

Land and Water iCAP February Meeting Agenda + Notes

Meeting notes are in blue

February 4, 2026

9:00am – 10:00am

Attendees: *Natalie Reed, Bridgette Moen, Eliana Brown, Adam Dolezal, Darin Joos, Miriam Keep, Kathryn Phillips, Betsy Richardson, Colleen Ruther, Carmen Ugarte Diaz, Jonathon Mosley,*

1. Introductions (as needed)

2. iCAP 2025(6) Pathways

- a. Priorities for Spring 2026
- b. Explore strategies to fund sustainable landscape improvements, including opportunities to create a sustainable endowment fund for landscape improvements
 - i. Landscape Architecture is hosting an event focused on similar goals to what we are working on currently, which may be able to provide helpful information for us moving forward.
- c. Coordinate with DIA to identify potential locations for green infrastructure and indigenous plantings (likely wait on this)
- d. Follow up on process of monitoring and cleaning the C9 parking lot to maintain permeability
 - i. Remained on priority list for a decent amount of time, need to talk about what getting this done looks like, whether it's done through a student project, etc. (Focus on this next month)
- e. Follow up on the prairie strips project and support implementation
- f. Monitor growth of milkweed plantings
 - i. Identify potential volunteers to monitor (or F&S students)
 - ii. Eliana Brown will also have interns who can work on identifying plantings
- g. Explore existing data and possible strategies to measure water used for irrigation
 - i. There are areas where irrigation is being measured on South Farms, but we are unsure of where this data is going. We are unsure about water being measured on campus locations. There is more information on how to better measure the water used for water irrigation we just need to locate the data. We will look into this more.

3. Old Business

- a. Gray Water Status
 - i. Volunteers to:
 1. Develop talking points (start with Katie Sperl's IDPH letter and Lilian's report)

- a. This could be a beneficial project for a student on the committee to work on talking points. A student could earn a credit hour for this project.
 - 2. Reach out to Robert Flider, Community and Government Relations at Illinois
 - a. Have not received a response in the past so someone with a connection may be able to get a response more efficiently
 - b. Bee Campus - no update
 - c. Rainwater Management Program Plan – no update
 - d. Prairie Strips –
 - i. Darin has secured funding, interest in research/tracking process from NRES
 - e. Milkweed Planting – no update
 - f. IPM Plan - no update
 - g. MOU requests
 - i. Bus stop planter
 - ii. Uni High
 - h. Green stormwater infrastructure campus list/map – no update
- 4. New Business**
 - a. Sustainable landscape funding
 - i. This could be an interesting student project to potentially discover how other universities handle and use similar funding pathways
- 5. Upcoming Events**
 - a. KRT Clean Up Day
 - a. March 8th
 - b. <https://www.champaignforests.org/events/details/annual-krt-clean-up-2026>
 - b. Sustainapalooza
 - a. April 18th 1-6 PM Main Quad
 - b. Student run
 - c. Boneyard Creek Day
 - a. April 18th 9 AM, Scott Park Champaign
 - b. <https://www.boneyardcreek.org/>
 - d. June RORG Champaign County Garden Walk
 - a. June 20th
 - e. Bike for Earth Day
 - a. Date TBD
 - f. Red Oak Rain Garden Clean-up