



## STUDENT SUSTAINABILITY COMMITTEE

### Semesterly Report

*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).*

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**Project Name:** Idea Garden Solar Project

**Date of Report Submission:** 10/9/2019

**Project Progress to Date:**

This report covers progress from the 2019 spring semester. Currently, we have F&S plans for installation of the PV system. We have coordinated with the Arboretum to identify a location to tie into an existing power box for connection the grid, for installation of the conduit across arboretum grounds and to for coordination with existing projects. We have already installed the sign frame for the project and have the sign designed. However, we are waiting until the solar array is installed to actually place the sign in the frame. Earlier in spring, around the end of April, we noticed that the F&S costs we were originally quoted were going up on our project as we finalized design plans and materials. Additionally, F&S realized we would need a new roof on our shed prior to installation, which was previously unaccounted for. As a result of these rising costs, we submitted a scope change prior to proceeding with construction/installation of the array last spring.

**Marketing and Promotion Efforts to Date:**

To date, we have not done any marketing. Once our solar array is installed, we do plan to hold an educational program at the site, which will be open to the general public and marketed on campus to students and faculty. We will also invite the CU community with marketing and outreach efforts in local newspapers and social media sites.