

Initial Thoughts

Being early in the semester, I do not have much to say referring to my initial thoughts on this semester's research project. Our communication with our community partners is limited, with little more than scant conversations over Microsoft teams. However, I am still optimistic towards the outcome of our partnership with JJKFaN, as our prior interactions with the organization produced positive outcomes.

Until we are able to view the site, I cannot accurately formulate a plan of action on addressing the needs of JJKFaN and the site as a whole. With the research into native horticulture I have been conducting, I have the necessary knowledge and experience to conduct a complete plant ethnography in the area. This ethnography will be crucial to the development of the site as a nature preserve and educational tool. Utilizing previous nature conservation projects as a basis for designing the site, I will be able to transform the site into a facility that benefits both JJKFaN and the community of East Saint Louis as a whole.

On the topic of budget, I am currently unaware of the scope of the project and therefore cannot begin to discuss a cost-benefit analysis of the project. The lack of clarity when referring to the goals and objectives of the expansion project has been restrictive to the development of a roadmap for the project. Although I am optimistic towards the goals of the project due to our prior success JJKFaN, the scope of the development project is to be determined with the outcome of it being dependent on the methods and plans JJKFaN wishes to conduct.