

Advancing the Turfgrass Industry in New Jersey and the World



FUNDING TURF ADVANCEMENTS #11: Construction of the Ralph Geiger Turfgrass Education Center



Tucked behind the Rutgers Office of Continuing Professional Education building and swaddled by the turfgrass research plots of Horticulture Farm II, the Ralph Geiger Turfgrass Education Center has been a pivotal place of advancement for the greens industry.

Almost 20 years ago, the NJTA, the building's namesake Ralph Geiger, and many other vested organizations (see *photo of the dedication plaque to the left*), funded the construction of the one-story structure.

Located at 20 Indyk-Engel Way in New Brunswick, the center combines laboratory, classroom, and computer facilities, all of which are used to further the greens industry.

The building is home of the Rutgers Plant Diagnostic Laboratory, which provides accurate and timely diagnoses of plant health problems for the residents of New Jersey and for golf courses/sports fields throughout the nation.

Scarlet Knight undergraduate and graduate students of The Rutgers Center for Turfgrass Science meet within its walls to work with advisors, discuss research, study, and gain hands-on experience working in the lab/fields.

Nearly a hundred turf managers, from all over the world, gather in the Geiger Center classroom to attend The Rutgers Professional Golf Turf Management School's 2-Year Certificate Program each year.



Organizations such as the New Jersey Turfgrass Association (NJTA) and the Sports Field Managers Association of New Jersey (SFMANJ) regularly hold meetings within the Geiger Center conference room.

Without a doubt, the Ralph Geiger Turfgrass Education Center is a central hub for all things turfgrass. It is the humble site of influential research, breeding, testing,

teaching, learning, and studying, and the NJTA is proud to have been part of the much larger contingent that made this industry pillar possible.



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The New Jersey Turfgrass Association (NJTA) exists solely to promote the turfgrass industry in the Garden State through education, professionalism, and leadership. Thanks to the support of members like you, the NJTA is able to subsidize some of the research needs of the Rutgers University Center for Turfgrass Science.

If you would like to support these efforts further, you are welcome to [Donate to the NJTA Foundation](#) anytime!



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