



STUDENT SUSTAINABILITY COMMITTEE

Funding Award and Acceptance Letter

May 11, 2015

Project Leaders: John Marlin
Project: Arboretum Native Plantings

Dear Mr. Marlin:

On behalf of the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign Student Sustainability Committee (SSC), I would like to thank you for considering the funds raised by the Sustainable Campus Environment Fee to implement a project that improves the sustainability of our campus. SSC is pleased to inform you that we are recommending to the Institute for Sustainability, Energy, and Environment (iSEE) that the Arboretum Native Plantings project **receives \$20,000.00 in grant funding.**

In order to remain eligible for this award, you must agree to the following conditions:


1. A final report of all work completed should be provided to the SSC Program Advisor by May 2, 2017.
2. Project status updates and detailed account statements must be provided at the end of each semester until the project is completed.
3. Any substantial modifications to project scope, budget, or timeline must first be approved by SSC. These requests must be submitted in a formal letter to the Chair and Program Advisor.
4. All projects will be expected to follow campus policies and procedures as well as any applicable State and Federal laws.
5. SSC reserves the right to revoke funding if the project does not comply with the terms and conditions outlined in this letter.
6. Any signage involving the project or events surrounding this project should include SSC's logo and/or a statement of which fee funded the project.
7. Any press releases educational/promotional materials involving the project should acknowledge SSC funding. Projects must communicate with the SSC's External Vice Chair to come up with appropriate marketing for the project.
8. Projects must participate in the Campus Sustainability Symposium at least once before June 30, 2018.

If you agree to the terms and conditions for the funding, please sign on the designated line at the bottom of this letter. If you have any questions regarding these requirements please contact the Chair, Amy Liu, at amy.linqin.liu@gmail.com or the SSC Program Advisor, Micah Kenfield, at kenfield@illinois.edu. You will be notified when the Institute for Sustainability, Energy, and Environment officially approves this project. Again, thank you for your interest in improving the sustainability of the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign. We look forward to working with you in the future.




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John Marlin
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Dr. Evan Delucia, Director
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Project Information

Project: Arboretum Native Plantings

Funding Source: Sustainable Campus Environment Fee

Funding Amount: \$20,000

Award Code: 1-303692-XXXXXX-XXXXXX

Receiving Campus Unit: Prairie Research Institute

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Project Description:

The University of Illinois Arboretum has historically showcased formal displays of annual ornamental plants and selected trees. There is increased interest in developing plots and displays of native plants, especially those that are beneficial to pollinators. This project will introduce a variety of such native plants into several settings at the Arboretum. The Arboretum intends to use the plantings as an outdoor laboratory that will be used for formal and informal education about the role of native plants in provision of ecosystem services such as pollination and improving soil quality. The experience gained will lay the ground work for future expansion of the concept including large plantings within selected locations and patches of clearly labeled plants that will allow visitors to learn their names and characteristics.

The plantings will also provide physical examples of how small plantings can be used in personal and commercial landscapes. The use of perennial native plants will help the Arboretum assess the potential to save money and other resources by using more plants that do not have to be repurchased and replanted annually. The native plants along with improved habitat conditions will support a large number of local pollinators and other insect and bird species that are increasingly threatened by loss of habitat, and provide an instructional resource for university classes and local schools.