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Though it has a reputation as an environmentally sustainable campus, there is talk at the UW-River Falls about implementing a student-funded “green fee” within the next year or two. The money would be used — among other things — to improve trash and recycling programs. Sophia Koch (COOK) has the story.

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SOPHIA KOCH: FOR THREE YEARS IN A ROW, U-W-R-F HAS EARNED A SILVER IN THE SUSTAINABILITY TRACKING, ASSESMENT AND RATING SYSTEM. MARK KLAPATCH (KLA-patch), THE UNIVERSITY SUSTAINABILITY AND CUSTODIAL SUPERVISOR, WOULD LIKE TO INCREASE RECYCLING AND REDUCE TRASH ON CAMPUS BY CREATING A BETTER RECEPTACLE SYSTEM.

MARK KLAPATCH: "SUSTAINABILITY IN GENERAL IS A MORAL OBLIGATION TO OURSELVES AND OTHERS, IN PARTICULAR FUTURE GENERATIONS, TO MAKE SURE WE ARE USING OUR RESOURCES IN AN EFFICIENT MANNER TO NOT HINDER THE FUTURE..."

SOPHIA KOCH: KLAPATCH PROPOSES INCREASING THE PROPORTION OF RECYCLING BINS TO TRASH CANS, AND WOULD LIKE TO BETTER INFORM STUDENTS ON WHAT CAN AND CANNOT BE RECYCLED WITH MORE UNIFORM LABELING. SARAH DAGGETT (DAY-get), A SENIOR FIELD BIOLOGY MAJOR AT UWRF, AGREES WITH THIS IDEA.

SARAH DAGGETT: "I THINK THAT SOMETIMES THE PICTURE SIGNS HELP, JUST WHEN PEOPLE LOOK AT WHAT'S IN THEIR HAND AND THEN SEE THE PICTURE THAT'S ABOVE THE RECYCLING INSTEAD OF THE TRASH. IT MAKES IT MORE INSTINCTUAL."

SOPHIA KOCH: FOR FALCON NEWS, I'M SOPHIA KOCH.

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