

## Land and Water iCAP September Meeting Agenda + Notes

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

Friday September 26, 2025

2:00 PM – 3:00 PM

[Meeting Recording Link](#)

**Attendees:** Natalie Reed, Bridgette Moen, Sheri Glowinski, Colleen Ruther, Adam Dolezal, Ryan Welch, Lillian Gilbert, Eliana Brown, Justin Vozzo, Darin Joos, Kathryn Phillips, Jonathon Mosley, Jennifer Fraterrigo

### **1. Introductions**

- a. Role, title, previous committee involvement
- b. In your opinion, what has been successful in this committee?

### **2. Review Charge Letter**

- a. [Link to charge letter](#)
- b. [ICAP 2025 will not be released until spring 2026 now so the new Chancellor has more time to review the new objectives](#)

### **3. iCAP 2025 approval**

- a. Pathways document is still a draft. Anticipate receiving this before next meeting.
- b. Are there tasks that could be worked on while we're in a little bit of a holding pattern? Perhaps iCAP portal updates flagging? Follow up items from 2024-2025.

### **4. Upcoming events**

- a. Are there any upcoming events we should either help promote or attend?
- b. [The Red Oak Rain Garden is holding their Illuminating Art event this year on October 30 4:30-9 PM, and this will be a good event to showcase some art projects from students and for student RSOs to table at](#)
  - i. [Link to event info](#)
- c. [Allerton Park there is an extension event highlighting tree planting and their relationship to the environment](#)
  - i. [September 30 8 AM – 4 PM](#)
  - ii. [Link to event info](#)

### **5. Following up from the last meeting in May**

- a. [Prairie Strips](#)
  - i. [Planned on planting some on the south farm in the spring, but this became delayed, so the new plan is to plant these this winter or next spring.](#)
  - ii. [When they are planted, they will be seeded.](#)
- b. [IPM Plan Updates](#)
  - i. [This plan was being finished last spring, but over the summer the plan was updated on the iCAP portal](#)

- ii. The plans from the different departments will be potentially be housed on the F&S page and potentially on the different departments' websites. No final decision on this was made, but the plans are finished and are currently available on the iCAP portal
  - iii. Will possibly have the F&S site link to these plans from different departments, Bridgette will reach out to figure the best place for these to live. If the plans need to be updated, they will be updated in the portal.
- c. Milkweed Planting
  - i. The milkweed plants were planted but the plants were successful in growing in some areas, but not successful in others
  - ii. We cannot verify that any of the plugs came up. The plugs were a mix of common milkweed, swamp milkweed, butterfly milkweed, and other varieties
  - iii. Had a lot of success at Dorner Pond
  - iv. This could potentially be a good spring task for a committee member or student to check up on to monitor the growth and check back to see how the plants are doing now.
  - v. We can monitor these areas and see about planting more milkweed in areas that have successful growth. Need to identify areas where the milkweed has success growing so we can mark these out on a map to put these areas down as no-mow/low-mow areas to help promote milkweed growth
- d. Gray Water Status
  - i. Did we hear back from IDPH? Is this a technical task or a lobbying task
  - ii. Betsy Richardson was the key contact for this information, but we believe there was no response back.
  - iii. This was an initiative that Brent (the old landscape architect) was passionate about, but we could not move forwards with this project because of plumbing codes that prevent the school from doing anything for this project.
  - iv. This project is more of a larger legislative ask from the Illinois state government in terms on the plumbing codes allowing us to work on this project.
  - v. Need to talk to Katy Sperl from F&S who was spearheading this project and has more information on this project.
  - vi. Other departments and institutions in Illinois also want to use gray water so this is an issue others are facing

### **Rainwater Management Program Plan**

- vii. Need to be added to portal?
  - 1. This was added to the portal.
- viii. This plan was completed last semester in the spring and has been used by Facilities and Services for the operations/projects.

## 5. Other Business

### a. Florida Orchard Prairie

- i. There was never a full resolve on who was maintaining this space or who has full ownership over it.
- ii. This space has become very overgrown and there is no designated group maintaining it.
- iii. There was conversation on this project about two years ago and Red Bison was working on cleaning this prairie up, but there has not been much action on this project since
- iv. Derek Peterson is also part of this conversation because there might be some possibility F&S could help provide some assistance on maintenance of this space
- v. We will include this as a recurring topic for our meetings to touch base on the division of responsibility of who is managing this space

### Next steps/assigned tasks

- Follow up to decide where the IPM plans from the different departments should be located for easy access online
- Continue monitoring the milkweed plant growth to decide where and if we need to plant more in the chosen areas
- Follow up with who oversees maintaining and working on the Florida Orchard Prairie