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Campus Sustainability Fund Committee
University of Washington

To the CSF committee,

As the program manager for the 12,000 Rain Gardens program, I enthusiastically voice support for the funding of the Green Liver Project on the UW campus. As a graduate of the UW (Ph.D. Biology 2010), and environmental scientist and an advocate for green sustainable development practices, this project is uniquely aligned with my passions and professional expertise. For those reasons and for the project's own merit, it receives the ardent support from the 12,000 rain garden campaign.

The project is cohesive with our mission to bring stormwater mitigation to the forefront of a shift towards low impact development in the Puget Sound area. Our campaign to construct 12,000 rain gardens by 2016 in the region will benefit greatly with an active role from UW in mitigating stormwater on the 20+ million gross square feet of the city that the campus occupies. We look forward to a partnership which could propel the University to a position of leadership in water pollution prevention. The Green Liver Project would be a positive step in the interest of returning UW to the top 10 list of Green Schools in the nation. Additionally, I believe that the creation of the '*Sustainable Stormwater Coordinator*' position would help to streamline UW's efforts in this regard. A concerted movement towards quantifying non-point water pollution, mapping critical problem areas and assessing future mitigation, will require a dedicated research assistant. This position could provide our program with a consistent channel for communication and collaboration in our growing efforts to propel the Puget Sound Region into the forefront of the green infrastructure economy.

My personal role as consultant in the project will be very valuable in not only overseeing the design and implementation of the rain garden, but also allow our program to work directly with student volunteers and staff, establishing a lasting partnership. By utilizing our expertise as consultants in this and future projects, rather than hiring outside contractors, costs can be minimized while quality is assured. I look forward to the success of the Green Liver Project and a productive relationship between UW and 12,000 Rain Gardens its parent organization, Stewardship Partners.

Sincerely,



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