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Welcome to the
**2024 Big 10 Grounds Manager and
Landscape Architect Conference**

July 2024

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YOUR HOSTS



From left to right:
Joseph Kondilas, *Interim Grounds Foreperson*
Mike Randazzo, *Grounds Foreperson*
Fadi Kayyal, *Grounds Foreperson*
Omar Velez, *Interim Grounds Foreperson*
Nelson Colon, *Grounds Foreperson*
Yoaan Jaquez, *Grounds Foreperson*
James Erdogdu, *Director, Grounds Operation*
Brian Clemson, *University Landscape Architect*
Dave Morrow, *Grounds Foreperson*
Chris Wenzel, *Interim Assistant Director*
Mike O'Keefe, *Assistant Director*

Rutgers University
Location: New Brunswick/Piscataway, New Jersey
Acreage: 2700 (Main Campus), 6000+ acres across NJ
Founding Year: 1766

CONFERENCE SCHEDULE

Tuesday, July 16

- **5:00 – 8:00 PM:** Registration and Welcome Reception Room – Hyatt Hotel
- Dinner on your own – [See attached link for restaurants](#)

Wednesday, July 17

- **7:30 – 8:30 AM:** Late registration / Breakfast – Hyatt Hotel
- **8:30 – 9:30 AM:** Welcome and Introductions, day overview
Speakers
 - Tony Calcado, Executive Vice President & COO, Institutional Planning and Operations
 - David Schulz, Vice President / University Architect, Planning, Development, and Design
 - Frank Wong, Assistant Vice President, University Planning and Development
 - James Erdogdu, Director of Grounds & Brian Clemson, University Landscape Architect
- **9:30 AM – 9:45AM:** Break
- **9:45 AM – 12:30 PM:** Walking tour – College Ave Campus – [Tour Map](#)
- **12:30 – 1:30 PM:** Lunch College Ave Campus Center Sponsored by [SavATree](#)
 - SavATree Presentation on Tree Management and Consultation Services
- **2:00 – 4:30 PM:** Walking tour – Cook/Douglass Campus – [Tour Map](#)
- **4:30 PM:** Board bus back to Rutgers Gardens
- **4:45 – 5:30 PM:** Rutgers Gardens – Tour, Refreshments and Snacks
- **5:30 PM:** Board Bus Back to Hotel
- Dinner on your own – [See attached link for restaurants](#)

Thursday, July 18

- **7:30 – 8:30 AM:** Breakfast at Hyatt Hotel
- **8:30 – 9:00 AM:** Grounds Department Presentation – “Past, Present & Future”
- **9:00 – 9:15 AM:** Break
- **9:15 AM:** Board Bus to Livingston Campus
- **9:30 AM – 11:00 PM:** Walking tour – Livingston Campus – [Tour Map](#)
- **11:00 AM:** Board Bus to Grounds Yard
- **11:10 – 11:45 AM:** Tour Livingston Grounds Yard – Equipment Demo
- **12:00 – 1:00 PM:** Lunch at The Rutgers Club Sponsored by [Langan](#)
 - Langan Presentation on Stormwater Management on Campus
- **1:15 PM:** Board Bus to Busch
- **1:30 – 4:00 PM:** Walking tour Busch Campus – [Tour Map](#)
- **4:00 PM:** Board Bus back to Hyatt Hotel
- **6:00 PM:** Dinner at SHI Stadium

Friday, July 19

- **7:30 – 8:30 AM:** Breakfast at Hyatt Hotel
- **8:15 – 9:30 AM:** Business meeting

**Rutgers - New Brunswick
College Avenue Campus**



Points of Interest on the College Avenue Campus



Old Queens Campus, College Avenue.



The Yard, College Avenue.



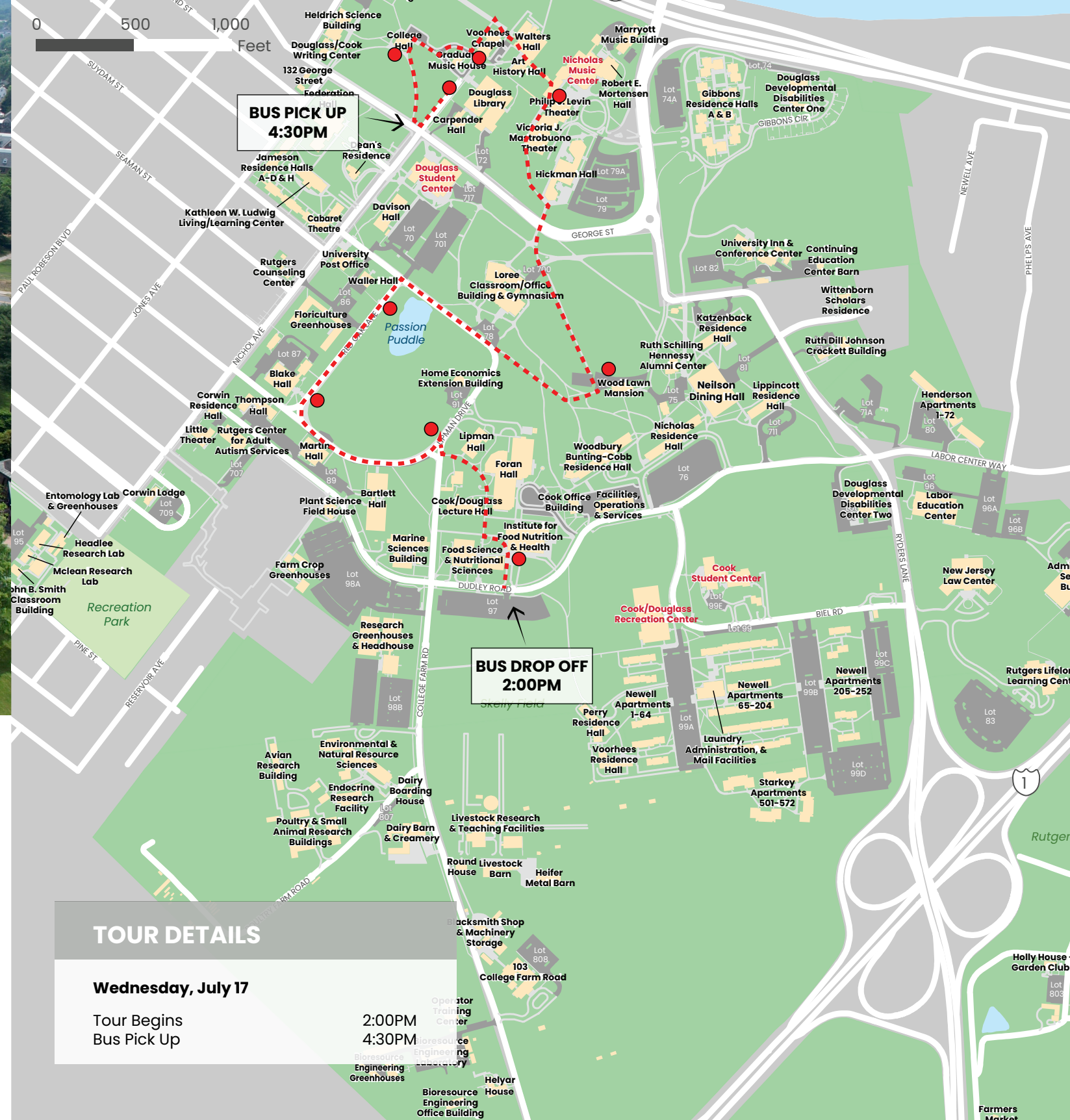
Honors College, Seminary Place.

TOUR DETAILS

Wednesday, July 17

Tour Begins	9:45AM
Lunch	12:30-1:30PM
Bus Pick Up	1:45PM

**Rutgers - New Brunswick
Cook/Douglas Campus**



Points of Interest on the Cook/Douglas Campus



Passion Puddle.



Kissing Bridge.



Voorhees Chapel.

TOUR DETAILS

Wednesday, July 17

Tour Begins
Bus Pick Up

2:00PM
4:30PM

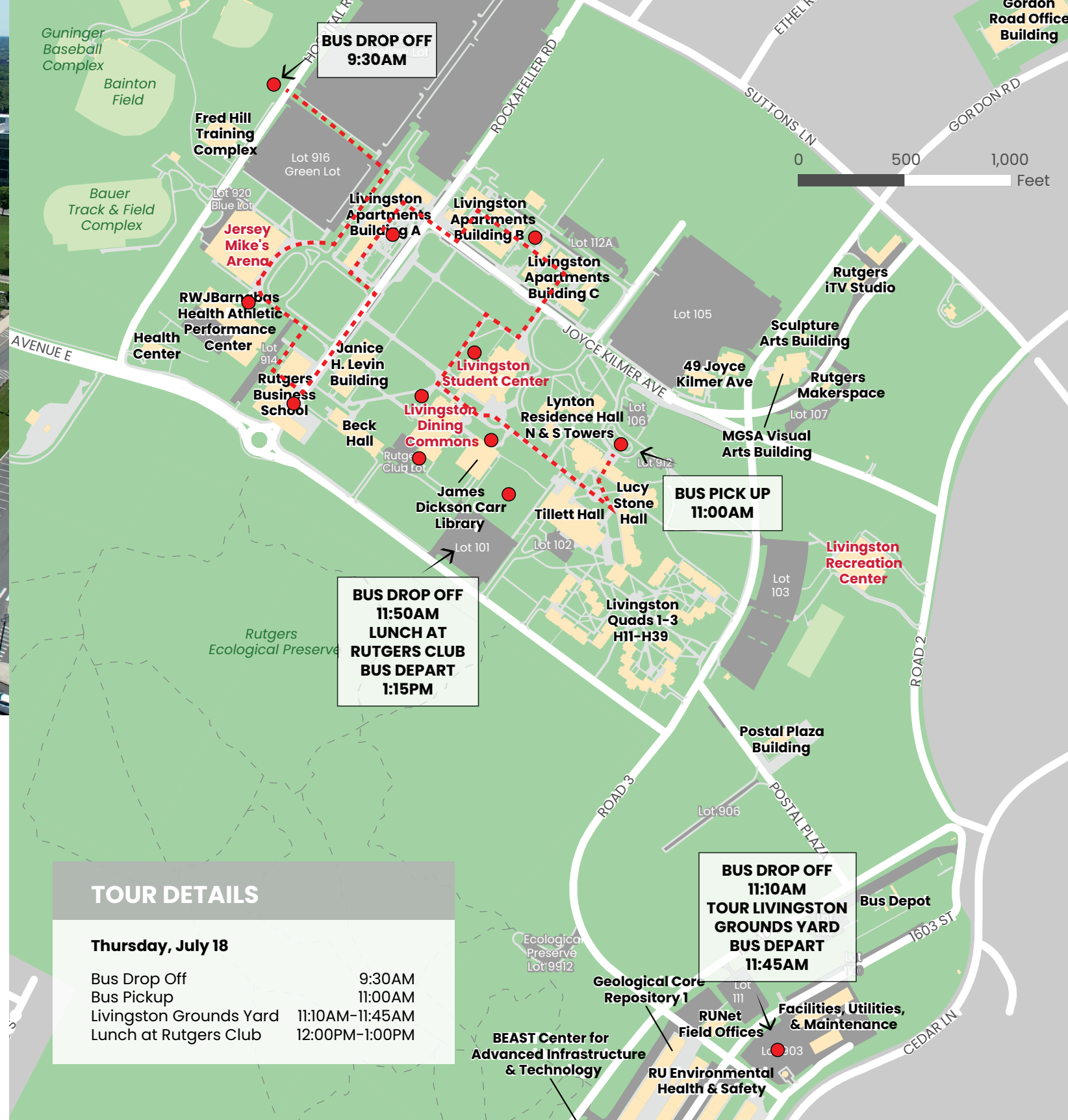
Operator Training Center

Bioresource Engineering Greenhouses

Bioresource Engineering Office Building

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**Rutgers - New Brunswick
Livingston Campus**



Points of Interest on the Livingston Campus



Rutgers Business School.



Plaza at Livingston.



Jersey Mike's Arena.

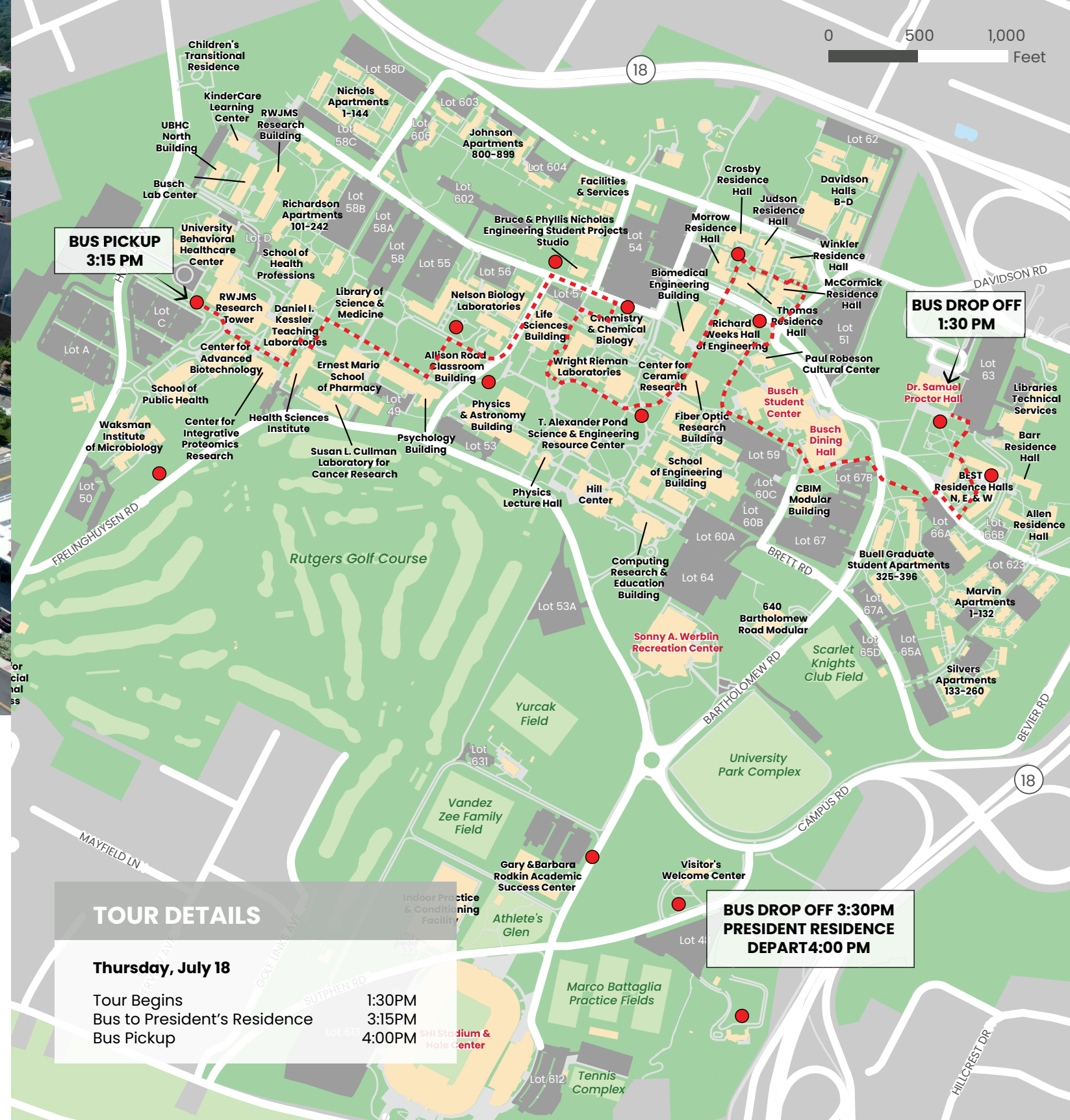
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Thursday, July 18

Bus Drop Off	9:30AM
Bus Pickup	11:00AM
Livingston Grounds Yard	11:10AM-11:45AM
Lunch at Rutgers Club	12:00PM-1:00PM

**BUS DROP OFF 11:10AM
TOUR LIVINGSTON GROUNDS YARD
BUS DEPART 11:45AM**

Rutgers - New Brunswick
Busch Campus



Points of Interest on the Busch Campus



SHI Stadium.



Rutgers Golf Course.



Waksman Institute of Microbiology.

TOUR DETAILS

Thursday, July 18

Tour Begins	1:30PM
Bus to President's Residence	3:15PM
Bus Pickup	4:00PM

**BUS DROP OFF 3:30PM
PRESIDENT RESIDENCE
DEPART 4:00 PM**

Friends



Tristan Johnson
Director of Landscape Services



Trent Chitwood
Manager of Grounds

Indiana University

Location: Bloomington, Indiana
Acreage: 1,928 acres
Founding Year: 1820



Joe Grulke
*Landscape Services
Fleet Manager*



Dan Bishop
Landscape Gardener II



Jacob Paivarinta
Landscape Group Leader

Michigan State University

Location: East Lansing, Michigan
Acreage: 5,200 acres
Founding Year: 1855



Shaemus Kermiet
Landscape Gardener I



Kevin Dylong
Landscape Gardener II



Tes Smith
Landscape Gardener Trainee

Friends



Mick Sharron
*Assistant Director,
Landscape Services*



John Irwin
*Building Maintenance
Superintendent,
Campus Shop*



Mike Koeritzer
*Building Maintenance
Superintendent, East
Landscape*

Ohio State University

Location: Columbus, Ohio
Acreage: 1,714 acres
Founding Year: 1870

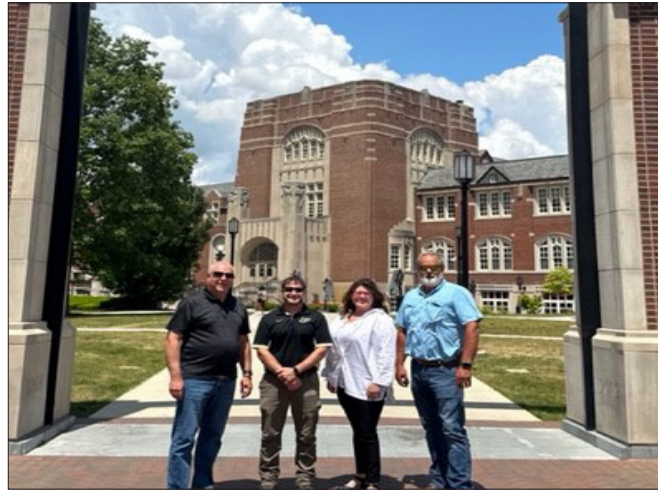


Norman A. Parks
*Facilities Supervisor, Grounds Services
Office of Physical Plant*

Penn State University

Location: University Park, Pennsylvania
Acreage: 7,958 acres
Founding Year: 1855

Friends



Left to right: Phil Richey, *Director of Grounds*, Jacob Henry, *Grounds Manager*, Brooke Sammons, *Landscape Architect*, Wyatt Carmony, *Grounds Manager*

Purdue University

Location: West Lafayette, Indiana

Acreage: 2,259 acres

Founding Year: 1869



James Lacher, *Operations Area Manager*
Sean Cornetto, *Grounds Foreperson*

Rutgers University-Newark

Location: Newark, New Jersey

Acreage: 38 acres

Founding Year: 1909

Friends



Robert Brant
Operations Area Manager

Rutgers University-Camden

Location: Camden, New Jersey

Acreage: 38 acres

Founding Year: 1909



Left to right: Isaac Williams, *Grounds Foreman*, Darren LaReau, *Grounds Sub-Foreman*, Beau Renshaw, *Grounds Sub-Foreman*, Steve Bainbridge, *Superintendent of Building Maintenance*, Ryan Welch, *Superintendent of Grounds*, Brent Lewis, *University Landscape Architect*

University of Illinois

Location: Urbana, Illinois

Acreage: 2,295 acres

Founding Year: 1867



Carly Provost-Rizor
Director of Grounds Services



Anthony Kuzmanich
Superintendent of Grounds

University of Illinois - Chicago

Location: Chicago, Illinois

Acreage: 244 acres

Founding Year: 1982

Friends



Michael Weikamp
Manager



Andrew (Andy) Dahl
Campus Arborist and
Urban Forestry Supervisor



Mark Horvath
Landscape Maintenance
Supervisor

University of Iowa

Location: Iowa City, Iowa
Acreage: 1,900 acres
Founding Year: 1847



University of Maryland

Location: College Park, Maryland
Acreage: 1,250 acres
Founding Year: 1856

Richard "Scott" Rupert
Associate Director of Landscape
Services



Left to right: Lukeland Gentles, *Director of Custodial and Grounds*, Matt Rankin, *Turf and Irrigation Supervisor*, Jim Hicks, *Horticulture Specialist*, Alex Sulzer, *Project Manager*, Rob Doletzky, *Landscape and Grounds Manager*

University of Michigan

Location: Ann Arbor, Michigan
Acreage: 3,200 acres
Founding Year: 1817

Friends



Left to right: Tom Ritzer, *Assistant Director for Landcare*, Hollie Teslow, *Principal Engineering Assistant*, Bill Crosby, *Senior Gardener*, Matt Berg, *Landcare Supervisor*

University of Minnesota

Location: Twin Cities, Minneapolis/St. Paul, Minnesota
Acreage: 1,200 acres
Founding Year: 1851



University of Wisconsin

Location: Madison, Wisconsin
Acreage: 939 acres
Founding Year: 1848

Danielle Smith
Grounds Department Superintendent

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