



STUDENT SUSTAINABILITY COMMITTEE

Semesterly Report

Thank you for your commitment to green initiatives at the University of Illinois. One of the ongoing requirements listed in the terms of the funding agreement for your project is the submission of semesterly reports with key information about your project. In addition to this form, please provide additional financial documentation and/or progress photos if available.

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.

Project Name: Biodiversity Improvements in the South Arboretum Woods

Date of Report Submission: 8/21/2023

Project Purpose:

To plant an understory of trees which provide forage for insects, food for wildlife, educates students on plant care, and provides community a source of native plants to use for foraging

Detailed Accounting of Expenditures to Date:

\$739 – 210 bareroot seedlings

\$520 – Herbicide

Project Progress to Date:

Planting was done very swiftly, I expected our planting to occur over three workdays, but we completed everything in the first two workdays. Our first day saw us plant 30 pawpaw trees (which have been showing good growth) and 30 black chokeberry shrubs. The remaining 150 bareroot seedlings were planted the following workday. The planting has concluded, we have seen an incredible success in the survivorship of our plants. With the purchase of herbicide, we can continue to ensure that our plants will not be out-competed by invasive species.

Student Involvement and Outreach to Date:

Students have been involved in planning of this project, site preparation, planting 210 individual seedlings. Since planting activities have centered around fencing, mulching, watering, and weeding around young trees.

Marketing and Promotion Efforts to Date:

Marketing of these events has occurred through social media marketing via twitter, Facebook, Instagram, and discord.

Additional Comments:

Picture from the two planting events:











Mulching around the seedling during the summer:

