# *Thank you for your commitment to green initiatives at the University of Illinois. One of the ongoing requirements listed in the terms of the funding agreement for your project is the submission of semesterly reports with key information about your project. In addition to this form, please provide additional financial documentation and/or progress photos if available.*

# *Please be as accurate as possible in describing the project (including possible setbacks or challenges in meeting the initial goals of the project). Not fully meeting your project's goals will not disqualify you from making future funding requests as long as your reports are as complete and accurate as possible. If you have any questions, please contact the Student Sustainability Committee, at* [*sustainability-committee@illinois.edu*](mailto:sustainability-committee@illinois.edu)*.*

**Project Name:** **Resuscitating Soil for Sustainable Futures**

**Date of Report Submission:** 5/9/2022

**Project Purpose:**

This project proposes to develop a metric for monitoring and improving soil health with citizen science. The goal is to train students and members of the community to determine and introduce appropriate mycorrhizal fungi, pollinators and beneficial insects into CU by testing soil and evaluating its health. This project will develop an educational program in conjunction with community partners to turn soil metrics and knowledge into concrete actions: increasing pollinator-friendly areas, introducing pollinators and insects, and expanding use of cover crops. This will address iCAP objectives 4.2.2, 4.3, and 4.4 directly, and strongly benefit the campus community.

**Detailed Accounting of Expenditures to Date:**

Waypoint Analytical Soil Sample Analysis: $1,315

**Project Progress to Date:**

We have outreached with about 12 local community gardens and farms on UIUC campus and neighboring. We have met with many leaders of these gardens, begun an outreach program with the help of UIUC undergraduate volunteers and social work students, performed one day of soil testing, and conducted soil analysis to share with partners for this year’s season.

**Student Involvement and Outreach to Date:**

Undergraduate students have helped design which community gardens and farms to perform outreach with, which to test soil with, come up with a communication plan, and talked with leaders of these gardens and farms.

**Marketing and Promotion Efforts to Date:**

Outreach to local gardens and farms by email, shared information about the project by word of mouth in various settings.

**Additional Comments:**

NA. Thank you!