# *Thank you for your commitment to green initiatives at the University of Illinois. One of the final steps in completing the terms of the funding agreement for your project is the submission of a Final Report with key information about your project. You will also need to submit a detailed report of expenses (if you don't list it within this document) as well as supporting photos to showcase your project.*

# *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**.*

**Project Name:** Bevier Café Reusable Carry-out Program

**Date of Report Submission:** 8/2/2017

**Project Purpose:**

The purpose of the project was to reduce the environmental impact of the Bever Café carry-out containers by implementing a reusable to-go container program

**Project Summary:**

With the funding provided from the SSC the Bevier Café was able to purchase reusable to-go container with up to 100 uses each. As well as the washing, drying and storage equipment need to sustain the program. The implementation of this program was well received by students enrolled in class and guests of the Bevier Café. In the last two semesters we have enrolled 128 participants into the program and as a result prevented 1,348 disposable to-go containers from entering the waste stream. Customers can buy into the program for a onetime $5 fee and are given a voucher upon the return of their container. Once customers are in the program they present the voucher to the order taker as proof of purchase. With this nominal fee we will be able to replace containers that have been damage, not returned, or have reached the end of their life span and will be able to sustain the program long into the future.

**Summary of Project Expenditures:**

Please see attached invoices

**Problems/Challenges Encountered**

One of the main problems we encountered was the drying of the returned containers. They take up a lot of space and must air dry before stacking. With recently purchased new washing and drying racks that problem is alleviated.

**Student Involvement and Outreach to Date:**

Bevier Café operates as a learning laboratory for Food Science and Human Nutrition Students. Each semester we are able to share the project with 20 plus students that will soon be in charge of food service budgets across the world. We discuss the cost benefits of the program as well as the environmental impact of the reduced waste. Our students actively promote the program every day in lab and inform our customer of the reusable option. We also introduce the program to every customer through signage and guest/student interaction.

**Marketing and Promotion Efforts to Date:**

Once the program started the Fall 2016 Semester we got the word out about the program through social media and localized signage. Eileen created a video that introduced and marketed the program. The video was posted on Facebook via the Bevier Café page and the ACES College page. The fall 2017 we plan on running social media promotions and give away a entries into the program.

**Additional Comments:**

Any additional comments/relevant information for this report

In addition to the above fields, please provide a detailed accounting of how the funding was spent as well as pictures of the final project in an email to sustainability-committee@illinois.edu. Thank you again for your commitment to sustainability.