



STUDENT SUSTAINABILITY COMMITTEE

**Funding Award and Acceptance Letter**

**September 24<sup>th</sup>, 2019**

Project: Sustainable Restoration and Growth of the South Arboretum Woods

Dear Mx. Kazi:

On behalf of the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign Student Sustainability Committee (SSC), I would like to thank you for considering the funds raised by the Sustainable Campus Environment Fee to implement a project that improves the sustainability of our campus. SSC is pleased to inform you that we are recommending to the Institute for Sustainability, Energy, and Environment (ISEE) that your project receives **\$9,996** in grant funding.

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


1. A final report of all work completed should be provided to the SSC Program Coordinator by **May 31<sup>st</sup>, 2021**.
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 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 Coordinator.
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.

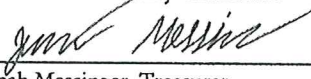
If you agree to the terms and conditions for the funding, please sign on the designated line at the bottom of this letter. If you have any questions regarding these requirements please contact the SSC, at [sustainability-committee@illinois.edu](mailto:sustainability-committee@illinois.edu). You will 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.



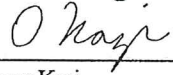
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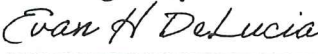
  
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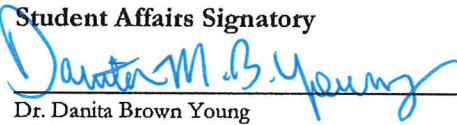
**Awardee Signatory**

  
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Omar Kazi  
Applicant

**iSEE Signatory**

  
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Dr. Evan DeLucia, Director  
Institute for Sustainability, Energy & Environment

**Student Affairs Signatory**

  
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Dr. Danita Brown Young  
Division of Student Affairs



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### **Project Information**

**Project:** Sustainable Restoration and Growth of the South Arboretum Woods

**Funding Source:** Sustainable Campus Environment Fee

**Funding Amount:** \$9,996

**Receiving Campus Unit:** Department of Natural Resources and Environmental Sciences

**Unit Financial Contact:** Kevin McSweeney

**E-mail:** [mcsween@illinois.edu](mailto:mcsween@illinois.edu)

#### **Project Description:**

The South Arboretum Woods is located at the south end of the UIUC campus, and is in dire need of the establishment of native plant species to support our current restoration work. Supplementing the removal of invasive species, native plantings will help to reduce the dominance of invasive species in this ecosystem. This will help native populations of flora and fauna to stabilize, and will increase overall biodiversity. Red Bison has been working in this area for over five years, applying principles of Integrated Pest Management (IPM) to tackle common invasive species such as honeysuckle, buckthorn, garlic mustard, and others. The organization has also worked on planting native species in this area in the past.

The shed which Red Bison is currently using to store equipment in the South Arboretum Woods has begun to rot and decay, allowing pests such as mice to infiltrate and infest the facility. The shed itself is also not large enough to accommodate Red Bison's rapid expansion and purchases of new equipment. These factors combined make the purchase of a new shed essential to Red Bison's operations, or else it will be difficult to store equipment, and poor weather conditions could destroy our equipment in an ill-conditioned shed.

Planting native trees will increase the biodiversity of the South Arboretum woods and assist in integrated pest management of invasive species which are currently being removed. The trees can also provide habitat for native insects, birds, and small mammals, as well as increase the aesthetic appeal of the woods. These trees need to be planted in the spring in order to grow effectively

This proposal directly funds:

1. Wooden Utility Shed
2. Prairie Seed, Trees, Shrubs, and Evergreens
3. Tree Tubes and Stakes
4. Water Trailer Rental
5. Auger and Post Driver