

# iWG Assessment

SWATeam Recommendation Ref #: ALUFS003

Date of iWG Assessment: 2/23/17

Original SWATeam Recommendation: Recommendation to support a plan for a South Campus Afforestation plot by Jay Hayek, Extension Specialist in Forestry / NRES. Project to convert 2+ acres at the corner of Race and Windsor to a forestry tract. Currently this land is maintained as turf grass. The new plantings would highlight native Illinois oak and hickory trees and be educational for the campus and surrounding population.

iWG Assessment of budget and policy impacts (*check one*):

moderate budget and/or policy impact      OR       major budget and/or policy implications

iWG Routing Need (*check one*):

transmit recommendation      OR       forward to Sustainability Council

iWG Routing Direction (*department name or Council*): ACES \_\_\_\_\_

iWG Assessment: The iCAP includes an objective to add 50 acres of trees on campus, and this SWATeam recommendation suggests one potential location. The iWG suggests the College of ACES work with the Campus Master Planning committee to identify appropriate locations for additional trees. Another option to consider is parallel to the Embarras River.

Individual comments are required from each iWG member (can be brief, if member fully agrees):

iWG Member Name	iWG Member's Comments
Assoc. Director for Campus Sustainability (iSEE)	This position is currently vacant.
Morgan Johnston (F&S)	F&S supports this recommendation.
Robyn Deterding (Student Affairs)	What would be the funding source? College of ACES? On behalf of Student Affairs we would like to know that source.
Matthew Tomaszewski (Provost's Office)	Further discussion with the appropriate staff in the College of ACES – including the dean – is recommended. The Campus Master Planning process is useful in this regard.
Gary Kling (Academic Senate)	Reforestation, whether it is 2 acres or 50, would be beneficial to our environment. As the demand for field-based research decreases in the future, the campus will have land available for reforestation without negatively impacting research.
Joseph Edwards (Student Sustainability Leadership Council)	I support this proposal. This project will benefit several goals from chapter 7 of the iCAP. It will increase the sustainability of our landscaping and potential for native plants and pollinators on campus. The land this project is on currently is being underutilized both for functional and aesthetic aspects; this plan will significantly address those issues.
Sean Reeder (OBFS)	I'm not supportive the proposed corner of Race and Windsor. The selection of the site should proceed through the normal Site Selection Process through F&S.
Scott Willenbrock (Provost's Fellow)	This should be considered in the context of the Campus Master Plan.

Rob Fritz (college-level facility manager)	I am in agreement of this recommendation
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Attach any comments from subject matter experts (with names and roles).