

**Green Fund Project
Final Report**

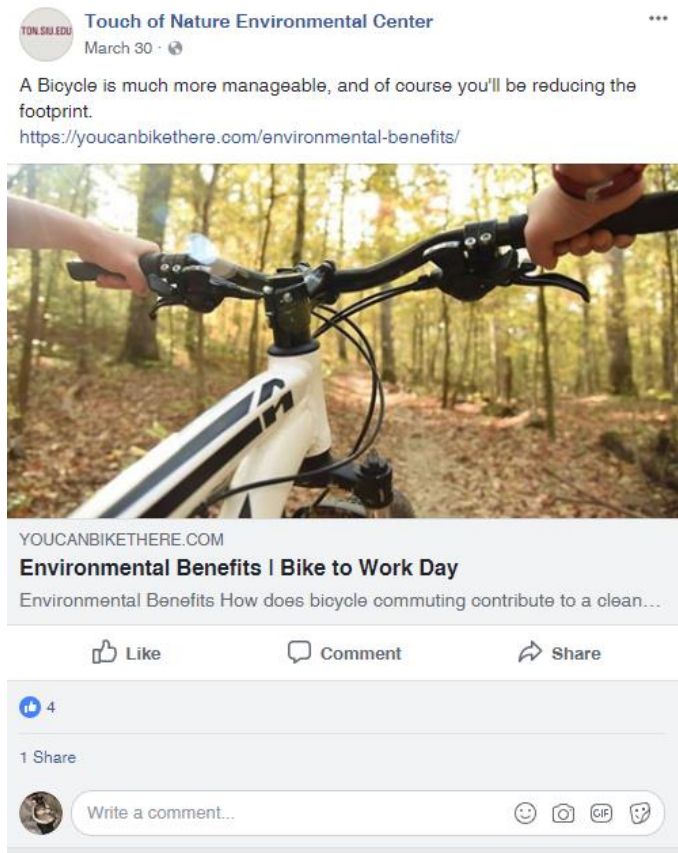
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Project Title: Touch of Nature Graduate Assistant- Outreach
Project ID #: 17SP134
Award Date: Spring 2017
Completion Date: December 14, 2018
Total Funds Used: \$14000

1. Please provide a write up of your project/project experience.
Touch of Nature utilized the Green Fund funded Graduate Assistant to assist with the Environmental Education program outreach at Touch of Nature. The GA produced flyers, contacted local schools, and attended conferences to provide information on Touch of Nature's Environmental Education opportunities. It was the GA's responsibility to be the main point of contact for all school visits and to assist the schools in booking their programs. The GA also was tasked with making sure the programming appropriately addressed the goals of the group.
2. Please provide a summary of your results (environmental, social, and/or economic) including quantifiable data as appropriate (ex. # of individuals reached, lbs. diverted from landfill, energy saved, etc.).

| Year | # of Groups | # of individuals | Amount Spent by groups |
|------|-------------|------------------|------------------------|
| 2015 | 18 | 809 | \$11856.72 |
| 2016 | 30 | 896 | \$16009.36 |
| 2017 | 31 | 1058 | \$24273.80 |
| 2018 | 21 | 772 | \$25855 |

3. Summarize how your project promoted the Green Fee/Sustainability on campus including, but not limited to, flyers created, screenshots of website, signage, etc. Please include website links, if applicable.
Sustainability was a topic in all of our Environmental Education field trips. In addition, the Sustainability and Green Fund grant has been mentioned many times on Touch of Nature's Facebook page.



4. Is there anything you would do differently if you were to do a similar project in the future? If so, please describe.

Yes, I think connecting with more teachers at local schools could improve this project. Although we were able to get a lot of school groups out for trips, there are still many teachers who are unfamiliar with what Touch of Nature has to offer.

5. Please attach a minimum of 5 digital images –these will be images used to promote interest in sustainability projects on campus. These can be photos of the progress of the project or the completed project.
6. Optional: Do you have any suggestions for the SIU Sustainability Council to improve the Green Fund Award Process?



