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**TERRACYCLE® PARTNERS WITH THE CITY OF STUART  
TO RECYCLE CIGARETTE BUTTS**

***Locals Stomp-Out Cigarette Litter with Help of Student Volunteers and TerraCycle Recycling Program***

**STUART, Florida (March 27, 2019)** – TerraCycle, the world’s leader in the collection and repurposing of complex waste streams, has joined forces with the City of Stuart to collect and recycle cigarette butts throughout the city’s historic downtown area.

“Besides being unsightly litter, discarded cigarette butts actually poison our environment,” said Anne Ellig, the City of Stuart’s Recycling Coordinator. “The City of Stuart would like to encourage not just proper disposal, but also recycling through the TerraCycle system.”

Through this program, the City of Stuart is working to address the nation’s most commonly littered item. Since implementing the initiative, cigarette collection receptacles have been attached to trash cans on highly-trafficked street-corners, beside benches and along the St. Lucie River in an effort to mitigate marine plastic pollution. Students4H<sub>2</sub>O, a student-led local non-profit, volunteers with the program to monitor, collect and ship the waste to TerraCycle for recycling.

"It's wonderful to work together with the City of Stuart to beautify our community and planet," said Adriana Mancini, President and Founder of Students4H<sub>2</sub>O. "Our vision is to see receptacles at our beaches, hospitals, grocery stores and in other high traffic areas."

All of the cigarette waste collected from the city’s six maintained receptacles is shipped to TerraCycle for recycling. When processed, the paper and tobacco are separated from the filter and composted. The filter is recycled into plastic pellets which can be used by manufacturers to make a number of products such as shipping pallets, ashtrays and park benches.

“These receptacles will help keep Stuart free of one of the most littered items on the planet,” said Tom Szaky, the founder and CEO of TerraCycle. “With this program, the City of Stuart is taking a step to reduce the amount of trash going to landfill while also preserving the area’s natural beauty.”

TerraCycle has collected hundreds of millions of cigarette butts globally. Additionally, through its various recycling programs, it has engaged over 100 million people across 21 countries to collect and recycle more than four billion pieces of waste that were otherwise non-recyclable.

**About The City of Stuart**

While supporting a vision of “small town character” the City of Stuart is dedicated to promoting a sustainable quality of life for citizens by providing efficient services. The City of Stuart observes a high ethical standard and maintains excellence, respect and integrity.

**About TerraCycle**

TerraCycle is an innovative waste management company with a mission to eliminate the idea of waste®. Operating nationally across 21 countries, TerraCycle partners with leading consumer product companies, retailers, cities, and facilities to recycle products and packages, from dirty diapers to cigarette butts, that would otherwise end up being landfilled or incinerated. In addition, TerraCycle works with leading consumer product companies to integrate hard to recycle waste streams, such as ocean plastic, into their products and packaging. TerraCycle has won over 200 awards for sustainability and has donated over \$44 million to schools and charities since its founding 15 years ago. To learn more about TerraCycle or get involved in its recycling programs, please visit [www.terracycle.com](http://www.terracycle.com).

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