

Land and Water iCAP March Meeting Agenda + Notes

Meeting notes are in blue

March 4, 2026

9:00am – 10:00am

Attendees: Bridgette Moen, Natalie Reed, Betsy Richardson, Eliana Brown, Darin Joos, Colleen Ruther, Kathryn Phillips, Katy Mike Smaistrla, Jonathon Mosely, Carmen Ugarte Diaz

Introductions (as needed)

1. AASHE STARS Report

- a. Natalie worked on a report comparing sustainability practices with other institutions
- b. [Link to report](#)
- c. [Link to table comparing scores](#)

2. iCAP 2025(6) Pathways – Spring Committee Priorities

- a. Existing pavement permeability – A student is working on this on the committee
 - i. Kathryn is collecting data on the permeability of the asphalt on campus and did the first test recently, but found that the asphalt by Wassaja was not permeable on the first test
 - ii. Kathryn will work on different sites on campus to test
 1. Pavers at Wassaja
 2. Pavers at Siebel loading docks
 3. Asphalt at State Farm Center
 - iii. This will be a good way to see what is and is not a good material for permeability on campus
- b. Gray Water Status – Bridgette has been reaching out to government affairs but this has not been super productive
 - i. External Relations and Communications
 - ii. Advised to develop a sheet with information that we mostly have prepared in terms of what other institutions are doing to work on this at a government level
- c. Funding for Landscape Sustainability – Miriam and Bridgette were touching base on what this might look like
 - i. There was a request with Facilities and Services to maintain sustainable landscaping, but the request for funding is not looking good in terms of getting granted
 - ii. There are discussions with Miriam about how advancements can help identify funding
 - iii. We are open to certain grants and funding pathways that would make sense for this project on campus

- iv. The biggest thing to fund for this is the maintenance and for gardening staff to have the correct training for these landscapes
- d. Irrigation monitoring – Is there anyone who is interested in being a point person for pushing on this this during this semester
 - i. If someone is interested in being focused on this, please let Bridgette know
- e. Prairie Strips – They are working on seeding these prairie areas
 - i. Seeds are in possession and soon in the near future, they will be planted
 - ii. We will look into getting a map of the seedings so we can share this information on the iCAP portal
 - iii. We will also get a seed list posted onto the iCAP portal
 - iv. They are testing it out this year and will expand it next year depending on the results of the initial plantings
- f. Milkweed Planting – no updates as the Milkweed has not started growing yet
 - i. Updates will be provided eventually on how those plantings are going but there are none currently

3. Old Business

- a. MOU requests
 - i. Bus stop planter
 - 1. The project almost was started but now they are thinking about it more before beginning
 - ii. Uni High
 - iii. Turner Greenhouses
 - 1. Idea from Faculty and Staff who are interested in a prairie pocket by the greenhouses
- b. Green stormwater infrastructure campus list/map – list needed for IEPA MS4 campus stormwater permit
 - i. Brent Lewis, the prior FS Capital Landscape Architect created and was updating a list for green stormwater infrastructure on campus
 - ii. Interested in using the list to create a map through FS FIR for the public, iCAP portal etc.
 - iii. There is a new requirement in IEPA MS4 permit to determine how stormwater facilities are helping reduce pollution; Betsy & Colleen are looking into how to gather the data and calculate for this new requirement
 - iv. There is the potential to add this information into an ArcGIS Story Map to display the information for the community and for prospective students who are interested in our sustainable practices

4. New Business

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 Community Day
 - a. April 18th 9 AM, Scott Park Champaign (other locations available too)
 - b. <https://www.boneyardcreek.org/> **registration open**
 - c. Green Chapter Challenge (Greek competition based on BCCD participation)
- 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
- g. Red Oak Rain Garden will have a tent and tours on Mom's weekend
 - a. This will be on Saturday of Mom's Weekend
- h. Illinois Student Government is hosting eco-forums to talk about Land and Water
 - a. March 24
 - b. They are interested in doing another tree planting on Arbor Day