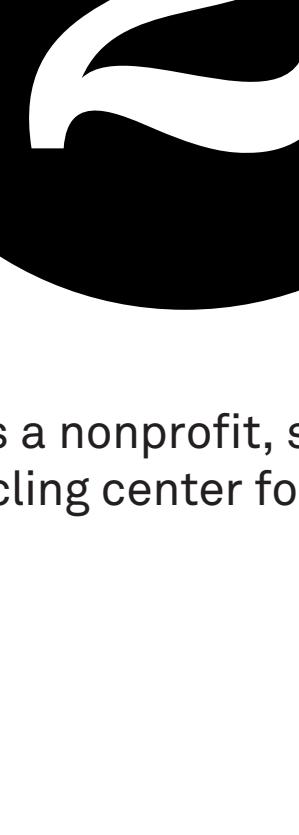
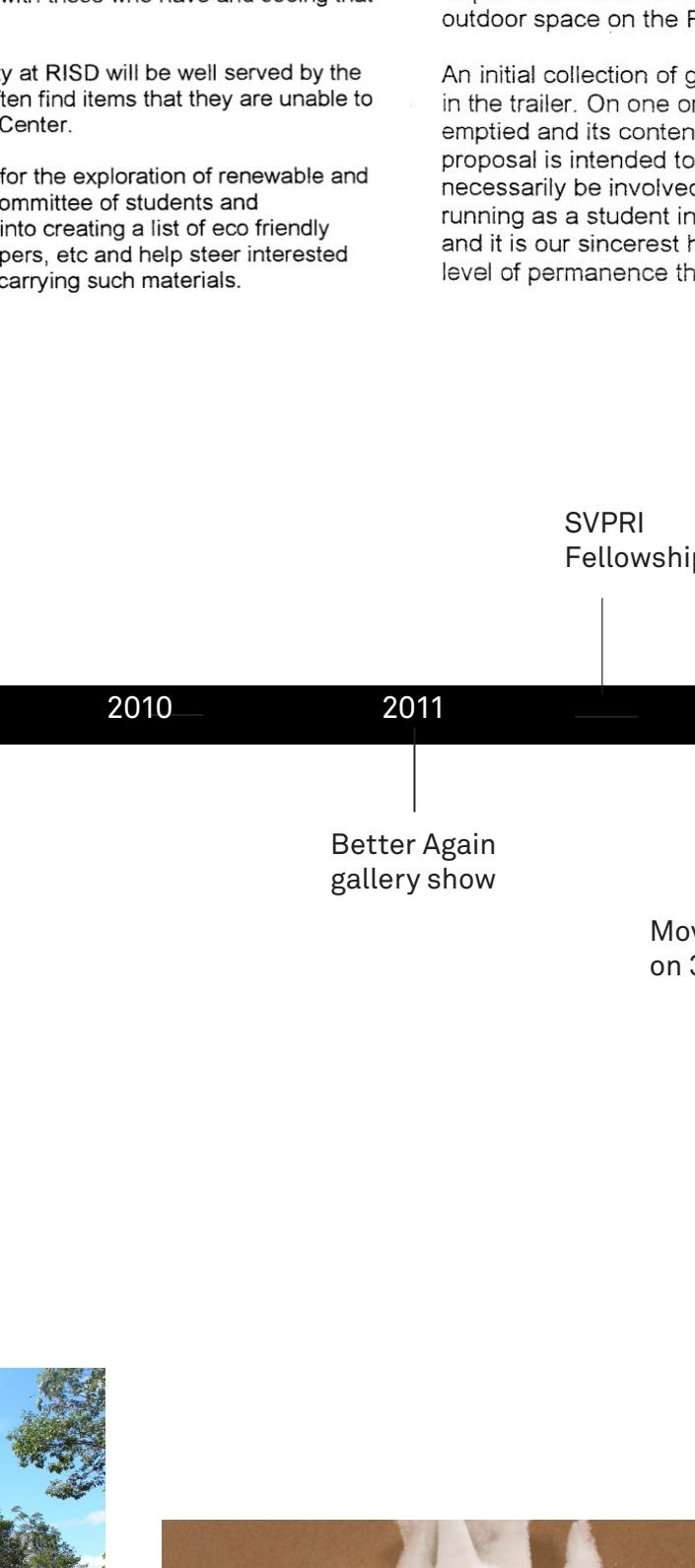


The BRIEF SUMMARY of RISD 2ndLIFE



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- RISD 2ndLife is a nonprofit, student operated, material-upcycling center for the community.

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RISD 2ndLife started from a 2004 proposal by students Alex Williams and Kate Arbarbanel for the final project for Yuriko Saito's class, *Ecological Responsibility in Art & Design*.

RISD Second Life Center As proposed by Alex Williams and Kate Arbarbanel

We are sophomores in Furniture Design. As part of a final project in Yuriko Saito's Ecological Responsibility in Art and Design course, we became interested in the ecological and environmental programs that RISD has in place. After meeting with various administrative members such as Susan Bagley, Roger Mandel, and Alan Cantara we became particularly interested in RISD's recycling programs, which are minimal at present!

In the spirit of providing a potential second life for the vast amount of useable waste created at RISD, that is now, or will be discarded by the students and run by RISD students. Another similar facility already exists in the Providence Area, we feel that the RISD community would greatly benefit by such a facility of its own. It would eliminate the need for a large amount of travel and transportation and the benefits of running such a program is not only economical, but that it could operate with a great deal of efficiency and serve as a model for the surrounding academic and residential communities and for larger and broadened operations with the RISD community itself.

What the Second Life Center will be:

The Second Life Center will provide a place for students to bring materials and supplies that they have finished with but they might be useful to others. It will also be a place where students can volunteer a small amount of time in exchange for items that they may desire or need.

Printed material and building supplies from the museum will be well served by printed material and building supplies from the museum will be well served by a material center. The center will also provide a valuable resource for an interdepartmental exchange of computers, office furniture, materials, etc. acting as a liaison to put those in need in contact with those who have and seeing that things get transferred.

"Dumpster Diving," always a popular activity at RISD will be well served by the proposed Second Life Center. Students often find items that they are unable to use themselves but that might interest the center.

The Center could also be used as a forum for the exploration of renewable and ecologically friendly materials at RISD. A committee of students and faculty/administrative members could look into creating a list of eco friendly plastics, renewable woods, unbleached papers, etc. and help steer interested students towards resources and suppliers carrying such materials.

Finally, the Second Life Center will be the first step towards a redirection of programs and emphasis at RISD: a redirection that we hope will focus on setting an example towards its students, and its surrounding community at large that ecological issues must be at the forefront of design education.

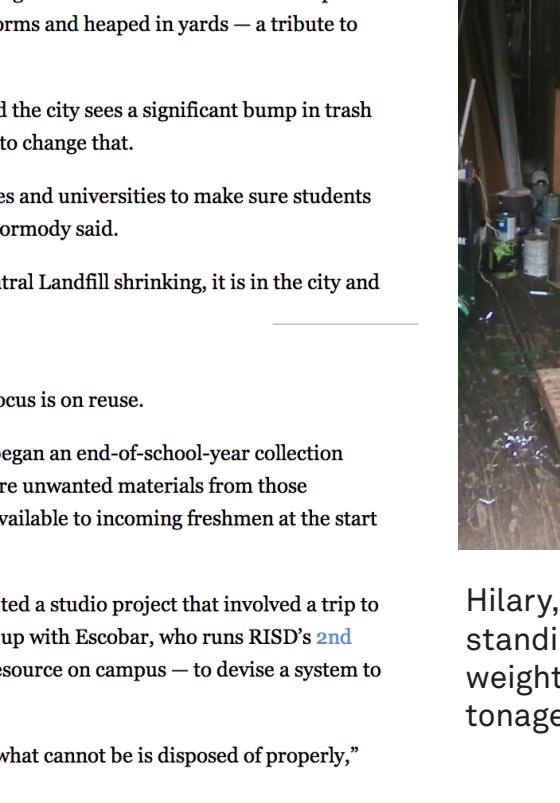
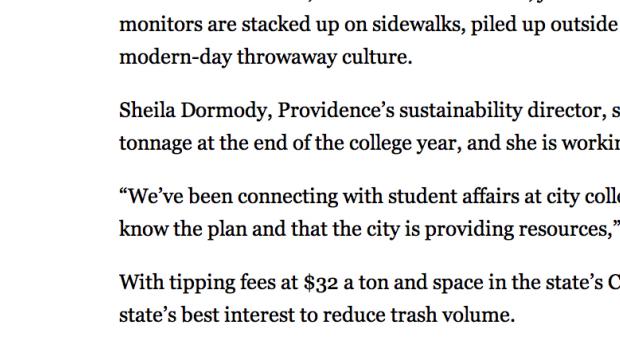
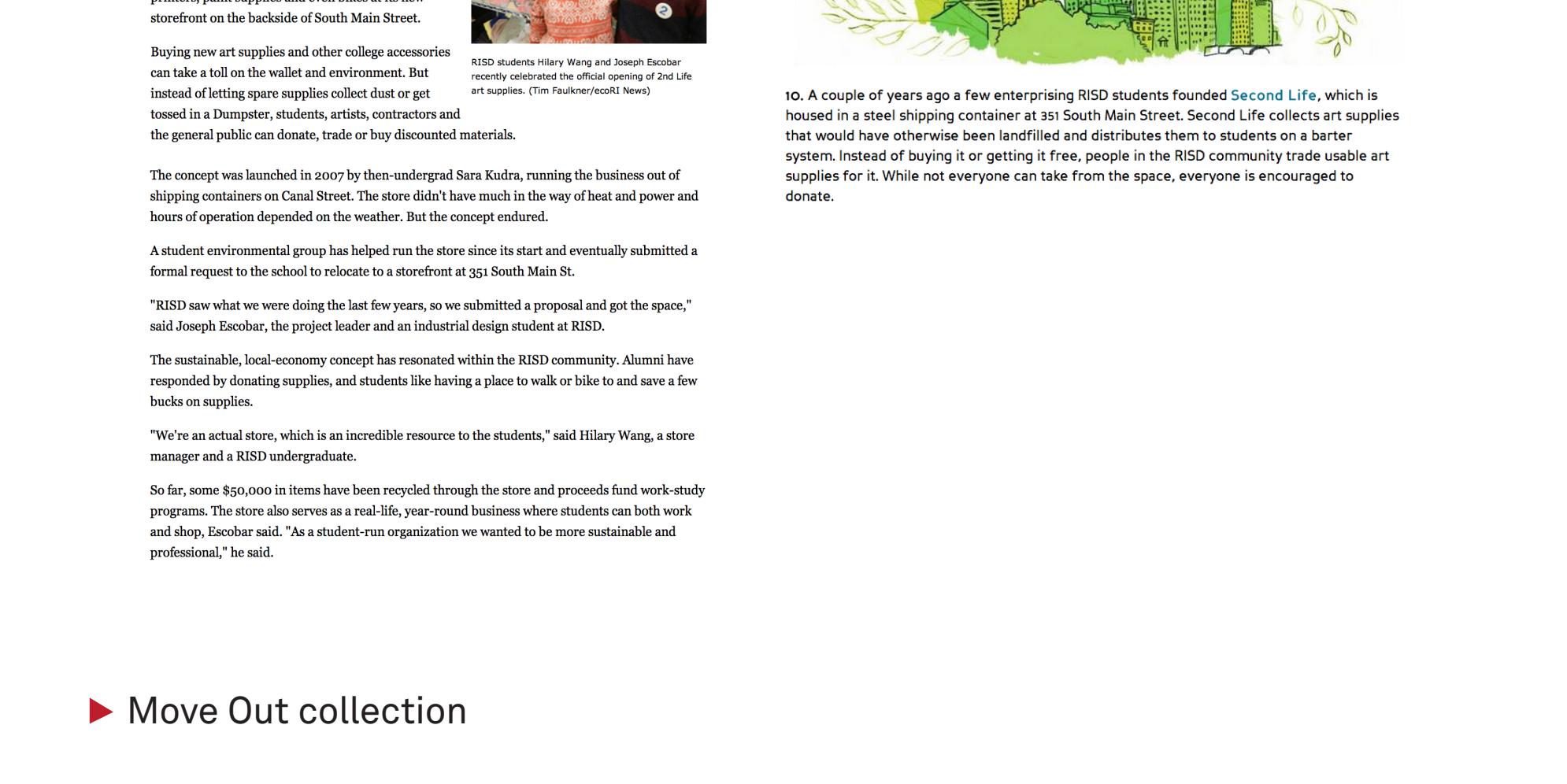
How the Recycling Center will work:

Under the guidance of an established subcommittee (of the Environmental Management Systems Steering Committee), the center will require the formation of several work-study positions. One position will be affiliated with the Facilities department and will include working with Jack Silva, Joe Deal, Jeff Apfel, Alan Cantara and other various administrators to oversee the location and maintenance of the center as well as the transportation and proper storage of the materials that are collected. Another position will be determined once accepted and what does not. The other position will be affiliated with the Office of Student Life and will deal with publicizing the Center (posters, mailings, t-shirts, etc.). This position will see to the creation of a website linked directly to the RISD and Daily Jolt websites with an online inventory and open hours. This OSL position will also oversee the organization of workers and volunteers from the campus to help run the center and its facilities. Additional volunteer positions will include one or more drivers to operate RISD vans and transport materials between two parties or to and from the Center.

Realizing that space is at a premium on the RISD campus, we propose beginning the program by renting a shipping container. Such a container could be obtained from a company such as Eagle Leasing for a cost of around \$150 per month (min. 3 months) plus a fee of \$75 each for delivery and pick up. This would require the use of several parking spots or any practically accessible and unused outdoor space on the RISD campus.

An initial collection of goods and materials can be decided upon and then stored in the trailer. On one or two Saturdays a month, the trailer can be opened and emptied and its contents sold for a handling fee or swapped for other items. This proposal is intended to help those who are interested and/or those who must move out. We are in need of help with what we do. We intend to get this program running as a student initiative under the auspices of the RISD Recycling Club and it is our sincerest hope that RISD will see its importance and adopt it to the level of permanence that it requires and deserves.

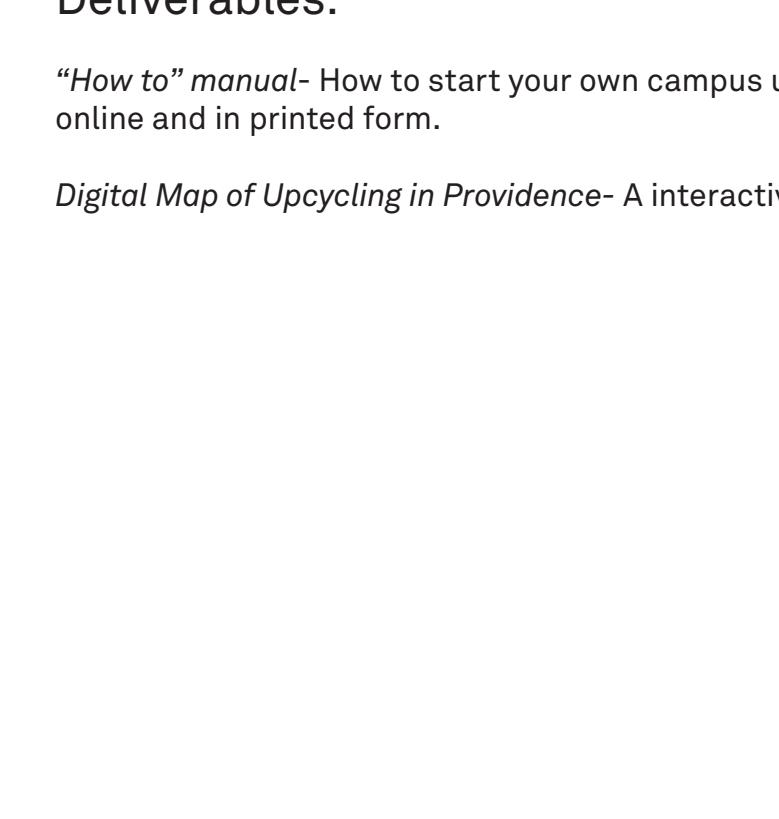
- Brief History of RISD 2ndLife



We began sponsoring the Rotate Boutique, (thesis project of Emily Tuttler MA '10) last year and continue the tradition still.

Poster announcing our new location + hours

- More info and numbers from RISD 2ndLife



2 Since September 2011-2012 school year

950+ visitors

\$ 2,947 monetary donations

800lbs supplies saved

550+ clothing traded

18 new jobs

47+ material donations

351 South Main St.

151 days open

This past January, we moved to a year-round location at 351 S.Main St.



RISD 2ndLife is a nonprofit, student-run, upcycling program at the Rhode Island School of Design. We collect usable art supplies and raw materials and redistribute them back into the community. A user can trade materials or leave a monetary donation for what they take.

By JOANNA DETZ/ecoRI News staff

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► From moveout we collected approximately \$65,000 worth of art supplies and raw materials; it will take us the rest of the summer to document and itemize our inventory.

► Sustainable Store Concept Thrives at RISD

By TIM FAULKNER/ecoRI News staff

PROVIDENCE — A new student-run store at the Rhode Island School of Design (RISD) offers a break for cash-strapped artists and designers, as well as a boost for the environment.

Second Life collects art supplies and raw materials and trades them back to the school on the basis of what the student needs. But instead of letting spare supplies collect dust or get tossed in a Dumpster, students, artists, contractors and others can donate items to the store.

The concept was launched in 2007 by then-undergrad Sara Koder, running the business out of her dorm room. She sold art supplies and raw materials and reinvested the profits back into the program.

The sustainable, local-economy concept has resonated within the RISD community. Alumni have responded by donating supplies, and students like having a place to walk by and to have a few hours of operation depended on the weather. But the concept endured.

"We're an actual store, which is an incredible resource to the students," said Hilary Wang, a store manager and a RISD undergraduate.

So far, some \$40,000 in items have been recycled through the store and proceeds fund study programs. The store also serves as a real-life, year-round business where students can both work and shop. Escobar said. "As a student-run organization we wanted to be more sustainable and professional," he said.

► Move Out collection

College Students Prefer Not to Leave Trashed

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► Maharam Grant

The grant will be used to support myself and the team to meet with Sustainability Coordinators and art schools in Boston, New York City, Chicago, Austin, San Francisco, and Washington DC to incorporate their considerations on creating a more informative 'How-To' manual. The goal is to create an open source guide that students from other art schools can adopt.

► Deliverables:

"How to" manual- How to start your own campus upcycling center, a guide for other art schools. Will be available online and in printed form.

Digital Map of Upcycling in Providence- An interactive map that illustrates the material flow of upcycling.

► THE FUTURE

► 2ndLife and Exposé are moving to 204 Westminster for the 2012-2013 school year!