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GREEN FUND PROJECTS


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Highlighted Projects

 Instituted in 2009, the Green Fund has awarded funding for 169 projects, totaling over \$2.1 million invested in sustainability across the SIU Carbondale campus community. Categories of projects have included food, energy efficiency, renewable energy, greening/grounds, transportation, waste, and outreach for sustainability efforts.

Funded projects have ranged from events, to graduate and undergraduate research, to long-term investments in facilities on campus to ensure a sustainable future for the SIU campus.

Click on the buttons below to explore a few of our featured projects.

 The following green fund project reports are categorized based on round (semester) for the fall and spring terms. Project manager contact information has been removed from some reports. NOTE: Funding criteria has changed over the years. Projects proposed now that are similar to those funded in the past may not be funded again. In fact, we encourage applicants to look at new, emerging trends and to develop new, innovative solutions to existing sustainability challenges. Reference our [rubric](#) for more information about our evaluation process.

 The first link for each project (embedded in the project name) is the final report. Some projects also include additional information (please click on the "*more information*" link).

Round 13 Fall 2016

[Education in Motion Program](#)

[LED Lighting Project](#)

[Lactation Accommodation](#)

[MCM Filmmakers United](#)

[GA for Energy Efficiency](#)

[Composting Facility Skid-Steer and Can Cleaner](#)

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[LOGIC](#)

[Paper Recycling](#)

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[Touch of Nature Bridge](#)

Round 12 Spring 2015

[Campus Solar Array, *more information.*](#)

[Permeable Paving Tiles](#)

[LOGIC](#)

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[Digital Banner](#)

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[Educational Kiosks](#)

[Touch of Nature Programs](#)

[Touch of Nature GA](#)

Round 10 Spring 2014

[Big Belly Solar Compactors](#)
[CDL Preschool](#)
[GRA for Physical Plant](#)

[Low Flow Shower Heads](#)
[LED Theatrical Lighting III, *more information.*](#)
[Rec center – Green Wall](#)

Round 7 Fall 2012

[Energy Efficient Bio-digester](#)
[Center for Ecology Speaker Series](#)
[LED Theatrical Lighting II, *more information.*](#)
[Organic Vegetables](#)

[Prairie Garden](#)
[Steeldeck Platform System](#)
[SolarDok Picnic Table](#)

Round 6 Spring 2012

[Alternative Spring Break](#)
[Climate Change Education](#)
[Sustainability Day Green Fair](#)
[Green Wall and Vertical Garden, *more information.*](#)
[Growing LOGIC](#)

[The Antarctica Initiative, *more information.*](#)
[Antarctica Education, *more information.*](#)
[Rain Garden](#)
[Bike and Pedestrian Path](#)
[LED Theatrical Lighting, *more information.*](#)
[Vermicompost Application](#)

Round 5 Fall 2011

[Earth Day 2012](#)

[Video Lighting Conversion](#)

Round 4 Spring 2011

[ADA EZ Door Openers](#)
[Coal Solar Energy](#)

[Permaculture](#)
[Herbaceous Restoration](#)

Round 3 Fall 2010

[Vegetables using Vermicomposts](#)
[Electric Vehicle, *more information.*](#)

[Turning Grease into Fuel](#)

Round 2 Spring 2010

[SEED for SIU15!](#)

Round 1 Fall 2009

[Sustainable Vegetables](#)
[Dining Hall Food Spatial Analysis](#)

[Wind Power Project](#)

Sustainability-related Projects Receiving Support From the Green Fund:



[SIU Restorative Club RSO](#) - The SIU Restoration Club RSO was given money to turn the overgrown garden by Life Sciences II into a garden with different specimens of prairie grass. The original site was tilled and weeded, and a new stone path was put in. Clusters of 2-3 specimens have been planted with signage identifying them, and a large sign discussing the background of prairielands in Illinois has been installed to help educate students and visitors about grasses native to our state.



[Plant and Service Operations \(PSO\)](#) - With Green Fund help, PSO installed 4 trash/recycling containers featuring a solar-powered compacting mechanism and a “smart belly” function to indicate when a container is nearly full.

In 2004, SIU received a grant to install a 28kW photovoltaic solar array by the Plant and Service Operations building. Since then, the array has produced over 91,000 kWh of electricity to offset electric purchases from other sources, and has been used for educational and research opportunities.



[Sustainable Farm](#) - The Sustainable Farm has received several Green Fund grants. In 2012, the Sustainable Farm built both high and low polytunnels to extend its growing season into the winter months, providing fresh produce to students when it is normally scarce. Excess vegetables are sold at local farmer’s markets for further income to support the operation.



Imagining Geographies - Imagining Geographies was a College of Mass Communication and Media Arts-led, university- & region-wide interdisciplinary initiative with two primary missions: the first of which is to advance investigations, knowledge creation and mobilization, discussion, and multiple forms of expression by faculty, staff, and students across SIU related to space, place, culture, and identity. The second is to share these efforts with the SIU community and residents of Southern Illinois.

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