

UIS Green Project Letter of Intent- Step 1

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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 LOI”**
This can be found under **Step 1** of the “Submit a Green Project Proposal” section.

You will be redirected to an external WebQ. Upload your completed application by the deadline which can be found in the **“Timeline”** section of the Green Projects website.

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

Project Name: Field House Canoe/Kayak Rack

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Project Information:

Please provide a brief description of the project. What are the goals and the desired outcomes of the project?
Please address all of the above items including concrete examples of the desired outcomes.

The purchase and installation of two kayaks and a boat rack at the UIS Field Station would give UIS students without vehicles the opportunity to access the lake in an environmentally friendly way. At this time only students with vehicles can transport rental boats from Campus Recreation and these boats and storage feature would give all of our students the opportunity to participate.

Please describe why this project matters to you and how it relates to sustainability.

How will it aid in promoting the sustainability culture on campus? Describe your long-term vision.

Our department hosts a number of outdoor trips, both locally and throughout the Midwest. These trips are very popular and we work very hard to make sure that practices such as “Leave No Trace” are followed and students get to appreciate nature in its full beauty. By offering low impact trips such as canoeing and

kayaking we hope students see they are able to have fun and enjoy themselves with very little impact on their surrounding.

Where will the project be located?

This projects will be located at the UIS Field Station on Lake Springfield.

Please provide a brief summary of how students will be involved in or affected by the project:

Are there any relevant opportunities for student or multidisciplinary involvement with your project?

The Department of Campus Recreation is very proud of our Outdoor Adventure program and our opportunity to take students out into nature for a relaxing and enjoyable trip. Unfortunately, due to trips sizes or students schedules not everyone who wants to participate is able to do so. To assist these students, we offer the ability to rent equipment from us, but again there are limitations to this as not everyone on campus has a vehicle and is able to travel. We hope having a location very near to campus will give all the UIS community the ability to enjoy the scenery. Also, with due to COVID-19 a number of on campus activities has been cancelled. Our outdoor rentals have not been affected an in fact we have seen an uptick in the number of rentals, and we anticipate this need for more socially distant activities to continue in the future.

Please provide a brief summary of the project timeline (Most approved projects are proposed in the Fall and implemented in the Spring)

A brief summary of total project timeline and key milestones

We would like to have the canoes purchased and the rack installed before March 1, 2020. We hope to have students utilizing the boats as the weather begins to get warmer.

Please provide a brief itemized breakdown of the funds needed.

We will help you factor in the cost of labor and installation. If you have a plan for where you would like to purchase supplies from, provide it here and include a URL link to each item on the desired retailer's website.

We expect an approximate cost of the project to be around \$1000.00. There are many different types of canoes and kayaks available and would appreciate the green fee committee's input in what type of boat they would like to see on campus. I am also unsure how much it would cost the University to install the rack so this a rough estimate.

Do you have any suggestions for how we could measure the success of this project?

We could keep track of the number of students using the boats by having the reserve a time through the TRAC rental system and by stopping by to pick up the necessary safety equipment.

Additional comments:

Any additional comments/relevant information about the project proposal