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RE: Recycling Education Kiosk in the Park  
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**Recycling Education Kiosk in the Park**

(Stevens Point, Wis.) June 28, 2021 – The nonprofit organization Recycling Connections has created an outdoor Recycling Education Kiosk as part of their year-long celebration of their 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary.

The kiosk project is through a partnership with the City of Stevens Point's Parks Department, and is located along the section of the Green Circle trail near the Wisconsin River between the City's Pfiﬀner and Bukolt Parks. The kiosk area features recycling tips and facts, waste reduction and reuse ideas, and backyard composting information. It will be available through Labor Day weekend, and over the next couple of months will feature different family-friendly activities, books, and/or resources to enjoy while visiting the kiosk and its surrounding park area.

The project has been a community effort, for example the kiosk frame includes nearly 1,000 repurposed plastic beverage bottles that were collected through a social media call for donations. The bottles were then cleaned and strung together by staff and community volunteers to create the kiosk's walls and ceiling. Its walkway features shredded tires delivered and donated by Liberty Tire Recycling out of Auburndale, and the University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point's Facility Services Department provided a bale of paper to demonstrate how recyclables get processed before being shipped to a paper mill for recycling.

With the upcoming month being Plastic Free July (<https://www.plasticfreejuly.org/take-the-challenge/>) the kiosk will highlight more information about plastics and encourage people to take the Plastic Free July challenge to reduce their use of single-use plastics.

Recycling Connections was founded in 1981 originally as a recycling cooperative of local nonprofit organizations and community groups that collected recyclables throughout Portage County. The goal was to increase recycling and to also earn money for each group. Within a year the organization became a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization and continued to grow. In 1991 the organization switched its focus away from collection and processing of recyclables, over to community outreach, education, and programming services. Their mission also expanded, and now they address a wide range of solid waste-related topics besides just recycling.

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Recycling Connections (RC), founded in 1981 in Stevens Point, Wisconsin, is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization that specializes in education and community outreach programs and/or services that promote waste reduction, reuse, recycling, composting, and resource conservation. Learn more at [www.recyclingconnections.org](http://www.recyclingconnections.org) or follow them on Facebook or Instagram.

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