SIU Sustainability Council Project Final Report

Project title: TON G.A. and Outreach Vehicle

Project I.D. #: 15SP110 Award date: 4/22/2015

Completion date: In progress (est. 5/13/2016)

Funds used (if different from award amount): award amount

Brief write up of project/project experience (not to exceed 250 words):

Familiarization with environmental grant resources and outreach development and coordination to promote environmental education opportunities for local K-12 schools. Building new and strengthening existing relationships between Touch of Nature and local K-12 schools.

Best things learned/produced from project:

New relationships with local K-12 schools and integrating environmental education into classroom curriculum.

How do you define sustainability?

Considerate use for now and the future.

Has this changed over the course of your project? If so, how?

Slightly. Sustainability does not mean no change, but rather change that maintains the integrity of the resource while allowing for future generations to experience the resource as current generations do.

What do you see as the next step for the project?

To develop long term working relationships with local K-12 schools where environmental education programming at Touch of Nature aligns with school education modules. Align programming curricula with Next Generation Science Standards.

Optional: Do you have any suggestions for the SIU Sustainability Council to improve the Green Fund award process?

Attach a minimum of five images – these will be used to promote interest in Sustainability Council projects. These can be photographs of the progress of the project, the completed project, or promotional materials.

Images will be forthcoming.