# *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**.*

**Project Name:** Zero Waste Coordination - PPE Recycling

**Date of Report Submission:** 1/22/2021

**Project Purpose:**

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, disposable masks are entering the waste stream at an increased rate. As they are made of a mix of materials including plastic and fabric, these masks cannot be accepted for recycling at the Facilities and Services Waste Transfer Station. The purpose of this project is to create an avenue for recycling these products at the University of Illinois by utilizing the TerraCycle Zero Waste program.

**Detailed Accounting of Expenditures to Date:**

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| **Date** | **Item** | **Amount** |
| 9/30/2020 | PPE Recycling Posters | 25.78 |
| 9/30/2020 | PPE Recycling Bins (NN915-SSC\_ZEROWASTE\_915006 00127A27) | 5420.25 |
| 10/31/2020 | PPE Recycling Bins (NN915-SSC\_ZEROWASTE\_915006 00129D13) | 5068.8 |
| 11/30/2020 | PPE Recycling Bins (NN915-SSC\_ZEROWASTE\_915006 0012C1B0) | 56.88 |
| **Total** | 10,571.71 |

**Project Progress to Date:**

Over 50 TerraCycle Zero Waste Disposable mask recycling boxes have been implemented in various buildings across campus. More boxes will be implemented this coming spring semester. An updated list of the collection locations is located at [go.fs.illinois.edu/singleusemask](http://go.fs.illinois.edu/singleusemask%22%20%5Ct%20%22_blank)

No boxes have been filled yet, but we expect that with more promotional efforts and the return of students back to campus that we will see boxes ready for shipment in the next few months.

**Student Involvement and Outreach to Date:**

Students have been encouraged to utilize these boxes through the various promotional efforts detailed below.

**Marketing and Promotion Efforts to Date:**

* The F&S website promotes the project and lists mask recycling locations at [go.fs.illinois.edu/singleusemask](http://go.fs.illinois.edu/singleusemask)
* Announcements through the F&S newsletter, ISEE newsletter, iNews, and EWEEK have been made
* There is an iCAP Portal project page for the program at <https://icap.sustainability.illinois.edu/project/single-use-mask-ppe-recycling>
* A story about the program has been published in the [Daily Illini](https://dailyillini.com/features/2020/12/03/students-seek-sustainability-for-single-use-masks/)
* There is a Tik Tok video promoting the effort at [https://www.tiktok.com/@fssustainability/video/6906997195602431238?lang=en](https://urldefense.com/v3/__https%3A/www.tiktok.com/%40fssustainability/video/6906997195602431238?lang=en__;!!DZ3fjg!rnv17rVgc9cgk5mkdtOnoicdRYpba1s2QxjfLxmG7M5UOTa7y5i-HUhc1OiArNxxjww0rg$)
* There have been multiple social media posts through university entities such as this post by F&S on Instagram <https://www.instagram.com/p/CHiwITqLIrD/?utm_source=ig_web_copy_link>
* An informational sign has been placed at all collection locations (attached).

**Additional Comments:**

No additional comments