



STUDENT SUSTAINABILITY COMMITTEE

Funding Award and Acceptance Letter

December 9th, 2022

Project: **Biodiversity Improvements in the South Arboretum Woods**

Dear **Joel Armas**,

On behalf of the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign Student Sustainability Committee (SSC), we would like to thank you for initiating a project that improves the sustainability of our campus. SSC is pleased to inform you that your project will receive **\$1,400.00** in grant funding.

In order to remain eligible for this award, you must agree to the following conditions:

1. The project must be completed within two years. A final report of all work completed should be provided to the SSC Assistant Director by **December 9th, 2024**.
2. Project status updates and detailed account statements must be provided at the end of each semester, in the method requested, until the project is completed.
3. The Contact Person will be individually responsible for all official communication and the execution of this agreement.
4. The awardee will take the appropriate steps to create a CFOP with OBFS UAFR University Accounting Services. The CFOP provided for this award shall strictly be used for the money awarded in this proposal.
5. Any substantial modifications to project scope, budget, or timeline must first be approved by SSC. These requests must be submitted in a formal letter to the Chair and the Assistant Director.
6. All projects will be expected to follow campus policies and procedures as well as any applicable State and Federal laws.
7. SSC reserves the right to revoke funding if the project does not comply with the terms and conditions outlined in this letter.
8. Any press releases or educational/promotional materials involving the project should acknowledge SSC funding.
9. Any signage involving the project or events surrounding this project should include SSC's logo and/or a statement of which fee funded the project. Projects must coordinate with SSC to ensure promotion appropriately highlights the SSC's contributions to the project.

If you agree to the terms and conditions for the funding, please sign on the designated line at the bottom of this letter. If you have any questions regarding these requirements please contact the SSC, at sustainability-committee@illinois.edu. You will be notified when the Institute for Sustainability, Energy, and Environment and Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs officially approves this project. Again, thank you for your interest in improving the sustainability of the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign. We look forward to working with you in the future.



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SSC Signatories

Jack Reicherts

Jack Reicherts, Chair
Student Sustainability Committee

Awardee Signatory

Joel Armas

Joel Armas
Applicant

**Faculty or Staff Project Advisor
(for Student-Led Projects)**

Michael Ward

Dr. Michael Ward
Faculty/Staff Project Advisor

iSEE Signatory

Madhu Khanna

Dr. Madhu Khanna, Director
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Dr. Danita Brown Young, Vice Chancellor
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Project Information

Project: Biodiversity Improvements in the South Arboretum Woods

Funding Source:

Cleaner Energy Technologies Fee (302571)

Sustainable Campus Environment Fee (303692)

Funding Amount: \$1,400.00

Receiving Campus Unit: NRES

Unit Financial Contact: Dr. Michael Ward

E-mail: mpward@illinois.edu

Project Description:

We aim at creating a biodiverse understory in the South Arboretum Woods. This will help the ecosystem host more native specialist moths and butterflies, which will help attract more birds. Campus is an important stopping point for migratory birds and hosts substantially more birds than the surrounding cropland, making providing them with nutritious native food a priority. This project is needed as there is an abundance of invasive species that are shade tolerant fruiting shrubs. By filling that ecological niche with native species, pressure from invasive species will decrease across campus.

This proposal directly funds:

- 30 Pawpaw Seedlings: \$62
- 30 Hazelnut Seedlings: \$85
- 30 Plum Seedlings: \$85
- 30 Elderberry Seedlings: \$58
- 30 Viburnum Seedlings: \$58
- 30 Willow Seedlings: \$77
- 30 Chokeberry Seedlings: \$67
- 6 (10 packs) Grow Tube Deer Shield: \$677
- Shipping Costs