

April 18, 2025

RE: University of Illinois submission for the Campus RainWorks Challenge

To the submittal committee,

This letter is in support of the “Slow the Flow - Reimagining Campus Green-Blue Street Revival” Rainworks Challenge submittal from the University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign. Here at Facilities & Services (F&S) for the University, we are always looking to increase the aesthetics, sustainability, and performance of our landscapes. One of the vital ways we plan to accomplish this goal is through green stormwater infrastructure (GSI) as noted in our Campus Master Plan, Resilient Landscape Strategy, and Campus Landscape Master Plan.

Working with the students in this submittal, we have appreciated their diligence in accessing the opportunities and constraints that a system like this presents. Solutions they have provided could have a positive effect on our use of rainwater and our impact on the climate in the region.

We look forward to a continued collaboration with this team as they assist the University in becoming more sustainable and environmentally friendly. This project has our support and we encourage the EPA to view it favorably in this competition.

Sincerely,



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