

## **Outdoor Pursuits Bike Shelter**

In Spring 2017, Student LEAF voted to fund a bike shelter and new vertical bike racks for the cruiser bikes provided by Outdoor Pursuits. The blue cruiser bikes are very popular around campus, and free for students to use. However, these bikes sat outside in the elements when they weren't in use. They were also hard to get out of the racks, as they were tangled together. As a result, bikes were in the OP bike shop for frequent repairs. The idea for the bike shelter and new racks was proposed by Whitney Dyer, the Assistant Director of Outdoor Pursuits. We worked collaboratively with Outdoor Pursuits in order to come up with the appropriate design and make sure that this would be the best possible use of the outdoor space near the OP office.

In total, Student LEAF spent \$31,521.00 on this project to improve the bike storage solution at Outdoor Pursuits. This project helps encourage students to get outside, use sustainable transportation, and live a healthy lifestyle while protecting the university's investment into the bikes.



## Reusable To-Go Containers

The idea to use reusable containers for to-go meals has been a popular one amongst students. Student LEAF voted to fund the initial phase of this project in late spring 2017 after a successful pilot program. Students are given the option to use a reusable container instead of a disposable one, and then bring back the box to exchange for a clean one. The boxes go through the dishwasher like a normal plate for reuse. The goal of this project was to significantly reduce the amount of waste generated by to-go meals, and ultimately reduce the footprint of dining services. This project was put together with the help of Robin Margolin in Dining Services.

In total, Student LEAF spent \$9835.00 on this project. We hope to expand the effort after this initial year, which has helped us work out several challenges to implementation.



## **Electric Vehicle Charging Station**

In spring 2016, Student LEAF voted to fund the purchase and installation of an Electric Vehicle Charging station. It was installed in A-Lot at the University Center, and offers an option to commuters, faculty, staff, and students who drive electric vehicles. There is a four-hour limit to the spots, and there are two charging ports available for use. Those who are interested in using this station will need to follow instructions posted and pay for parking separately. Rates are by the hour.

This project was proposed by former UNC student and LEAF president Jessica Mithun. The goal of this project was to encourage alternatives to traditional modes of transportation. We had received several suggestions from faculty and staff who drive electric vehicles to install a charging station on campus. In total, this project cost \$20,511 including installation costs and the unit itself.



## **Solar Picnic Tables**

This project was proposed by Robin Weber, and was funded in spring 2017. Many students enjoy sitting outside and enjoying the beautiful Colorado days we have here on our equally beautiful campus. The goal of this project was to provide students a place to enjoy the outdoors while providing students visual examples of what solar energy can do. These tables provide places for students to charge their devices, and are currently located on the Gunter Hall patio, and outside of Holmes Dining Hall.

In total, Student LEAF approved \$23,500 for the four tables purchased.



## Skatedocks

This project was proposed by student Marissa Antola. She proposed provided a place for students to keep their skateboards when attending sporting events at Nottingham, since they are not allowed inside the facility. After coordinating with the company who designed the Varsity Bike Racks purchased previously, Student LEAF was able to fund these “Skatedocks” at multiple sites on campus including both dining halls, the UC, Nottingham and Jackson Fields. These Skatedocks allow students to lock their board safely while entering a building, encourage sustainable modes of transportation, and encourage students to enjoy campus life.

In total, Student LEAF allocated \$6700.00 for this project.



### **Vacancy Lighting**

Student LEAF funded vacancy sensors in the Lawrenson recycling rooms as well as student rooms in Hansen-Willis and Sabin Halls. These fixtures ensure that lights will shut off after a period of inactivity in case a student forgets to turn them off. Many classrooms and bathrooms on campus feature this technology, or similar occupancy sensors.

In Lawrenson Hall, Student LEAF spent \$3000 and in the Hansen-Willis and Sabin Project, Student LEAF spent \$24,500.

### **Central Campus Indoor Recycling Bins**

In an anonymous survey, a student indicated to Student LEAF that it would be beneficial to have the ability to sort their recyclables inside their residence hall rather than outside. Working with Steven Abbath from Facilities, we were able to design a recycling bin that could go inside residence halls and allow students to sort their recycling from their rooms. The bins are very popular among students, and currently are found inside Central Campus Res Halls. Student LEAF is currently investigating the costs of a Phase 2 for West Campus.

In total, Student LEAF funded \$46,086.26 for this project.



### Michener Library Recycling Bins

Michener Library has many opportunities for recycling, but the issue that was encountered was space. In order to create a more consistent image for recycling, Student LEAF was excited about the opportunity to expand into the library. Steven Abbath suggested that we take our existing model of MAX-R bins and break them into three separate bins that could be placed around the columns in the library. This increased the visibility and accessibility to recycling bins on all levels of the library for students to use.

Student LEAF funded \$40,000 worth of bins for Michener Library in Fall 2015.



### UC Recycling Bins

There was a lack of recycling presence on the upper levels of the UC, especially near the conference rooms used for a variety of meetings held on campus. Working with Steven Abbath and Jay Dinges from the UC, Student LEAF wanted to fund several MAX-R units on the upper level of the UC. The goal of this project was to increase the recycling efforts on campus, and provide visible places for students to recycle.

Student LEAF spent \$11,000 on this project in Fall 2015.

### **Healing Garden @ Cancer Rehab Center**

The Healing Garden project at the Cancer Rehab Center on Central Campus was proposed by Pat McDonald. There were several goals with this project: to take an area on campus that was primarily turf and turn it into a sustainable garden, to plant species that were both beneficial medicinally and beneficial to local pollinators, and provide a calming space on campus for students and patients at the rehab center. Plant species were carefully selected by McDonald to meet the goals of the project. Descriptions of all the plants in this garden are provided on placards in the garden. The garden was also the site of Student LEAF's annual Arbor Day Tree planting, where we planted several Red Bud trees.

Student LEAF funded this project in Spring 2016 for a total of \$24,000.





