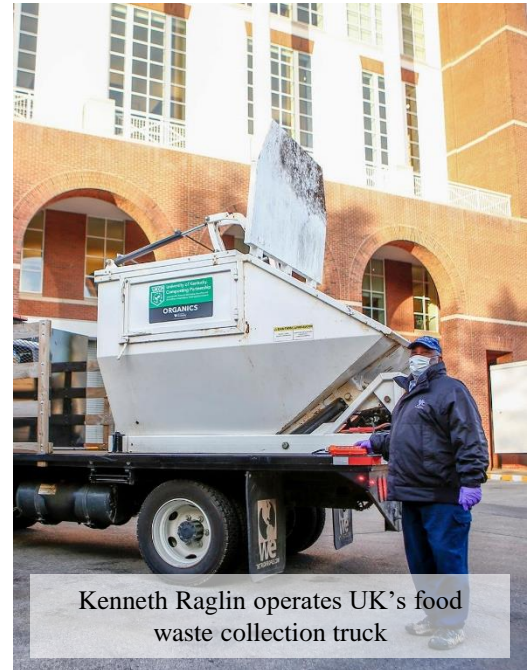


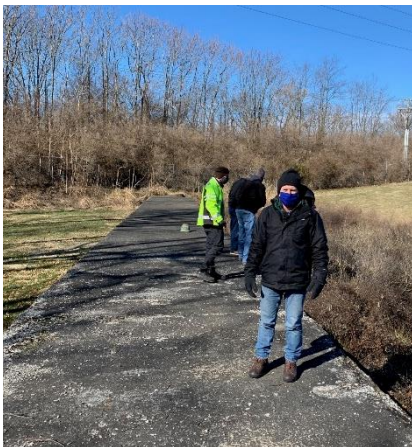
*The Covid-19 pandemic has had a tremendous impact on our campus and community. The people of UK Facilities Management remain the “boots on the ground” for UK, providing the essential services needed to keep our campus safe, secure, and positioned to respond to the evolving crisis. The strength each of you demonstrate daily is inspiring and represents such courage and compassion. We are in this together and we will get through it together. **Thank you for everything you do.** – Mary Vosevich, Vice President for Facilities Management*

## OUR PEOPLE. ————— OUR STORIES.

Last week, **UK Recycling** wrapped up a review of their 2020 programs and reported some exciting progress toward the University’s efforts to minimize the material we send to the landfill. Not surprisingly, the overall tonnage of recyclable and landfill-bound was down significantly in 2020 due to changes brought on by the pandemic. Despite those changes, and the challenges they presented, the campus-wide *diversion rate* for discarded materials held steady compared to 2019 at 34%. The *diversion rate* is the percent of material (by weight) that is recycled, reused, or composted compared to the total amount of waste produced. So in 2020, for every 100 lbs. of waste produced, 34 lbs. were either recycled, composted, or reused (**Surplus Property**). Our goal, established by the University’s Sustainability Strategic Plan, is to reach a 50% diversion rate by the end of 2022. Starting with last year’s numbers, **UK Recycling** is now looking at the diversion rates for the academic campus and UK Healthcare separately. In 2020 the diversion rate for the academic campus was 42%! **Great job to teams leading these programs and thanks to everyone for taking the time to place discarded materials in the proper bins.**



Kenneth Raglin operates UK’s food waste collection truck



On Friday, a team from **Facilities Management** - including representatives from **Utilities and Energy Management, Planning Design and Construction, Grounds, and Sustainability** - met with contractors to kick-off the design of a stormwater harvesting system that will provide millions of gallons of water to the cooling towers at the Central Utility Plant by pumping it out of the stormwater conduit pictured at left. Eighty percent of the funding for this project is coming from a stormwater incentive grant from the city of Lexington and the remainder provided by **Utilities and Energy Management**. The project will have economic and environmental benefits. The water harvested from the storm sewer system will replace water that we would have had to purchase and it will also decrease the impact of stormwater runoff on the sewer system and aquatic habitats downstream.



## UK HealthCare Begins Community Vaccination Efforts

Last week, UK HealthCare consolidated their distribution of covid-19 vaccinations at Kroger Field. Any member of the campus or community can now sign-up through an online portal to request the vaccination. Appointments are required and will be scheduled in accordance with the priorities established by local, state, and national public health experts. For more information, or to request a vaccination appointment, visit:

<https://ukhealthcare.uky.edu/covid-19/vaccine>