

# Gaps in campus recycling



**A GIS Study of methods for trash vs. recycling disposal at Virginia Tech**

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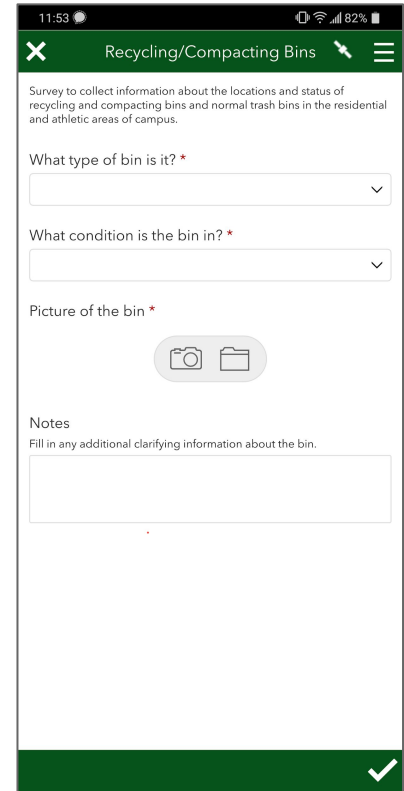
# Introduction

- Highlight where trash disposal versus recycling bins are located .
- Looking for gaps in the recycling infrastructure.
- Green RFP recommendation.
  - Opens twice a year
  - Submit a proposal recommending green infrastructure improvements



# Development of Survey

- Purpose: to collect the locations of compacting trash and recycle bins, trash bins, and recycle bins.
- Collect information about bin type, condition, and take a photo.
  - Also a space for notes if needed



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Recycling/Compacting Bins

Survey to collect information about the locations and status of recycling and compacting bins and normal trash bins in the residential and athletic areas of campus.

What type of bin is it? \*

What condition is the bin in? \*

Picture of the bin \*

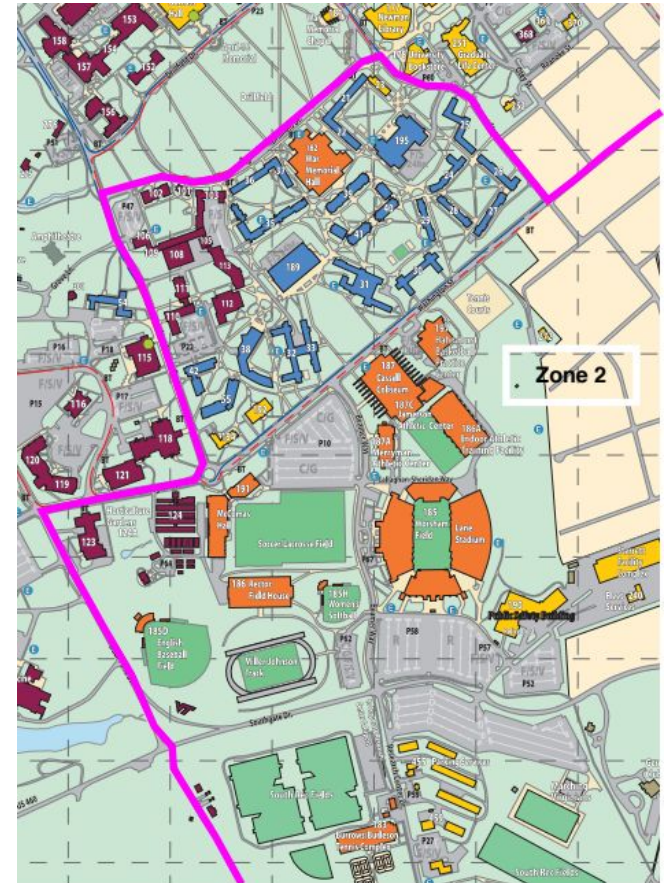
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Fill in any additional clarifying information about the bin.

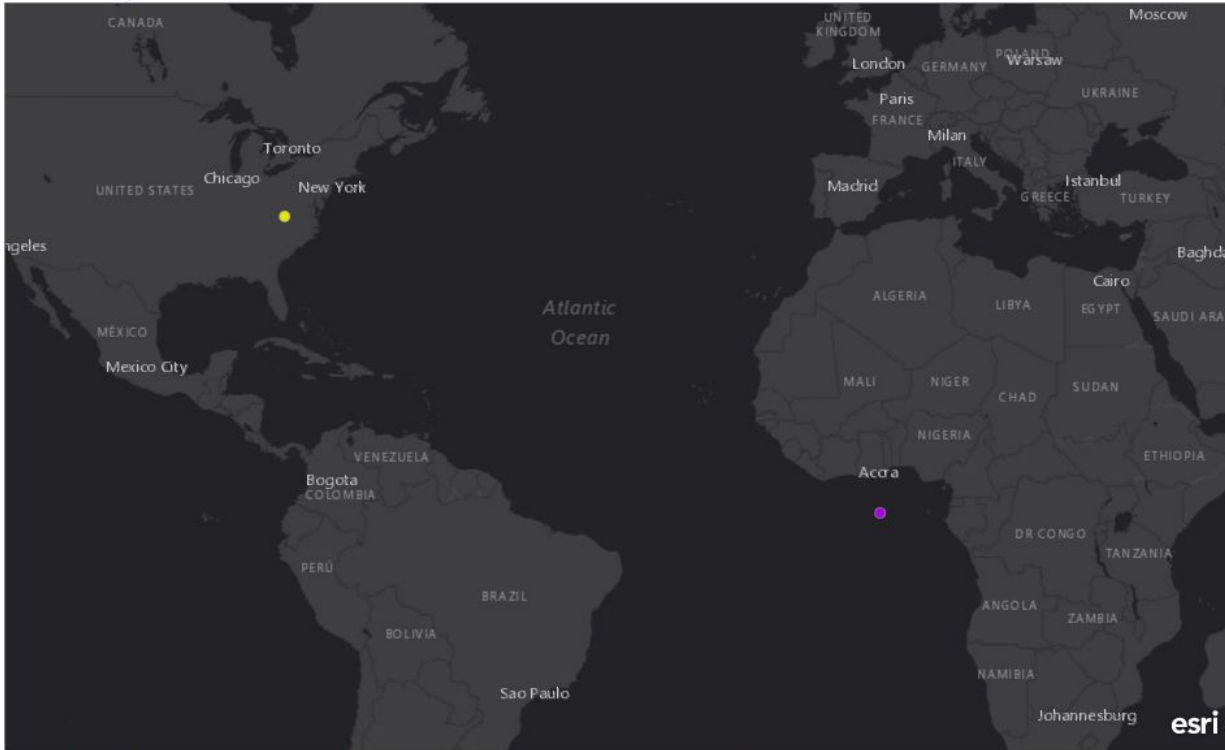
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# Data Collection

- **Zone 2**
  - Divided up into residential and athletic regions
    - Melody and Owen: residential region
    - Yang and Alisande: athletic region



# Data Collection Continued...

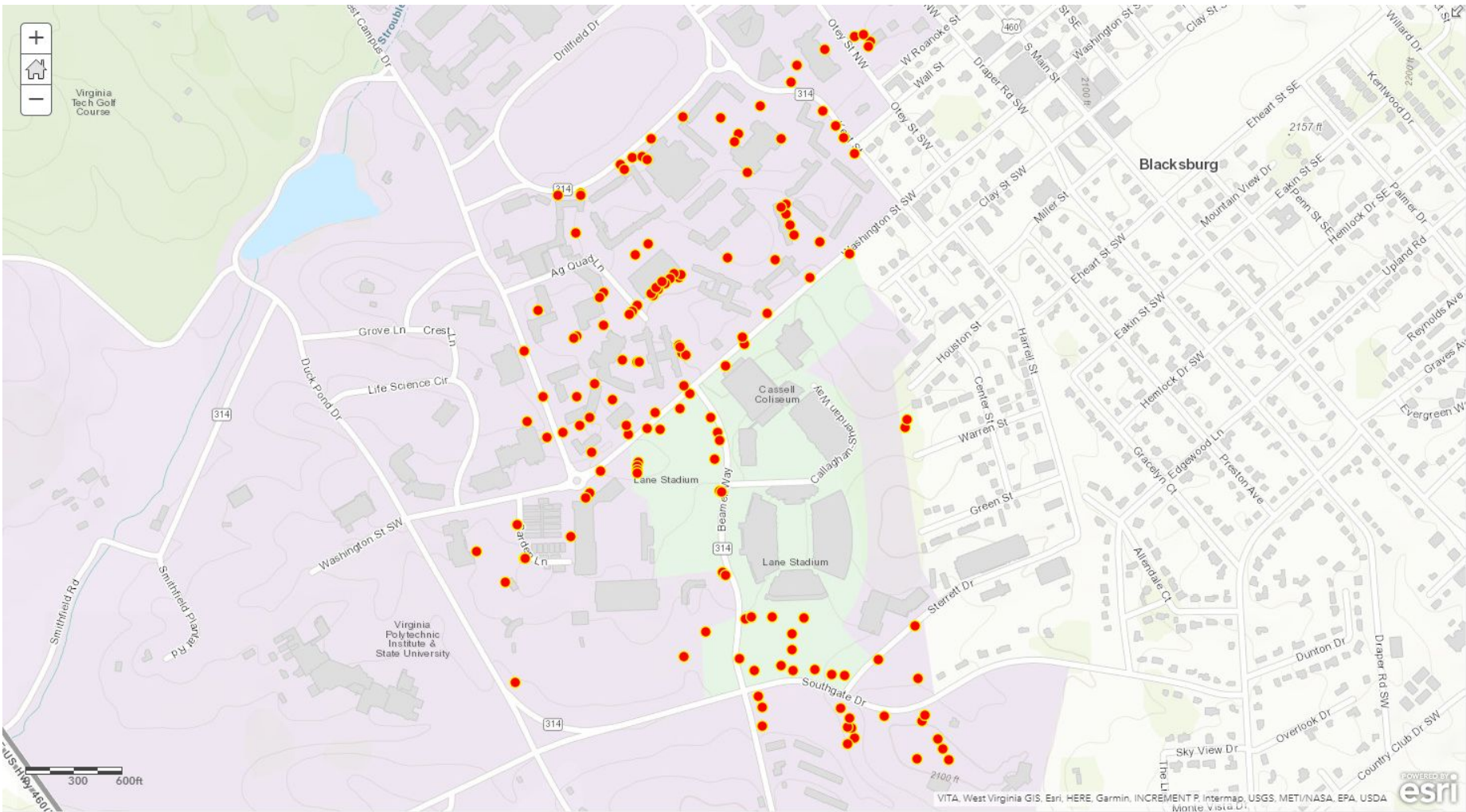


Map for the collection of points for compacting trash bins, recycling bins, and normal trash bins



**To ensure we collect the most accurate data possible:**

Walk up to the trash can and stand there for a few moments to allow your GPS to catch up with you. Then tap collect to start adding information about that point.

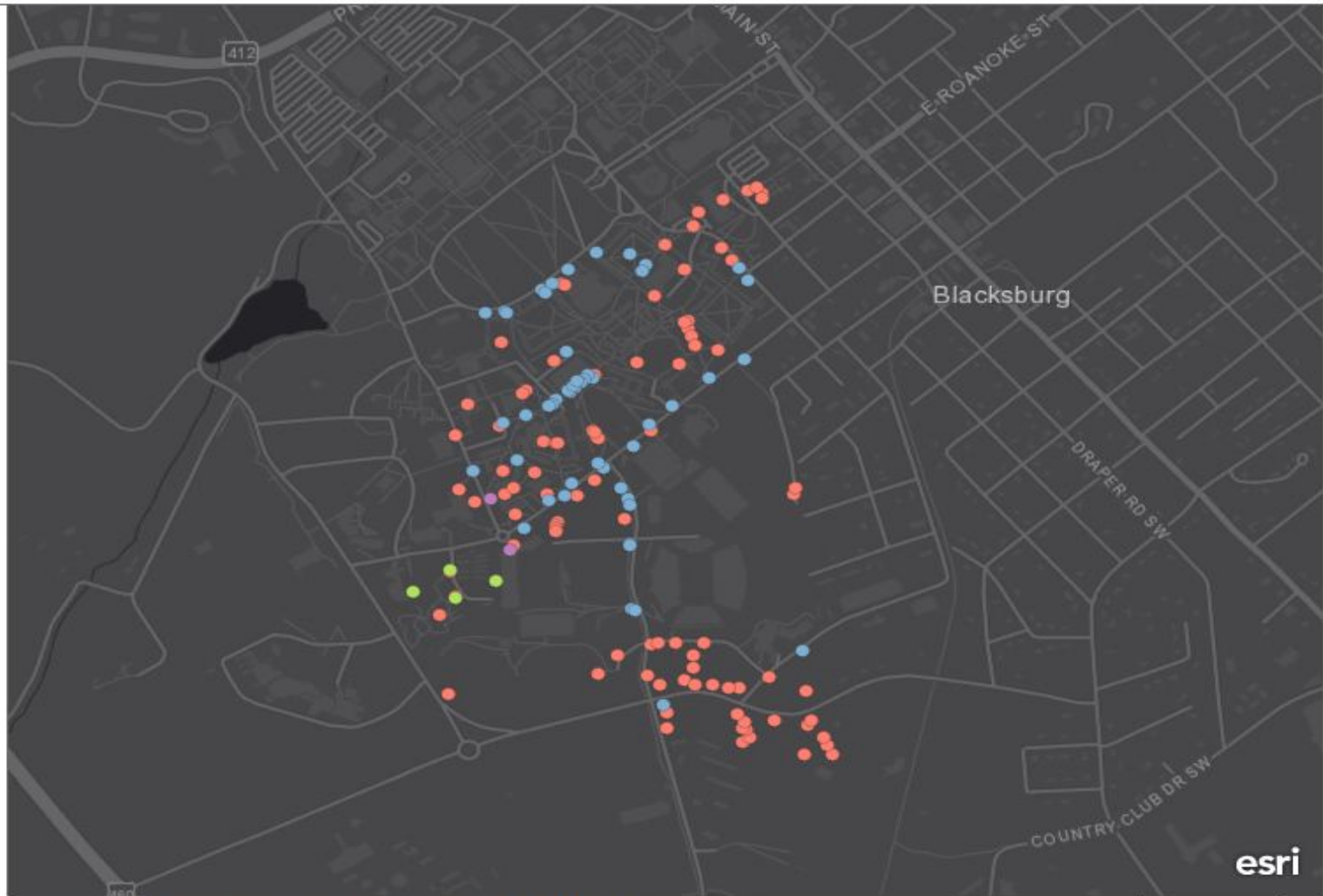
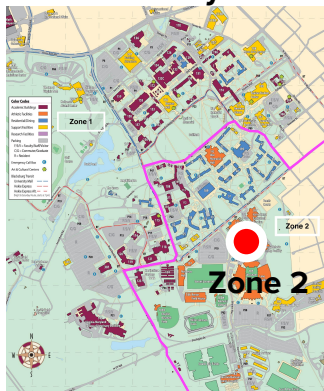


## Bin Type

- Normal trash bin
- Compacting/recycling bin
- Recycling bin
- Other

Link to map:  
<http://arcg.is/19LniX>

## Selected Study Area

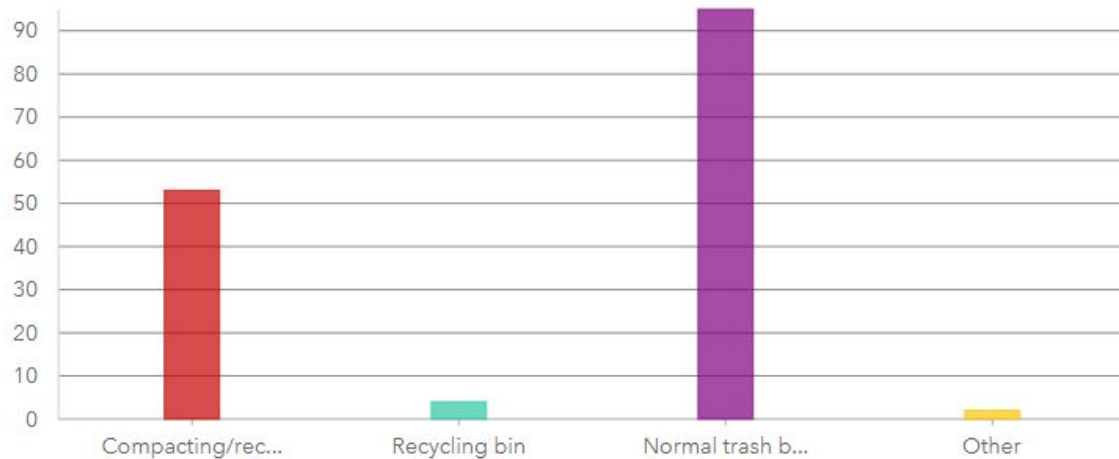


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## What type of bin is it? \*

Column Bar Pie Map



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Other response  Empty categories [Sort](#)

Answers	Count	Percentage
Compacting/recycling bin	53	34.42%
Recycling bin	4	2.60%
Normal trash bin	95	61.69%
Other	2	1.30%

Answered: 154 Skipped: 0

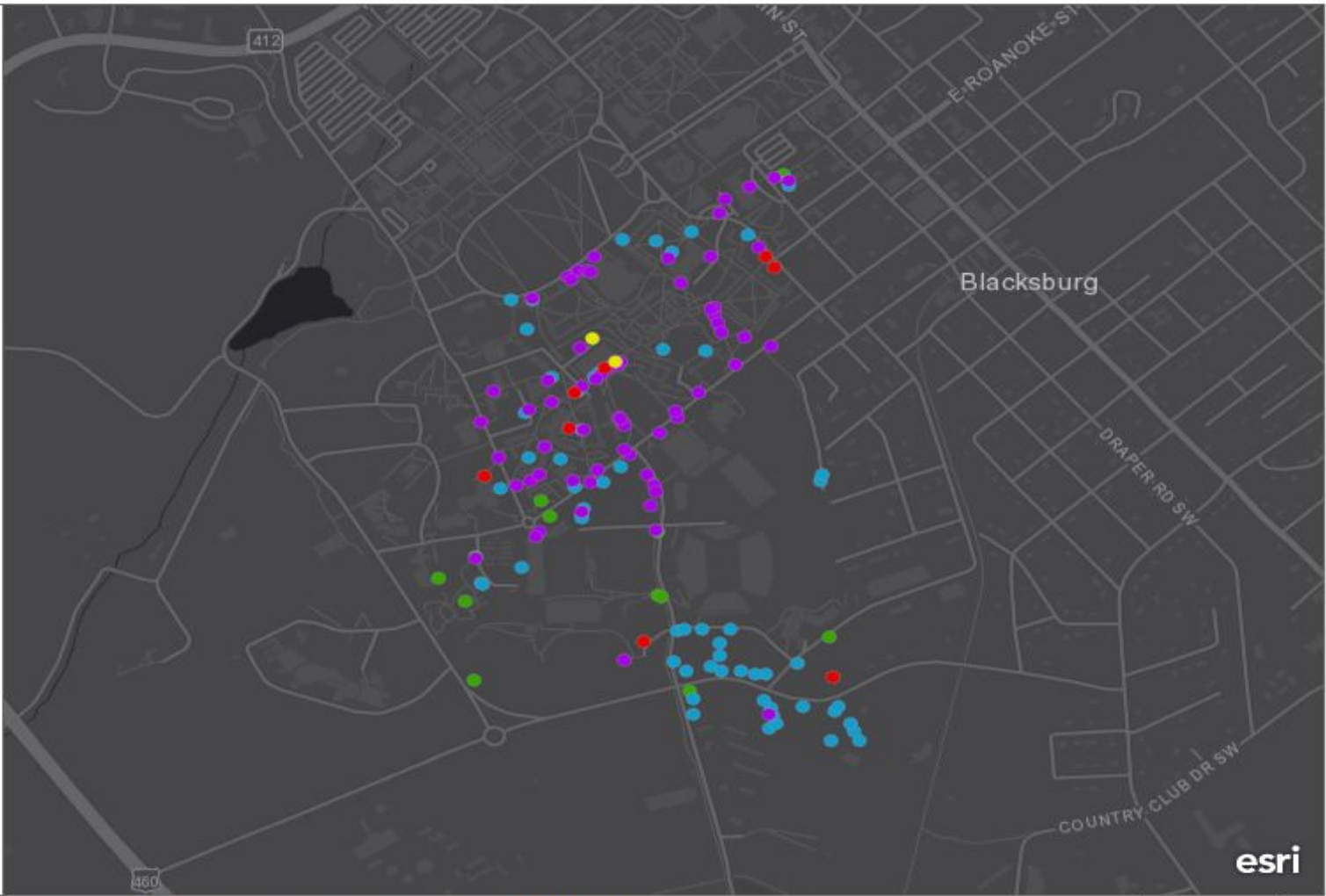
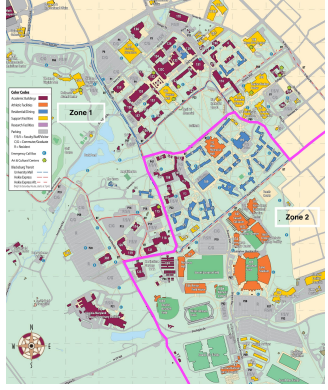


### Bin Condition

- Excellent
- Ok
- Good
- Bad
- Other

Link to map:  
<http://arcg.is/1SqXPe>

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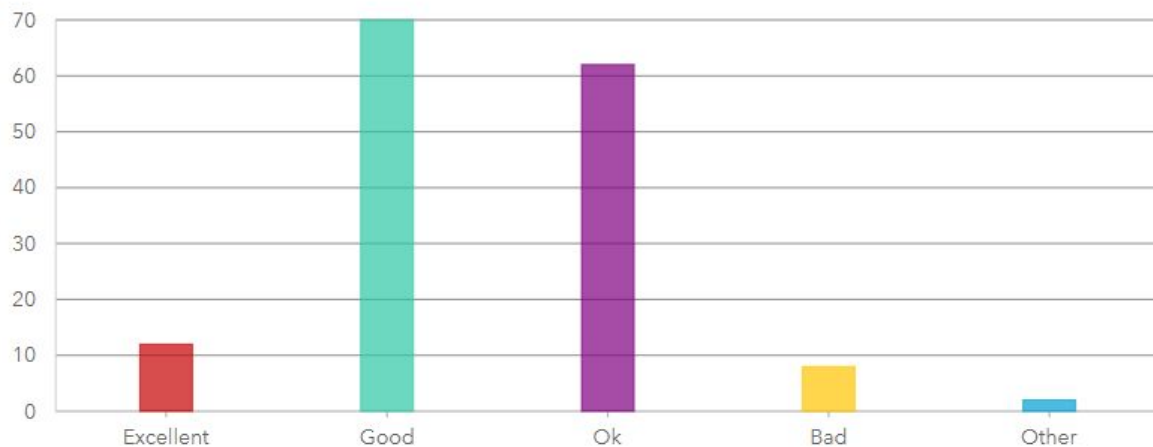


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What condition is the bin in? \*

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Other response



Empty categories



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Answers	Count	Percentage
Excellent	12	7.79%
Good	70	45.45%
Ok	62	40.26%
Bad	8	5.19%
Other	2	1.30%

Answered: 154 Skipped: 0

# Challenges/Conclusion

- Condition of the bins
  - Interpretation
- Poor Cell Signal
- Poor GPS Signal
  - Buildings, Trees, Weather
- Different Understanding of Collection Parameters
- Difficulty updating survey in Survey123 app with changes made to survey from Survey123 website