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Stockton College's New Eco-Friendly "Green" Parking Lot Will Be Largest of its Kind in NJ

EcoSoil and Porous Grids Utilized in Construction of New Lot

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Galloway Township, NJ- The Richard Stockton College of New Jersey began work this month to convert an athletic practice field into a parking lot. This may sound routine, but the details reflect the College's commitment to innovation in green technology and to recycling.

Rather than using asphalt, the lot will be "paved" with a porous surface of plastic grids. These grids, which are durable and resilient, are made from recycled polyethylene. Placed on a carefully prepared surface, the grid sections lock together to form a surface that supports cars and light trucks.

At 1.86 acres, the project is the largest of its type in New Jersey. This technology appeals to organizations interested in sustainability and the aesthetic appeal of their property as well as organizations in need of "overflow" parking that won't consistently receive heavy use.

A mixture of topsoil and EcoSoil from the Atlantic County Utilities Authority (www.ACUA.com) will fill the open spaces in the grids, which are about two inches thick. EcoSoil is a 100% natural composted blend of yard waste collected from around Atlantic County. Production of EcoSoil recycles yard waste and keeps it from using up valuable landfill space.

Grass will germinate and grow in the soil provided. Rainfall will soak through the parking lot into the ground without the need for storm drains.

The finished parking lot will look like a grassy lawn and provide space for 205 cars.

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Photo: Stockton's 1.86-acre eco-friendly parking lot under construction.

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