



FACILITIES & SERVICES

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December 8, 2020

Student Sustainability Committee
University of Illinois
Urbana-Champaign Campus

Dear Committee Members,

I am writing on behalf of the Facilities & Services Environmental Compliance department to support the grant application submitted by Mr. Gabe Tavas and the Illinois Enactus CreAlgae team for the "Biodesign at Illinois" project. This University student group creates petroleum-free, algae-based bioplastics for consumer use. These bioplastic are made from potentially harmful algae blooms that are collected from local waterways.

The Facilities & Services Environmental Compliance team does not have any concerns with algae collection from the Boneyard Creek on the Urbana-Champaign campus. Algae removal, along with petroleum free bioplastic creation, will improve campus waterways, and the proposed algae collection process with rakes, nets, buckets and sieves should not have negative environmental impacts to the waterway or banks.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "David B. Wilcoxen".

David B. Wilcoxen
Associate Director, Environmental Compliance

