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Time to complete

1. Date of this semester progress report submission *

6/3/25

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

Restoration of Lincoln Avenue Residence Hall's Native Plant Gardens

3. Date of original award letter *

May 5, 2023

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

May 2027

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

\$9,912.39

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

\$2,299.00

7. Date of forecasted project completion *

May 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)? *

We added native plants to the gardens to increase plant density, enhance biodiversity, and enhance visual aesthetics: 20 Great Blue Lobelia, 15 Orange Butterflyweed, 10 Orange Coneflower, as well as multiple species grown in-house by students and the instructor (includes: royal catchfly - a state endangered species, orange butterflyweed, hoary vervain, greater st johns wort, purple coneflower, wild geranium, solomon's seal, virginia bluebells). We also performed garden maintenance (edging, mulching, weeding) and students learned to identify native plant species, how to care for them in a home landscape, how to plan a native plant garden, pollinator/wildlife benefits, and an intro to stakeholder impacts.

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)? *

We continue to monitor plant survival and control weeds, and also work with the Housing and Grounds departments to address any of their concerns and requests related to the gardens.

p.s. This semester report is late due to me needing medical leave during May.

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)? *

Students in this Hands-on Native Plant Care class have this to say about it:

"Thanks to the practice we got in class, when I went on a walk in St. Charles, IL, I could walk through and identify a ton of the species we went over!"

"Learning identification makes me seek out plants that I know more often, resulting in me being more engaged in the nature around me, finding new plants that I try to identify, and learning even more! It's a positive feedback loop."

"I hope to use this knowledge in my own future gardens, and I am glad to have gained those hands-on experiences."

"The hands-on garden/ landscaping management experiences were very useful in broadening my knowledge in native prairie plants and gardening."

"I also became more familiar with the purposes of designs in native plant landscaping, in order to benefit pollinators and other wildlife in the soil. I was most surprised to learn about the bees that dig under the soil to build nests and the ones that nest in the dried out stem trimmings."

Also see answer to question 9 above.

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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 [SSC-Budget-Timeline-SEMESTER-PROGRESS-REPORT Pam Leiter.xlsx](#)

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.