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Subject: APPLICATION TO SET UP PILOT TESTS
Att.: Michel-Paul Correa

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Hello,

I am writing to confirm that I would like to set up pilot tests using the EVER GREEN (Hydrogel). The site where the tests will be carried out is in Gainesville, FL, USA. The organization responsible for setting up the tests and monitoring is the Klein Arboriculture Lab at The University of Florida.

The proposed study seeks to evaluate the potential benefits of EVER GREEN (Hydrogel) on the establishment and survivability of newly planted landscape/urban trees. Below is an outline of the study details/methods:

- Test area: Klein Arboriculture Lab, Gainesville, FL, USA.
- Number of trees that will benefit from the solutions: 30 trees (with gel – added to the planting hole), 30 trees (with gel – mixed in top 6” of soil in 8’ ring around the trees), and 30 trees as a control group (without gel).
- Tree species to be tested: Red Maple (*Acer rubrum*).
- Average size of the trees to be planted: 15-gal. (approximately 6’ tall and 1.5” caliper)
- The technology to be tested: Ever Green (Hydrogel)
- Start date: The trees will be planted April 2025, and the study will be completed within 2 years (i.e., data collection, analysis, and reporting).

In the attached previous email, you can find more details of my study. If you’re interested in contributing to the study, please send the samples to:

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Sincerely,



Ryan Klein