

## Land and Water iCAP April Meeting Agenda + Notes

\*\*\*Meeting notes are in blue\*\*\*

April 1, 2026

9:00am – 10:00am

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

### **Introductions (as needed)**

#### **1. ICAP 2026 Pathways – Spring Committee Priorities**

- a. Existing pavement permeability -
  - i. Kathryn has been out doing permeability tests –
- b. Gray water status
  - i. Government affairs was not responsive so Bridgette reached out to a different group that works with state lobbying but they also have not responded so we are open to suggestions on who to contact for assistance with this project
  - ii. Miriam will see if Morgan White can help reach out to people to get this moving within the university
  - iii. Prairie Rivers Network as an option to reach out to for moving forward
    1. Andrew Rehn
- c. Funding for landscape sustainability
  - i. Have moved forward on increasing the cost of donor trees and benches across campus so the donated funds go to campus landscaping and maintenance
    1. Donor interest has not slowed down after the price increase, the extra money can help with some funding
- d. Irrigation Monitoring
  - i. Asking if there is interest of anyone on the team or anyone else who may be interested in working with this project
  - ii. Bridgette has found documents in relation to it and has been sorting them into a file
  - iii. Project to track how much water we are using for irrigation on campus
- e. Prairie Strips
  - i. Planted last week right before the rain started so things should be growing well
  - ii. A plant species list is now available in the Land and Water Teams
  - iii. Looking at the potential to do another prairie strip in a different area on campus

- f. Milkweed planting
  - i. No updates for no
  - ii. A summer intern will use the planting map to check that the plantings are growing well

## **2. Old Business**

- a. MOU requests
  - i. No new requests since our last meeting
- b. Green Infrastructure Tracking
  - i. Bridgette, Betsy Jo, and Colleen have been working on this and creating a map that can be shared more easily to track where we have things such as permeable pavers and green roofs
  - ii. An intern over the summer will help with the details of this project, won't be done till the end of the summer

## **3. New Business**

- a. Facilities and Services Standards updates
  - i. Annually F&S goes through standards for construction purposes and there are several landscape standards that are up for renewal this year
  - ii. We have an approved plant list for campus, but it has not been a helpful tool for reviewing landscape plans as it is too broad, so it is being replaced with a "Do Not Plant List" to note specific things to actively avoid planting on campus such as invasive species
  - iii. A "Preferred Palette List" is being developed to help guide areas to plant and areas that are easier to plant in, so the planting areas are easier to maintain
  - iv. Bumping up the tree replacement policy so there are more specific regulations and descriptions about which trees replace what
    - 1. This can help protect larger trees on campus
- b. Signing of the iCAP 2026
  - i. The new iCAP will be signed by the Chancellor
  - ii. The new iCAP will be more easily readable than the iCAP 2020, hopefully making it easier to comb through for information

## **4. Upcoming Events**

- a. ICAP 2026 Signing event by Chancellor
  - i. April 22 10-11 a.m.
  - ii. Location at Illini Union Room 210
- b. Sustainapalooza
  - i. April 18th 1-6 PM Main Quad
  - ii. Student run with music, food, an art show, activities, vendors, and tabling
- c. Boneyard Creek Community Day
  - i. April 18th 9 AM, Scott Park Champaign (other locations available too)
  - ii. <https://www.boneyardcreek.org/> registration open
  - iii. Green Chapter Challenge (Greek competition based on BCCD participation)

- d. June RORG Champaign County Garden Walk
  - i. June 20th
- e. Mom's Day Weekend at RORG
  - i. They will have an educational booth and some merchandise
- f. Arbor Day Tree Planting – Arboretum
  - i. April 24<sup>th</sup> at noon
- g. Bike for Earth Day
  - i. April 21 4-7 p.m.
  - ii. ISEE will have a station at NSRC