



OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

Anthony P. Monaco, *President*

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Dear Members of the STARS Steering Committee:

The year 2015 marks an important milestone in Tufts' sustainability history: the 25th anniversary of the Talloires Declaration. Initiated by Tufts President Jean Mayer in 1990, the Talloires Declaration was, and remains, a visionary commitment by institutions of higher education to encourage advocacy for sustainability and environmental literacy in teaching, research, operations, and outreach. To date, the Talloires Declaration has been signed by almost 500 academic institutions worldwide.

To carry forward Tufts' legacy of institutional leadership, I convened a Campus Sustainability Council in January 2012, shortly after beginning my tenure as President, to renew our longstanding commitment to sustainability and set new goals to guide our future efforts. After a year of intense work by working groups on waste, water, and energy/emissions, in May 2013 the Campus Sustainability Council released a comprehensive report identifying significant new targets and goals toward which Tufts is now working.

Guided by these commitments, the past several years have been a time of enormous progress for sustainability at Tufts. For example, we broke ground on two new high-performance buildings on our Medford/Somerville campus that incorporate sustainable, energy-efficient design. Our organics waste collection and composting efforts expanded as part of a new waste management contract. The university's first rain garden opened. A 99 kW solar array was installed on the roof of Dowling Hall where it is visible to students, visitors, and all our prospective undergraduates. The reach and membership of our peer-to-peer education programs for students and employees—the Eco-Reps and Eco-Ambassadors—have grown.

Tufts University recognizes the vital importance of measuring and tracking our sustainability efforts. As we celebrate the 25th anniversary of the Talloires Declaration, it is an important time to reflect upon our accomplishments and identify ways we can continue to make Tufts a more sustainable institution. The STARS platform is an invaluable tool for doing this. It is with great pleasure that we submit Tufts' 2015 application to the STARS program, which includes information for our three Massachusetts campuses in Boston, Grafton, and Medford/Somerville from fiscal years 2012, 2013, and 2014. I confirm that the information included in Tufts' submission is accurate and complete to the best of my knowledge.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Tony Monaco".

Anthony P. Monaco
President