

UIS Green Projects Application

Full Project Proposal- **Step 2**

To complete your Full Project Proposal, **download this word document and type all answers** to the questions below. Save your completed word document along with any supporting documentation (excel spreadsheet of budgeted itemized items, letters of support, and so on) as new files. Supporting files in Word (.docx) format should be attached to the end of this application in order to create only one Word document. Supporting files in all other formats (pdf, excel, PP) may be submitted as separate documents.

Once completed and saved to your device, return to the Green Projects website at <http://www.uis.edu/greenprojects/get-involved/>

Click the hyperlink titled, ***“Submit your completed UIS Green Project Proposal”***
This can be found under **Step 2** of the “Submit a Green Project Proposal” section.

You will be redirected to an external WebQ. Upload your completed application along with any supporting documentation by the deadline found in the **“Timeline”** section of the Green Projects website.

NOTE: Please do not submit this application unless you have been formally invited to do so by the UIS Green Fee Committee.

If you have any questions regarding the application or submission process, please contact us at greenprojects@uis.edu.

Project Name: Grass Rework

Contact Information:

Project Team

<i>Name</i>	<i>UIS Student/Faculty/Staff & Department (or Office)</i>	<i>UIS Email</i>	<i>Phone #</i>
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I forgot his name	Head of Groundskeeping		

Organization/Affiliation:

Project Information:

Provide a brief description of the project, its goals, and the desired outcomes:

We will replace our non-native turf grass with lawn grasses or plants that are native to Illinois and require less maintenance. Overall, the goal is to replace the UIS turf grass (not including athletic fields) with a grass/plant that is native to Illinois but does not compromise or undermine the aesthetics of the UIS campus.

How will this project improve sustainability at UIS?

In converting our turf grass to grasses that are native to Illinois, we will significantly reduce the resources and energy we spend on maintenance. Furthermore, with drought-resistant grass, we will not have to water it as much. Finally, native grasses will encourage native insects and bugs to inhabit the grasses, creating a more biodiverse environment.

Please indicate how this project will involve or impact students. What role will students play in the project?

This project may make it more or less comfortable for students who like to study or spend time in the grass. Otherwise, it will only visually change the way the campus grounds look.

Where will the project be located? Do you need special permissions to enact the project at this site? If so, please explain and attach a letter of support to your application. If you are not sure, let us know! We can help.

This project will eventually take place across the entire campus, although not all of it can be done at once (due to financial costs). As for right now, we should implement this in more popular areas like the quad.

Other than the project team, who will hold stake in the project? Please list other individuals, groups, or departments indirectly or directly affected by this project. This includes any funding entities (immediate, future, ongoing, etc.) and any entities that will be benefiting from this project. Communication with affected departments is encouraged ahead of time. List the names of who you spoke with and their comments.

The groundskeeping department will be affected. It is likely that they won't spend as much time or money on grounds maintenance. This might become an on-going project, as it will be impossible to make the entire transition within just a year. I spoke with the head of groundskeeping (he was at the green fee committee meeting).

Have you applied for funding from the Student Green Fee previously? If so, for what project?

No.

Scope, Schedule, and Budget verification

Do you have a plan for project implementation? Describe the key steps of the project.

As we implement this, we will replace one or two section of turf grass at a time with native grasses. Currently, buffalo grass seems like a good alternative; however, I think it might be a good idea to use other native grasses as well (to avoid having the entire campus primarily covered by buffalo grass – we could come up with a more biodiverse solution).

At this time I would like to request for 2 lbs of buffalo grass to incorporate into the new grass areas surrounding the new student union. If the UIS grounds department disagrees with this location, the seed may be used to plant anywhere on campus that Grounds sees fit. This project aims to provide native grass seed to UIS Grounds that will be planted on campus, ideally replacing turf grass.

List all budget items for which funding will be required. Include the cost for each item requested. Please be as detailed as possible, to the best of your ability. If you know where you would like to purchase materials from, please list the contact information of the retailer(s) below, along with the URL addresses to each item you will be requiring. If you need suggestions for how and where to purchase materials, please contact the Student Sustainability Projects Coordinators by email.

<u>ITEM</u>	<u>COST</u>	<u>SOURCE OF MATERIALS</u>
Labor	?	
Buffalo grass:	\$12/lb, 2 lbs covers 1000 square feet.	
Total:	\$25.00	

Will this project require ongoing funding? Do you have a plan for supporting the project in order to cover replacement, operation, or renewal costs?

No, after the native grasses are planted, they will become a part of the UIS grounds keeping fund. However, we will need to gather funding for a while before we will be done replacing all the turf grass.

Every project must be publicized! Where would you like to see information about this project reported?

I'd love to see this advertised on the UIS website homepage, as well as the newspaper. We should really make an easily accessible sustainability tab on the UIS website that denotes all the steps we have taken towards becoming a more sustainable university. This will be great for future reference, and we will be able to use it as a source if we ever feel the need to talk about how sustainable UIS is.