

July 26, 2022

Dear AASHE STARS Steering Committee and Interested Readers,

On behalf of the University of Maryland, Baltimore County (UMBC), I am pleased to submit the Sustainability Tracking, Assessment & Rating System (STARS) Report. The UMBC Office of Sustainability collaborated diligently with campus staff to collect up-to-date and pertinent data for the STARS report. This comprehensive review of UMBC's efforts is an accurate representation of the university's sustainability practices, programs, and standards. The university recently updated its Climate Action Plan and adjusted its planned carbon neutrality date from 2075 to 2050. UMBC's committed students, faculty, and staff continue to find innovative ways to champion sustainability throughout all aspects of campus.

Established in 1966, UMBC is one of the fastest growing research universities in the nation- in early 2022 UMBC ascended to the nation's highest level as a R1 research university. This dynamic public research university, consistently recognized as one of the best places to work by *The Chronical of Higher Education*, serves over 13,000 undergraduate and graduate students on our 500-acre campus featuring over 4 million square feet of building space. US News & World Report has recognized UMBC as "best for undergraduate teaching" and "most innovative." Our UMBC community redefines excellence in higher education through an inclusive culture that connects innovative teaching and learning, research across disciplines, and civic engagement. We will advance knowledge, economic prosperity, and social justice by welcoming and inspiring inquisitive minds from all backgrounds.

UMBC welcomes this opportunity to earn a STARS rating as the university continues to make progress towards its long-term sustainability and resilience goals. Please contact Mr. Ryan Kmetz, Director of Sustainability, at [rkmetz@umbc.edu](mailto:rkmetz@umbc.edu) should you have any questions about our STARS Report.

Sincerely,



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