# *Thank you for your commitment to green initiatives at the University of Illinois. One of the ongoing requirements listed in the terms of the funding agreement for your project is the submission of semesterly reports with key information about your project. In addition to this form, please provide additional financial documentation and/or progress photos if available.*

# *Please be as accurate as possible in describing the project (including possible setbacks or challenges in meeting the initial goals of the project). Not fully meeting your project's goals will not disqualify you from making future funding requests as long as your reports are as complete and accurate as possible. If you have any questions, please contact the Student Sustainability Committee, at* *sustainability-committee@illinois.edu**.*

**Project Name:** Hives for Beekeeping Club

**Date of Report Submission:** 1/2/1019

**Project Purpose:**

The original purpose of this project was to buy bees, beehives, and safety equipment for the beekeeping club, and to create an enclosing fence for them at the Student Sustainable Farm.

**Detailed Accounting of Expenditures to Date:**

Total Expenditures: $1974.27

I have attached a spreadsheet detailing expenditures.

**Project Progress to Date:**

We have bought the bees and hives, installed the bees, and built the fence around the hives. The bees were not established enough to take much honey from them so we stayed on the safe side and allowed the bees to keep all their honey for overwintering. Recently we bought two more hives and are hoping to split our current hives to have a total of 4 hives at the sustainable farm. As the bees now have foundation built up they should start producing more honey and brood than last year, and we are expecting to be able to harvest ample honey next Fall.

**Student Involvement and Outreach to Date:**

So far, we have had around 50 different students visit the hives. Around half of these students came during an event we did with the biology fraternity, Beta Psi Omega. The rest have come during different hive visits the Beekeeping Club has hosted.

**Marketing and Promotion Efforts to Date:**

Our largest promotion event was Quad Day, where several hundred students signed up for our email list. We have also had a bake sale and a lip balm making event which we used to attract new members. We are working with On the House, a student advertising club here to change up our strategy and market our events better in the hopes of having more lasting members.

**Additional Comments:**

The beehives are wrapped up for the winter and we think the hives are strong enough to survive. The weather so far has been moderate which is good for the bees.