Respondent

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Time to complete

1. Date of this semester progress report submission *

> 12/7/2025

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

> UIUC Student Pollinator Garden

3. Date of original award letter *

> 10/13/2025

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

> 10/17/2027

5. How much was your award (i.e., original award plus any approved budget increases)? *

> 9988.53

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

> 0.00

7. Date of forecasted project completion *

> 10/3/2027

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

○ YES

◉ NO

9. 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)? *

> Our CFOP has just been processed, preparing us to begin using funds next semester. Moving through this paperwork and process was a significant step in the project, resulting in approval and opening of the account by the business office. In the time since we received our award letter, we have cleaned up the garden, removing various debris dumped on the site, and have been in communication with F&S, NRES, and local park districts regarding our restoration plan and plant sourcing. We have removed all invasive species, weeds, and shrubs that were harmful to our restoration of the space, using tools kindly shared by the student sustainable farm. We planted some plants provided for free from NRES instructors, and have mapped out future plantings.

10. 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)? *

> One major challenge has been the presence of dumping on the site. Researchers and campus entities have deposited a variety of waste within garden limits over the years, including pots, scrap metal, wood debris, landscaping waste, used research equipment, and construction products. Removing these has been difficult and onerous, but we are taking care of it in partnership with local researchers, building managers, and F&S.

11. 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 have succeeded in developing robust plans for future restoration work, giving us a framework to quickly capitalize during planting season. We've also had success forging relationships with key partners, giving us resources to facilitate troubleshooting and project actualization. We've also tapped a large body of students to come to garden workdays, attracting several clubs and many individuals to volunteer to support the project, with this being our greatest success.

12. 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 complete the SSC Project Contact Information Change Form located at this link: https://forms.office.com/r/uBjx9nmNpG

○ YES

◉ NO

13. 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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14. (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.