



# Student Green Initiatives Fund

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Student Green Initiatives Fund Committee  
201 Memorial Hall  
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RE: BGSU Commitment to Solar Energy

The Student Green Initiatives Fund Committee was created in 2011 with a mission of minimizing the environmental impact of BGSU through investments in sustainable infrastructure and educational initiatives. After consistent student support, with an average lifetime participation rate of 85%, it is clear that the BGSU student body supports a sustainable future for our university.

In 2015-2016, the Fund partnered with BGSU's Division of Finance and Administration to commission a comprehensive "Energy and Sustainability Master Plan Study", which was presented in November 2016. After this investment of \$100,000, the results of this study indicate that BGSU must pursue on-campus renewable energy generation in combination with energy conservation measures to meet its institutional goal of carbon-neutrality by the year 2040.

Acting on the results of this study, the powers enumerated in the Charter of this Fund, and the desires of the student body, the Student Green Initiatives Fund Committee has made the decision to dedicate \$500,000 to the development of a large-scale, on-campus solar array or a series of arrays.

This decision was reviewed and discussed at the meeting held on Friday, February 17<sup>th</sup>, 2017. The Committee viewed the investment as consistent with the sustainability goals of BGSU. Specifically, it is aimed at directly reducing BGSU's carbon emissions and strengthening sustainability education, which are goals of our Climate Action Plan and a requirement of the American Colleges & Universities President's Climate Commitment.

The Committee voted to approve this proposal, granting the requested amount of \$500,000 towards an on-campus solar energy project or series of projects with the following provisos:

- 1. The solar array(s) must be constructed on BGSU property**
- 2. Both funding models, institutional ownership & Power Purchase Agreement (PPA), must be explored**
- 3. The array(s) should be capable of generating 1 MW of energy or more**

The Student Green Initiatives Fund Committee is excited to see BGSU prioritize renewable energy generation and carbon reduction initiatives with the investment of on-campus solar energy technology.

Sincerely,

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