

Land & Water iCAP Team November Meeting Agenda

Meeting notes are blue; action items are highlighted

Friday, November 3rd

1:00- 2:00 PM; Teams Meeting

Attendees: Megan Hanebuth, Brent Lewis, Adam Dolezal, Betsy Richardson, Miriam Keep, Jonathon Mosley, Jennifer Fraterrigo

Absentees: Carmen Ugarte, Mickey Castigador, Darin Joos, Fia Svendsen

1) Permeable pavers at State Farm Center update

- a. The Land & Water iCAP team strongly recommended the installation of permeable pavers in the northwest parking lot of the State Farm Center.
- b. However, there has been a reduction in the number of planned pavers for the NW lot by the State Farm Center. Brent and stakeholders are leaning towards declining this proposed solution.
- c. The project's progress faces a potential halt due to financial constraints at State Farm Center. We are actively exploring various funding options to alleviate this challenge.
- d. There is interest in devising an improved recommendation, focusing on a more substantial installation of permeable pavers. Additionally, there's a drive to enhance native growth.
 - i. Advocating for an increased number of trees and native plantings within the parking lot islands. We aim to use higher-quality soil for these islands.
 - ii. Planning for low-mow zones around State Farm Center, intending to foster native growth, along with implementing informative signage to promote and explain the importance of this ecological approach.

2) Meadow at Orchard Downs – potentially an NRES 285 field course

- a. We are interested in involving students in the restoration of the Meadow at Orchard Downs.
 - i. One potential avenue is collaboration through the Applied Restoration Ecology course taught by James Miller, offering an educational platform for student engagement in this ecological project.

- ii. Collaborators such as Kevin McSweeney, the arboretum director, alongside Red Bison and From the Ground Up, could be potential support in this restoration initiative.

- iii. Megan will communicate with these parties to gain a better understanding of ongoing efforts and future actions concerning the Meadow's restoration.

3) Conversation about South Farms

- a. Jonathon shared that there are approx. 185 acres of cover crop this fall on animal sciences ground

- i. There was a focus on cover cropping over soybean using drone.

4) Updates on Environmentally Friendly practices off campus

- a. No update on this from this meeting.

5) Mention rewrite for iCAP 2025

- a. The team devised a strategy to review the iCAP Land & Water chapter in anticipation of the 2025 rewrite.

- i. To facilitate a comprehensive review, each team member should read the first few pages of the Land & Water chapter before our December meeting. This will enable us to collectively discuss and analyze the beginning of the chapter.