



STUDENT SUSTAINABILITY COMMITTEE

Funding Award and Acceptance Letter

December 6th, 2021

Project: **Dorner Drive Retention Pond Transformation**

Dear **Marcus Benoff**,

On behalf of the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign Student Sustainability Committee (SSC), we would like to thank you for initiating a project that improves the sustainability of our campus. SSC is pleased to inform you that your project will receive **\$9,820.00** in grant funding.

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

1. The project must be completed within two years. A final report of all work completed should be provided to the SSC Assistant Director by **December 6th, 2023**.
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 awardee will take the appropriate steps to create a CFOP with OBFS UAFR University Accounting Services. 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 the Assistant Director.
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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**SSC Signatories**

*Jack Reicherts*

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Jack Reicherts, Chair  
Student Sustainability Committee

**Awardee Signatory**

*Marcus Benoff*

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Marcus Benoff  
Applicant

**Faculty or Staff Project Advisor  
(for Student-Led Projects)**

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Eliana Brown  
Faculty/Staff Project Advisor

**iSEE Signatory**

*Madhu Khanna*

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Dr. Madhu Khanna, Director  
Institute for Sustainability, Energy & Environment

**Student Affairs Signatory**

*Dr. Danita M. B. Young*

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Dr. Danita Brown Young, Vice Chancellor  
Division of Student Affairs



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## Project Information

**Project:** Dorner Drive Retention Pond Transformation

**Funding Source:**

Cleaner Energy Technologies Fee (302571)

Sustainable Campus Environment Fee (303692)

**Funding Amount:** \$9,820.00

**Receiving Campus Unit:** Landscape Architecture (Extension)

**Unit Financial Contact:** Patricia Welander

**E-mail:** pattiw@illinois.edu

**Project Description:**

The University of Illinois is the flagship university of Illinois--the prairie state. Today, less than 3,000 acres of original prairie remain of the approximate 33 million acres that existed across the state pre-European settlement. This project will introduce the first sizable area of high-quality restored prairie on the main campus, bringing with it a host of educational opportunities and various levels of hands-on service learning for campus and community that will exist well into the future. The conversion from its current state of low-mow lawn filled with aggressive, invasive weed species, will also reduce maintenance inputs while helping to provide habitat for pollinators and other forms of wildlife.

This proposal directly funds:

- Seed: \$1,350
- Erosion Control material: \$8,500