

iWG Assessment

iCAP Team Recommendation Ref #: ZW011 State Farm Center Recycling

Date of iWG Assessment Started: 5/9/23

Assessment Transmitted:

iWG Recommendation: DIA should purchase and install recycling bins at the State Farm Center, paired with every landfill bin throughout the facility during calendar year 2023. Because consistent messaging is an essential aspect of increasing recycling compliance, the bins at SFC should match the campus standard. Specifics on style and quantity should be discussed with the F&S Zero Waste Coordinator.

iWG Routing Direction (Department name, iCAP Team, or Council): DIA

Individual comments from each iWG member:

iWG Member Name	iWG Member's Comments
Jennifer Fraterrigo (iSEE)	I strongly support this recommendation. Increasing access to recycling bins that match the campus standard is a fundamental step toward improving recycling behavior and building a culture of sustainability.
Morgan White (F&S)	The SFC is host to large events with significant generation of recyclable commodities (aluminum cans and plastic bottles). SFC does not currently have infrastructure and processes that would maximize the diversion of these items from the landfill. Acquiring these containers consistent with the campus standard is the first step in improving the collection process in SFC.
Jamie Singson (Representing Auxiliaries)	I agree with the proposal.
Brian Bundren (Provost Office)	I support this recommendation.
Jim Brennan (Academic Senate)	I agree with much of this recommendation, although I disagree with the prevailing price levels of our campus standard bins. \$3,500 per unit is not justified, in my view, and this high cost may give SFC reason to dismiss the overall proposal. The price should either be negotiated down for a large purchase, or alternative vendors for these bins should be explored.
Sandy Yoo (System Office)	UOCP supports this recommendation. UOCP also recommends seeking ways to find a central purchasing option that might help streamline costs (larger quantity purchases) and standardization of messaging.
Qu Kim (Representing College Facilities)	He was unavailable for comments
Carl Bernacchi (Representing College of LAS)	I support this initiatives and no further comments.

Lucy Nifong (Student Sustainability Committee)	I fully support this recommendation.
Danika Ford (Student Sustainability Leadership Council)	I support this recommendation. We must increase recycling infrastructure on campus and make it easier for people to recycle. The State Farm Center is such a critical place to target for waste diversion, and following through on this recommendation will have a great impact on increasing recycling rates.
[Vacant], Illinois Student Government Environmental Sustainability Committee	

Original iCAP Team Recommendation:

iWG Assessment of budget and policy impacts (*check one*):

moderate budget and/or policy impact OR major budget and/or policy implications

iWG Routing Need (*check one*):

more detailed study OR transmit recommendation OR forward to Sustainability Council