RE: Green Liver Project
To: CSF Committee

As Project Manager for Construction and Implementation of the Husky Sustainable Storms project, I support the Green Liver Project (GLP) efforts to address improved stormwater mitigation on campus. Through my years of experience working on student projects at UW, I understand the value of the Campus Sustainability Fund and envision the benefit of funding innovative student projects like the GLP. My experience within the multi-disciplinary HSS team, has built valuable inroads into multiple departments and contributed to the dialogue surrounding this pressing issue. By cooperating with an allied project, like the GLP, we will continue UW's progress towards an innovative leadership position on the stormwater front.

The creation of a Research Assistant position, the 'Sustainable Stormwater Coordinator', is precisely the step that this institution should take in order to link up past and future student efforts with administration and personnel. This RA can advise and work with students interested in building rain gardens or other stormwater mitigation projects, so they can efficiently navigate the communication channels and request funding appropriately. By having a specific point person to work within this realm, consistent relationships with Grounds Management, the campus Landscape Architect and the campus Engineer, will streamline communication and minimize redundancy. The RA can utilize these relationships to build a collaborative campus wide effort. This will be complemented by a water and soil quality assessment of the Seattle campus, and a detailed feasibility analysis leading to recommendations for future projects. We look forward to working with a Sustainable Stormwater Coordinator to expedite our own HSS process towards project implementation. To hit the point home, it would have been helpful to have this service available as we worked and continue to work on the HSS project.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me. Thank you for your time.

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