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Respondent

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Time to complete

1. Date of this semester progress report submission *

1/23/2026

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

Vernal Pool and SAW Improvements

3. Date (or semester/year) of original award letter *

Spring 2025

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

Spring 2027

5. Enter the total amount of the award, including any budget increases as a result of a previous scope change. *

9087.60

6. What is your project's 6 digit fund account number created for this project and to which the SSC allocation was transferred? *

Please ask your project's financial contact for this information if unknown.

304946

7. How much of your award has been spent to date (in dollars)? *

953.52

8. Date of forecasted project completion *

Spring 2027

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

☐ YES

☒ NO

10. 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)? *

Potential locations for ephemeral wetland digging have been located and cleared of shrubby vegetation. Large amounts of honeysuckle have been removed from understory seeding locations. A seed mix has been made with the folks at Prairie Moon Nursery. Another grant was secured to forestry mow throughout the South Arboretum Woods to assist with site prep for the seeding.

11. 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)? *

The largest obstacle has been navigating the change in management at the arboretum. We will need to do more work to build trust if we are to proceed with digging a pond. Power tool use has also been banned, making our work take exceptionally longer than expected and making our planned purchase of more power tools no longer feasible. Another challenge in transitioning management was the expiration of our burn permits and subsequent inability to burn in 2025.

12. 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)? *

Several acres have been cleared of invasive bush honeysuckle (*Lonicera maackii*), with the rest of the forest being cleared of obstacles that could impede a forestry mower. Tools have been acquired and have already assisted with other restoration initiatives in the SAW, such as planting trees in the Fall of 2025. There has been much discussion and expert consultation about the plans for seeding this Winter (2025-26) with a mix of species and method of application being determined. Secured a burn permit with new site managers.

13. How many students and how many non-students have been impacted by your project, thus far, and how? *

Dozens of students who have attended Red Bison meetings have been impacted through volunteer work and education during workdays, prepping the sites and clearing brush. Any students or community members who have been through the South Arboretum Woods have been able to enjoy a forest with a cleaner understory with fewer exotic shrubs.

14. Did your project have any changes to its team that SSC should know about (e.g., project lead, faculty/staff advisor, departmental financial contact)? *

NOTE: If yes, please ALSO complete the SSC Project Contact Information Change Form located at this link: <https://forms.office.com/r/uBjx9nmNpG>

☐ YES

☒ NO

15. (OPTIONAL FOR SEMESTER REPORT) 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(s) funded the project.

No answer provided.

16. 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>

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