

## Land and Water iCAP April Meeting Agenda + Notes

\*\*\*Meeting notes are in blue; action items are highlighted\*\*\*

Friday April 4<sup>th</sup>, 2025

9:00 am – 10:00 am; Teams meeting

[Meeting Recording Link](#)

**Attendees:** *Natalie Reed, Jonathon Mosley, Sheri Glowinski, Darin Joos, Miriam Keep, Colleen Ruther, Julie Wurth Asmussen, Ryan Welch, Eliana Brown, Blythe Frost*

### **1) Prairie strips**

- a. Updates
- b. We have a seed mixed picked out that would work well in our location
- c. We are ready to go but we don't want to seed the land and then cause damage to the waterways so we are still waiting to get confirmation on when this will move forward
- d. This project is still happening, hopefully this spring but it may need to be pushed back to next year
- e. Julie is part of the iSEE comms team and is interested in writing a piece on this project so once we get better progress on this, we will let her know so the comms team can get pictures and work on a story

### **2) IPM Plan Updates**

- a. Need to get this plan finished and confirmed soon
- b. ACES has on and Grounds has one
- c. Still working with Campus Rec and DIA to get their plans finished by the end of this year – Jonathon is working on this

### **3) Milkweed Planting**

- a. All the plants have been covered and the map for the plantings is available in the Teams folder
- b. We need to make sure the growth of the plants are being monitored so the project goes accordingly
- c. Ryan is planning on checking the areas where the milkweed was planted to see if there has been any germination on the plants
- d. There are restrictions on the areas where the milkweed was planted on mowing so that we don't harm the plants at all
- e. They should be germinated in the next month
- f. The plugs were all put in and planted between October and November so that the seeds had time to be exposed to the cold before they germinate

### **4) Gray Water Status**

- a. Morgan mentioned a letter was sent out about this

- b. The letter was sent to the department of public health, but we have not heard back from them on this
- c. Trying to talk about collecting gray water for toilet flushing but the reuse of gray water is frowned upon in Illinois so this project will not be really possible
- d. The plumbing code does not allow this process to happen from an industrial level

**5) Rainwater Management Meeting**

- a. Updates on how this meeting went and how new guidelines will affect the progress of our committee
- b. Areas of campus were broken down by different zones trying to manage the stormwater runoff so it's not hitting all the retention areas, and they aren't overloaded with water
- c. They looked at different methods to work around this by talking about pavers and other remedies
- d. This meeting laid out some things we can look at as a committee that are more economically feasible and can help give us ideas on projects and how to move forward with projects next semester
- e. If our group can help with the goals of this project for the start of next semester, then it would help this project move forward

**6) Green Globes**

- a. April 17<sup>th</sup> 5:30 PM – 7:30 PM in the CIF (Campus Instructional Facility)
  - i. Postering for the iCAP teams will most likely be around 6 PM
- b. If anyone would like to help represent the Land and Water Team to talk about our initiatives at this event let us know
- c. Partnering with the Student Sustainability Leadership Council to provide awards to sustainability RSOs and to educate about the different iCAP teams
- d. There will be posters for each iCAP team which show objectives for the iCAP 2025 so students can put stickers on the board that show their input on what they want to see in the iCAP and from the iCAP Teams
- e. Formal wear is needed for this event
- f. Natalie and Jonathon will be there
  - i. Reach out to Natalie if you would like to attend this

**7) Arbor Day**

- a. April 25<sup>th</sup> 11:30 AM – 1:30 PM on the Northwest corner of the ACES library on the South Quad
  - i. We will be planting a Wild Buckeye tree
- b. The "tree-via" for this event is finished and in the Teams folder if anyone would like to look at it
- c. We will use a spinning wheel for the trivia
- d. If anyone – especially students – would like to help participate in tabling for this event, please contact Natalie and let her know

**8) Boneyard Creek Community Day**

- a. April 12<sup>th</sup> Scott Park 9 am – 12 pm
- b. A day to help clean up Boneyard creek
- c. A good day to help clean up campus at either Boneyard Creek or other parks around campus

**9) New Business**

- a. Any new business or news?
- b. Red Oak Rain Garden is installing an interpretive sign and monitoring system to help measure how much rain the garden receives on a regular basis
  - i. Having some of the data from this new monitoring system will help provide data that could potentially be useful to the new rainwater management plan
  - ii. We can come back to this information in the future when we look at this project potentially next year