

# Land Management

- iCAP: Cover crops on South Farms; Monitor Soil Health
- ALUFS004: A committee of ACES faculty, farm personnel, and iSEE members will develop a comprehensive and cooperative management plan for all non-research agricultural land on the UIUC South farms that promotes sustainable practices and implements current best management practices.
- iWG assessment: The plan should include the assessment of the current status, evaluation of operational and financial impacts, and impediments to Best Management Practices.

# Land Management Practices

- Two aspects to address:
  - On-campus non-research land – task force is getting started
  - **Off-campus university-owned land – committee needed**
- Composting
  - Potential collaboration with Landscape Recycling Center



# On-Campus Non-Research Land

- iSEE, F&S, and ACES are working together to identify the existing efforts, the current plans, and the resources needed.
  - Allen Parrish, Jonathan Mosley, Ximing Cai, Meredith Moore and Morgan White
- The draft plan will be shared with the SWATeam, iWG, and ACES representatives for review and feedback.

# Off-Campus University-Owned Land

In June-September 2018, Evan, German and Ximing worked a draft charge letter for the off-campus land committee (available upon request).

Suggested tasks for the committee:

- Survey current management practices and provisions of current leases
- discuss & evaluate spatially appropriate best management practices
- evaluate challenges to wide spread adoption of best management practices
- evaluate costs and risk
- recommend modifications to lease agreements going forward that reflect sustainable farming practices





In June-September 2018, Evan, German and Ximing worked on a tentative list of the committee members and a draft charge letter for the study committee (available upon request)

- Kevin Noland (Foundation, farm lease management)
- Jonathan Norvell (UI Administration, farm lease management)
- Nicholas Eisenmenger (farm manager, South Farms)
- Reid David Christianson or Bruce Branham, Crop Sciences, chair of SWATeam ALUFS. Reid and Bruce can represent SWATeam/iWG at the committee.
- Jonathan Coppess, Ag. and Consumers Econ., former director of Farm Bureau, USDA, experiences with environmental law and BMP promotion at farm.
- Praveen Kumar or Helen Nguyen, both with CEE. Praveen has been working on soil nutrient and he has or used to have some weather observation facilities at South Farm.
- Michelle Wander (faculty, soil health)
- Eliana Brown, University Extension, who coordinates meetings on nutrient loss reduction strategies
- Adam Davis, Head of Crop Sciences
- Director for South Farm operations (Allen?)
- Two tenant farmers (Kevin Noland or Johnathan Norvell can be contact for finding a tenant farmer)



# Open Questions

- Who should charge the committee? Could it be ACES and iSEE together? Should it be from the Chancellor's Office?
- Who from Real Estate Services can participate in this effort?
- How can we get farmer representatives on the team?

