



Funding Award and Acceptance Letter

April 23, 2012

Applicant: Eliana Brown, David Wilcoxon, and Dr. Sarah Taylor-Lovell  
Project: Burrill/Morrill East Walkway Sustainable Improvements

Re: Sustainable Campus Environment Fee -- Award Recommendation

Dear Ms. Brown, Mr. Wilcoxon, and Dr. Sarah Taylor-Lovell:

On behalf of the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign Student Sustainability Committee (SSC), we 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 Office of Sustainability that Burrill/Morrill East Walkway Sustainable Improvements project receive **\$5,434 in grant funding** to transform the walkway between Burrill and Morrill Halls to incorporate native plantings and a rain garden.

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

1. All funds must be spent by May 31, 2013.
2. A final report of all work completed should be provided by June 30, 2013.
3. Project status updates and detailed account statements must be provided at the end of each semester until the project is completed.
4. Any substantial modifications to project scope, budget, or timeline must first be approved by SSC.
5. All projects will be expected to follow campus policies and procedures as well as any applicable State and Federal laws.

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 SSC Program Advisor, McKenzie Beverage, at [mbeverag@illinois.edu](mailto:mbeverag@illinois.edu). You will be notified when the Office of Sustainability 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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### Project Information

**Project:** Burrill/Morrill East Walkway Sustainable Improvements

**Funding Source:** Sustainable Campus Environment Fee

**Funding Amount:** \$5,434

**Award Code:** 1-629514-940004-191200-940BUR

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### Project Description:

This project is intended to re-envision a campus walkway as a sustainable, multifunctional landscape. Currently, the space between Burrill and Morrill Halls has planters with sparse, mostly non-native species. This project is an opportunity to introduce native shrubs, ferns, and woodland species that can flourish in the walkway's shady conditions. Additionally, this area's impervious concrete collects rainwater and floods areas of student pedestrian traffic. This project proposes to direct water to the large square planter in the middle of the walkway and convert it into a rain garden. Further, the area just east of the rain garden will have six additional small planters that reduce the amount of concrete and collect rainwater. As the attached blooming plan shows, the suggested vegetation will aesthetically brighten the space. The Student Sustainability Committee is in favor of funding this project because of its visibility and its uniqueness.