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Respondent

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Time to complete

1. Date of this semester progress report submission *

1/06/2025

2. Name of project exactly as it was listed in your award letter *

Red Oak Rain Garden Outreach and Enhancements

3. Date of original award letter *

May 25, 2024

4. Date of expiration listed on award letter (or on scope change approval if more recent) *

5/25/2025

5. Date of forecasted project completion *

5/25/2025

6. Have you submitted one or more semester progress reports previously? *

 YES NO

7. Describe, in detail, what has been completed on the project since the last semester progress report (or since the project commenced if you have not yet submitted a semester progress report)? *

Thanks to the SSC Funding, the week of September 23, 2024, 46 volunteers as part of 6 groups installed nearly one thousand new and replacement plants into the Red Oak Rain Garden. The result is that all bare areas of the rain garden are planted, which makes it better able infiltrate rainwater, prevent flooding, and support wildlife and biodiversity!
For the RORG signs, the team has met with the F&S Architectural Review Committee (ARC) and determined the sign location and specifications. We have submitted a proposal for their approval that reflects these requirements. Our team has begun working with a graphic designer and has hired a student graphic designer.

8. Describe, in detail, the project's challenges/obstacles since your last semester progress report (or since the project commenced if you have not yet submitted a semester progress report)? *

As explained in our Scope Change, there have been delays in the sign installation. This is due to our further discussions with the F&S Architectural Review Committee (ARC) who clarified their requirements to receive approval for our signs, as well as the challenge of finding a manufacturer to fabricate Braille for our outdoor interpretive sign. Further, we have been working closely with DRES and Extension Communications to ensure that we're creating an inclusive environment that goes beyond compliance. We anticipate installing all signs by the end of the spring 2025 semester.

9. Describe, in detail, the project's successes since your last semester progress report (or since the project commenced if you have not yet submitted a semester progress report)? *

We successfully installed nearly 1000 new native plants into our rain garden, working through the week of 9/20/24 with 46 volunteers from 6 different community and campus groups. This ensured habitat, infiltration ability, and ground coverage. We have also made initial progress on sign installation.

10. Complete and upload the semester financial documentation for your project. You should reflect all expenditures since your last semester project report. We strongly suggest that you also upload supporting financial documentation from Banner for your award CFOP. NOTE: When your project is completed and/or expired (whichever comes first), any remaining project funds will be transferred back to the SSC.

<https://studentengagement.illinois.edu/sites/default/files/2024-09/SSC-Budget-Timeline-SEMESTER-PROGRESS-REPORT-template.xlsx> [SSC-Budget-Timeline-SEMESTER-PROGRESS-REPORT- Madelyn Craft.xlsx](#)

11. Upload project marketing and/or media not previously submitted in semester progress reports. *

NOTE: Project marketing and/or media must include SSC's logo and/or a statement of which fee funded the project.

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