

Champlain College Sustainable Initiatives Fund Annual Report 2023-2024



Initiated in 2013, the [Champlain College Sustainable Initiatives Fund](#) (SIF) is an investment fund that finances energy efficiency, renewable energy and other sustainability projects on campus. The Fund provides capital for special projects conducted by Physical and community-led sustainability projects that are in clear alignment with Champlain College's sustainability objectives.

Sustainable Initiatives Fund Committee members:

Holly Francis (Staff, Office of Sustainability), Tim Van Woert (Staff, Facilities), Nic Anderson (Staff, Operations), Kate Cronin (Staff, Operations), Eliana Fox (Staff, Sustainable Transportation, Fall 2023 only), Regina Farrell (Staff, Advancement), Lindsey Godwin (Faculty, SSB), Robin Collins (Faculty, ITS), Valerie Esposito (Faculty, SSI), Nicole Morris (Faculty, SSB), Brady Mueller (Staff, CCO), Paige Garland (student), Luke Ferrari (student), Maddy Fenstermaker (student), Owen Roma (student)

Committee's Charge: to advise and manage the College's [Sustainable Initiatives Fund](#), an investment fund that finances energy efficiency, renewable energy, and other sustainability projects on campus.

Projects funded in 2023-2024

Project	Who	When	Description	Amount Granted	Expenses to date
'23 senior gift: solar picnic table	Senior class of 2023	Summer 2023	Picnic table with solar charging capabilities for devices, currently located outside of S.D. Ireland	\$700	\$706.15
Aquaponics reset	John Brooks, '24	Summer 2023	Fish, plants, and filters for the existing aquaponics system in order to reset/restart	\$250	\$243.66
Soiling testing on campus	JC Schumaker '24, Facilities	Fall 2023 and Spring 2024	About a dozen total soil sample tests done to see what the nutrient levels were which is important in determining best plants	\$212	218.45

Bill McKibben Event	Office of Sustainability	Spring 2024	Check cut to Bill McKibben for his speaking event on January 25th, 2024	\$1,500	\$1,500
Tree planting on campus	Brady Mueller	Spring 2024	Capstone project: purchased and planted three tree saplings, one near Pearl Hall and two behind Skiff Hall	\$1,000	\$30.64
Campus tree walk	Mae River, '24	Spring 2024	Capstone project: hardware for adding numbers to trees for asynchronous tree tours on campus	\$100	\$67.13
Pollinator Garden Kiosk	Emma Dannenberg, '24	Spring 2024	Capstone project: locally-made, wooden kiosk with Emma's artwork depicting the local flora and fauna of the pollinator garden	\$2,600	\$2,971
Native Plant Nexus	JC Schumaker, '24	Spring 2024	Capstone project: purchasing and planting of native plants in one of 194 Saint Paul Street's raised planter beds	\$420	\$149.80
TOTAL SPENT					\$14,113.17