



## STUDENT SUSTAINABILITY COMMITTEE

### Final Report

*Thank you for your commitment to green initiatives at the University of Illinois. One of the final steps in completing the terms of the funding agreement for your project is the submission of a Final Report with key information about your project. You will also need to submit a detailed report of expenses (if you don't list it within this document) as well as supporting photos to showcase your project.*

*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](mailto:sustainability-committee@illinois.edu).*

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**Project Name:** Bike Path Renovation: Armory Avenue Path South of Gregory Hall

**Date of Report Submission:** 6/19/2020

**Project Purpose:**

The purpose of this project was to redesign and replace the old bike paths located south of Gregory Hall. The project goals included widening the path and changing its location to make the path safer and more accessible. There were some existing plants and structures that needed to be replaced due to this renovation, so landscaping was also necessary.

**Project Summary:**

The construction on the path began this summer and was completed by the time students returned to campus. The old bike paths, along with hedges, overgrown evergreens, and decorative urns were removed from the area. A new 6 foot wide path was constructed and plans have been made to restore the landscape as needed. The Armory Avenue bike path is now open to use!

**Summary of Project Expenditures:**

The total cost of replacement of the bike path connecting Armory Avenue to Goodwin Avenue (better known as the Armory Avenue Bike Path) has been over \$120k, and all \$50k awarded by the Student Sustainability Committee was given to Facilities and Services to fund the project. This money went towards contractor services, purchasing materials and labor during the construction process.

**Problems/Challenges Encountered**

Our project was able to stay within the target dates listed in the application. Construction work on the path started in the summer of 2020 and was completed before students returned to campus. Additional minor landscaping is still necessary but the path itself is fully functional.

One challenge faced during this project was a necessary delay due to problems concerning the availability of the construction crew because of Covid-19. Weather is usually a challenge for construction projects, however, we did not face any major weather challenge once the project started. The only issue that is causing the project to extend past the summer of 2020 is implementing the new landscaping plan for the site.

**Student Involvement and Outreach to Date:**

This project was led by a student, who was involved in redesigning the path and applying for funding. The experience she gained in professional communication and project development is invaluable to her future career as a civil engineer. By going through the steps of the Student Sustainability Committee's process of applying for funding, she was also able to practice explaining the exigence of her work to others in an articulate and persuasive manner.

**Marketing and Promotion Efforts to Date:**

Officially, this project will be reported online at the F&S TDM Biking website, Bike at Illinois website, and the iCAP Portal. Bike at Illinois social media will promote the bike path upon completion, in collaboration with F&S Communication team. F&S also sent out Traffic Closure(s) for this area and posted it on the F&S website. The traffic closure information was sent out to 76 stakeholders – including several departments/units on-campus, City of Urbana, City of Champaign, Village of Savoy, MTD, Urbana Fire Department, and several News outlets.

**Additional Comments:**

Because all the funding went directly to F&S, there is no complicated summary of expenditures attached. The explanation given above already details how the funds were spent.

In addition to the above fields, please provide a detailed accounting of how the funding was spent as well as pictures of the final project in an email to [sustainability-committee@illinois.edu](mailto:sustainability-committee@illinois.edu). Thank you again for your commitment to sustainability.