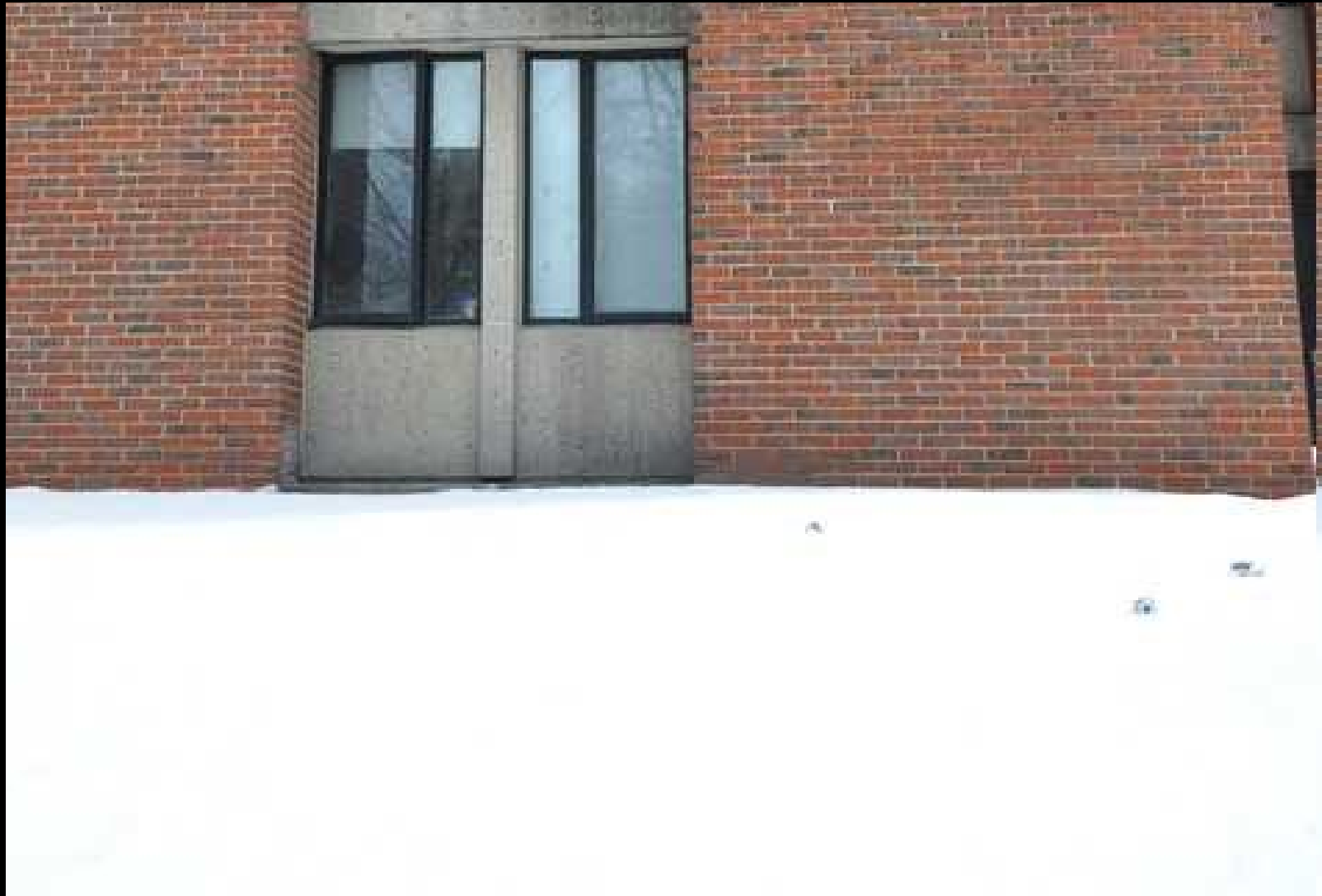
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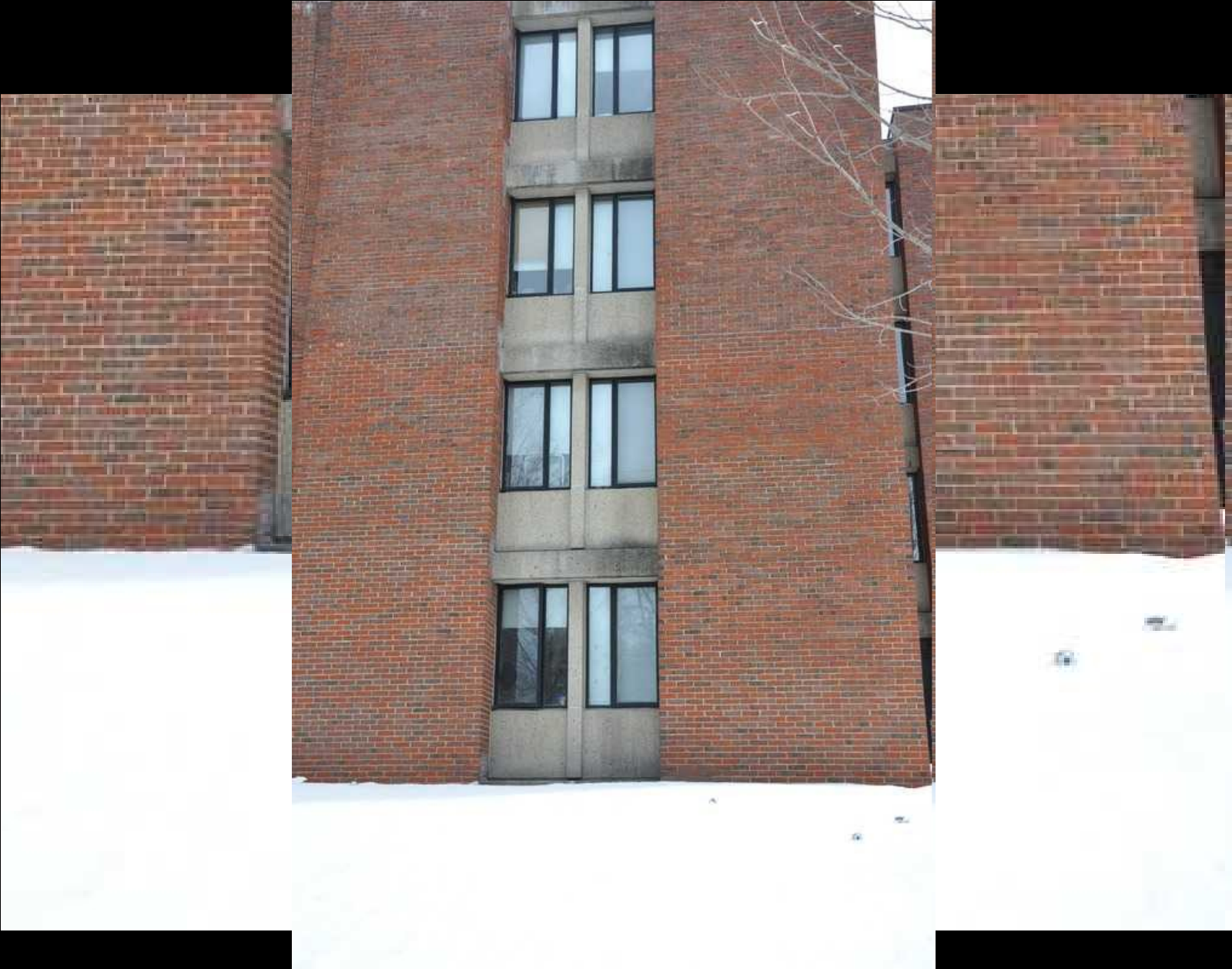
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because we all have a responsibility.



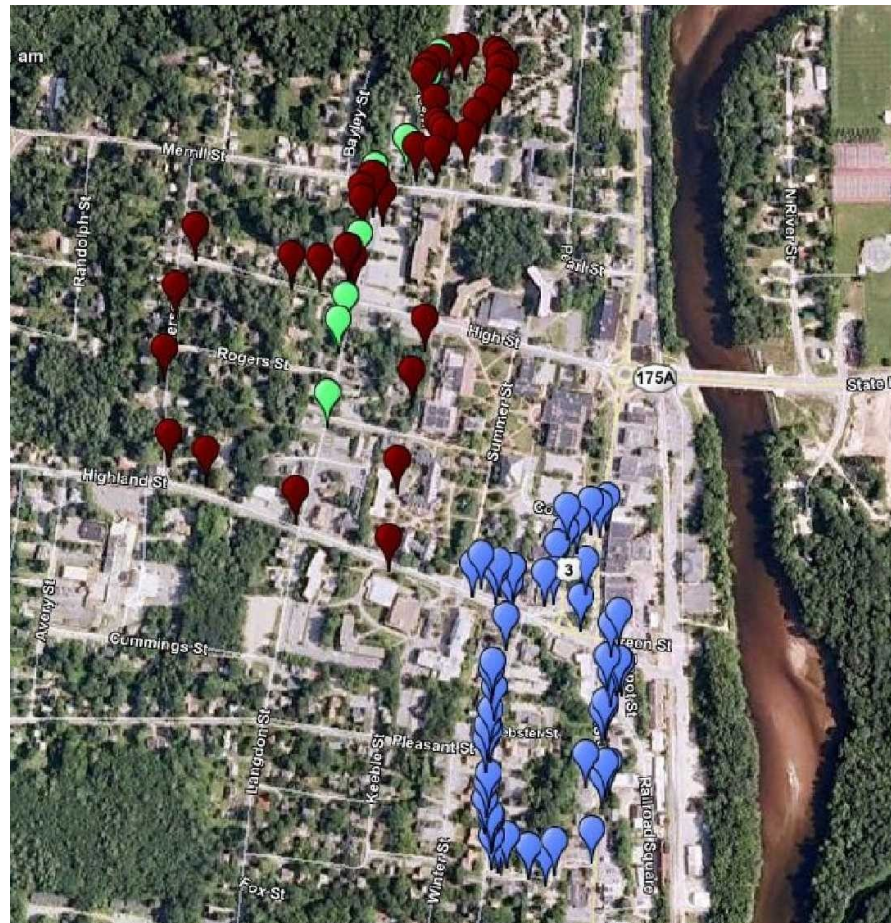
It is time we ALL stood up to say “This is NOT OK!!” and then we ALL bent down to pick it up.



YOU are challenged to join in Plymouth Pick-Uppalooza. All you have to do is grab a bag and go for a walk. And leave Plymouth cleaner at the end of this school year than you found it.

The image shows a screenshot of a Facebook page for a community called "Plymouth Pick-Uppalooza". The page layout includes a top navigation bar with the Facebook logo, a search bar, and a "Home" link. On the left side, there is a navigation menu with options like "Wall", "Hidden Posts", "Info", "Photos", "Edit", "About", and "28 people like this". The main content area displays the community name "Plymouth Pick-Uppalooza" with a "Community" label and an "Edit Info" link. Below this is a row of five small images: a person walking with a trash bag, a trash bag, a "2011 RECYCLE MANIA" sign, a trash bag with "goho root, vieras sausages" written on it, and a close-up of a person's face. The "Wall" section shows a post from the community titled "Plymouth Pick-Uppalooza" with the text: "Walk, talk, and pick-up event: it is supposed to be a beautiful Friday afternoon, so why don't we get together and pick up some trash?! Let's meet at 2pm in front of the HUB. BYOBag (though I'll have some extras)." The post is dated "50 minutes ago" and has "Like" and "Comment" options. Below the post are two comments: one from "Joye Foote" saying "Inspiring! I shall tackle my own road as well! - thanks" (11 hours ago) and one from "Mary Earick" saying "Outstanding!!! I will share this with all my advisees. Thanks for caring and most importantly taking action! mary" (14 hours ago). The page also features a "Share" section with options for Status, Question, Photo, Link, and Video, and a text input field for writing a message.

One group of students already did it on a rainy afternoon. With a GPS, they marked the spot of every piece of trash they collected.



In one hour, 6 students made this map and collected 39 lbs of recyclables and 19 lbs of trash.

Plymouth is a beautiful place.





Plymouth State
UNIVERSITY




We've even won awards for our environmentalism.

The Princeton Review's
**GUIDE
TO 286
GREEN
COLLEGES**



Presented in partnership with the U.S. Green Building Council

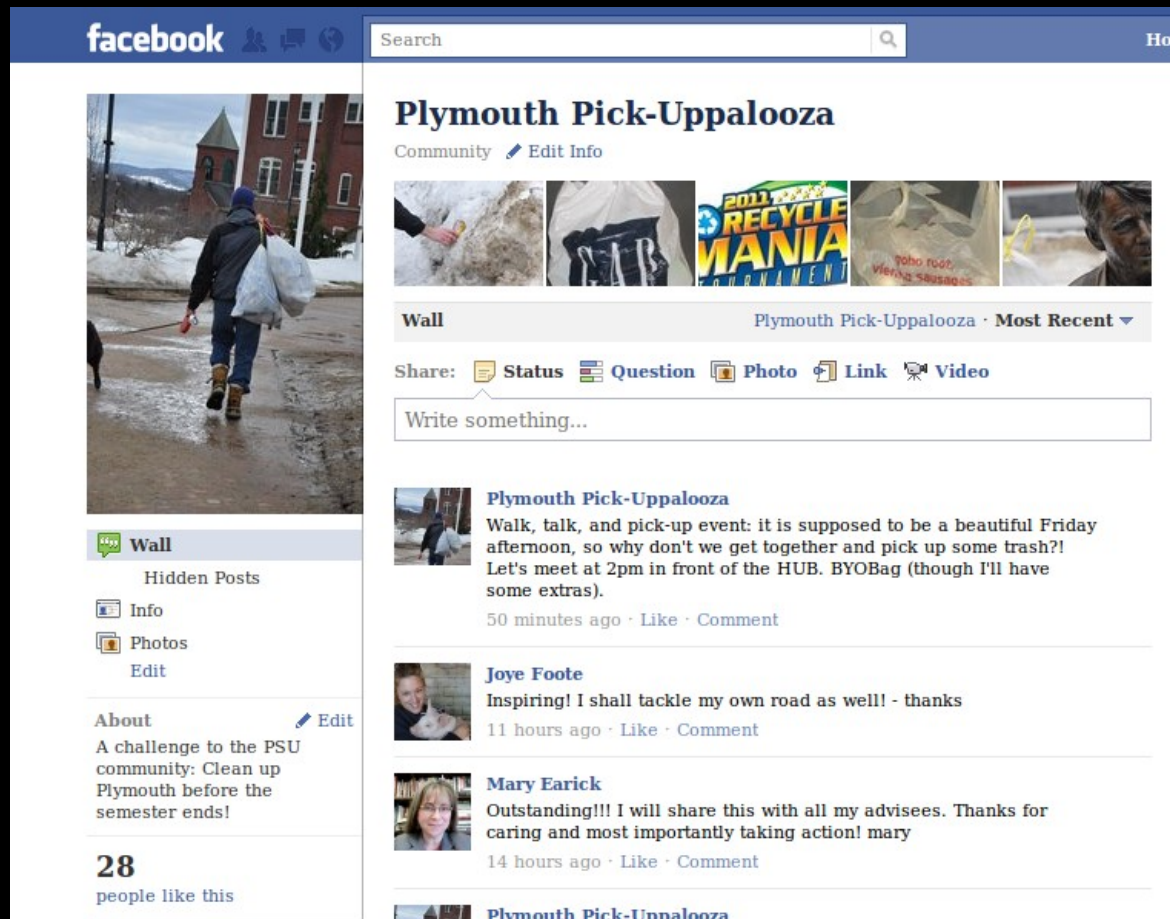


- 286 school profiles cover green highlights on the nation's most eco-friendly campuses, featuring everything from solar panel study rooms to fair-trade fashion.
- Get each school's vital stats on sustainability, including Green majors, Green job placement, getting around Green on campus, and more.
- Includes special features on outstanding examples of living and learning Green on campus.

Isn't it time we cleaned up our own streets?



So join us on Facebook:



The image shows a screenshot of a Facebook page for a community called "Plymouth Pick-Uppalooza". The page header includes the Facebook logo, a search bar, and a "Home" link. The main content area features a large photo of a person walking away with a full white trash bag. Below the photo is a "Wall" section with a "Hidden Posts" toggle, "Info", "Photos", and "Edit" options. The "About" section describes the community as a challenge to clean up Plymouth before the semester ends, with 28 people liking it. The main feed shows a post from the community: "Walk, talk, and pick-up event: it is supposed to be a beautiful Friday afternoon, so why don't we get together and pick up some trash?! Let's meet at 2pm in front of the HUB. BYOBAG (though I'll have some extras)." This post has 50 minutes ago timestamp and options to like or comment. Below it are two user comments: one from Joye Foote saying "Inspiring! I shall tackle my own road as well! - thanks" (11 hours ago) and one from Mary Earick saying "Outstanding!!! I will share this with all my advisees. Thanks for caring and most importantly taking action! mary" (14 hours ago). The page also features a "Share:" menu with options for Status, Question, Photo, Link, and Video, and a "Write something..." text box. A banner at the top of the main content area reads "2011 RECYCLE MANIA TOURNAMENT" with images of recycling bins and a person.

Or on the web: <http://tinyurl.com/PlymouthPickUp>

But mostly, join us on the streets with a bag, and

help leave Plymouth cleaner than you found it!!