



STUDENT SUSTAINABILITY COMMITTEE

Scope Change

From time to time unforeseen challenges or opportunities can affect the planned budget, timeline, or overall goals of a project funded by the Student Sustainability Committee. Past examples of these situations include projects coming in under budget but having additional opportunities available, or inclement weather delaying the planting of agriculture projects.

Below please include a brief project summary and your requested changes. Attach additional documents as needed. If you have any questions, please contact the Student Sustainability Committee at sustainability-committee@illinois.edu.

General Information

Project Name: Dorner Drive Retention Pond Transformation

Total Amount Requested from SSC: \$9,820

Date of Scope Change Submission: 2/1/2023

Contact Information

Project Lead Name: Marcus Benoff

Scope Change Applicant Name (if different than Project Lead): **Brent Lewis, who should replace Eliana Brown as Staff Project Advisor. Add Sinead Soltis, fandsssolti2@mx.uillinois.edu, as a contact as well**

Unit/Department: Facilities & Services

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Project Information

Please provide a brief background of the project, the goals, and the desired outcomes:

The University of Illinois is the flagship university in 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 introduces 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, also reduces maintenance inputs while helping to provide habitat for pollinators and other forms of wildlife.

Please provide a brief summary of how students will be involved in the project's changes:
Students utilize this area as a recreational place of respite and as part of classwork.

Mark the components for which you are applying to change. (Mark all that apply.)

Overall goals

Budget

Timeline

- Original Timeline: May 2022
- New Timeline: **06/30/2025**

Other – **Instead of erosion control, spot herbicide is needed to promote a high-quality prairie landscape.**

Please provide a brief summary of your requested scope change. How is your request different from your original plan? Please explain the reason for the proposed changes.

The student, Marcus Benoff, who applied for the SSC funding graduated Spring 2022. The project didn't need to access the funds because Dorner Drive Retention Pond's native plant establishment didn't end up needing erosion control. However, now there is a need for funding to apply spot herbicide that would give the project a better chance for success.

Additional comments (Optional)

Any additional comments/relevant information for the project proposal