



**Project:** Natural Resources Building Prairie

**Funding Source:** Sustainable Campus Environment Fee

**Funding Amount:** \$20,000

**Receiving Campus Unit:** Institute of Natural Resource Sustainability

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**Project Description:**

This proposal seeks to support a prairie initiative at the Institute of Natural Resource Sustainability. The institute will use its greenhouses to begin growing sustainable, native plants for use on campus. Additionally, INRS will design and plant a prairie landscape on the south side of the Natural Resource Building. This prairie will be maintained as a permanent exhibit for the public and featured during their annual open house, Naturally Illinois. A written and video instructional manual will be produced as a learning tool as an important element of this project, which will assist the campus and others in installing and maintaining other sustainable landscaping projects. This project will thus help meet the commitments made by the campus relating to sustainable landscaping, as part of the Climate Action Plan. The Student Sustainability Committee is in favor of funding a grant in the amount of \$20,000.

**Student Sustainability Committee:**

  
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Suhail Barot, 10-11 Committee Chair

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Date Approved: March 31<sup>th</sup>, 2011

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