



Wilbur Wright College Chicago, Illinois Farming/Garden

SCHOOL

Wilbur Wright College, public, 2-year, Chicago, Illinois.

GOALS AND OUTCOMES

Goals

- Upon completion of the project we expect to cover an additional 100 sq. feet of the roof which currently has 500 sq. feet of green roof. This effort will help towards our goal to complete coverage of the Wilbur Wright College Science Building roof.
- Students that participate in the project will receive appropriate credit and gain knowledge in environmental science
- Will provide students with experiential learning and a workforce skill for assembling a green roof project
- This is an ongoing project which will continue until we cover the entire roof of the Science Building and become a permanent structure of the existing roof
- This project provides a natural habitat for wildlife
- It will improve the environmental conditions in the surrounding area by: reducing the storm water run-off and providing thermal insulation

Accomplishments and Outcomes

So far we have purchased the trays for the roof and we are in the process of purchasing the plants. We expect to do this by the end of the week. The planting took place in April 2012; students from Biology and Environmental Biology participated in the planting project.

Challenges and Responses

Our only problem was purchasing the gloves for the students, because the requisition was delayed by the District Office.

Currently, we are contacting the appropriate departments to find out where the link was broken. Hopefully we can get the gloves for the next planting session.

ENGAGEMENT AND SUPPORT

Funding and Resources

This project received a Greenforce Initiative grant. The Greenforce Initiative, a partnership of Jobs for the Future and National Wildlife Federation, is an effort to strengthen the capacity of community colleges to green the skills of the modern workforce.

Education and Community Outreach

We published an ad in the Wright College newspaper.

CONTACT INFORMATION

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