



STUDENT SUSTAINABILITY COMMITTEE

Funding Award and Acceptance Letter

November 13, 2015

Project Leaders: James Sullivan
Project: Soil Sampling for Sustainable Landscapes

Dear James Sullivan:

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 Soil Sampling for Sustainable Landscapes project **receives \$4,925.00 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 December 31, 2017.
2. Data from the project be submitted to the institutional repository and a data management plan be generated in coordination with the SSC Coordinator
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. These requests must be submitted in a formal letter to the Chair and Program Advisor.
5. All projects will be expected to follow campus policies and procedures as well as any applicable State and Federal laws.
6. SSC reserves the right to revoke funding if the project does not comply with the terms and conditions outlined in this letter.
7. 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.
8. Any press releases or 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.
9. 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 Coordinator, 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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Project Information

Project: Soil Sampling for Sustainable Landscapes

Funding Source: Sustainable Campus Environment Fee

Funding Amount: \$4,925

Award Code: 1-303692-XXXXXX-XXXXXX

Receiving Campus Unit: NRES

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Project Description:

There is a growing interest in doing several native plantings at specific buildings and undeveloped areas around campus. However, there is no real information on the soil at these locations. This project is looking to provide the data needed to successfully and efficiently manage these planting projects. Several students, including myself, will take soil core samples from each site and provide the samples to a commercial lab. The data will all be analyzed in comparable manner by the same lab. We will take 170 samples/subsamples with an 8" soil probe from these sites. The project team, Facilities and Services, and interested faculty and students will select these sites. The goal is to have an initial database of certain buildings and sites with usable soil sampling data: pH, fertility, and basic grain size. We hope to complete sampling in the fall but if the funding is received later or the ground freezes and is unable to properly be sampled the project will be completed in the spring, around April when the ground thaws. The analysis of the samples can be complete within two months of sampling. However, depending on the samples, it may be a little more or a little less. The final report will be available at the latest by September 2016, but most likely it will be sooner.