



Office of the President

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Ms. Meghan Fay Zahniser
Executive Director
AASHE
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Dear Ms. Zahniser,

The State University of New York, College of Environmental Science and Forestry (ESF) has a remarkable history of responding to emerging environmental challenges while maintaining at its core a focus on environmental science, engineering, design, and management; excellence in teaching; and impact through discovery and problem-solving.

One of ESF's important efforts remains quantifying its commitments and actions over time, and benchmarking against other colleges and universities to stay informed and to lead with best practices. ESF commits to an annual cycle of assessment, planning, and implementation, guided by the industry standard for measuring campus sustainability: STARS—Sustainability Tracking, Assessment, and Rating System. In 2015, ESF re-committed to viewing STARS as its primary roadmap for sustainability. The College recognizes that sustainability uniquely involves linking academic and physical operations of the institution for the purpose of mutually beneficial interactions. The campus as a “living laboratory” is an example of this; as such, the College continues to improve teaching and research by opening its operations and processes. This has the impact of witnessing the intellectual might of the ESF community continuously improving the physical, financial, and social operations of the College.

It is my pleasure to submit our 2023 STARS report and affirm that it is an accurate reflection of the sustainability efforts at ESF.

Sincerely,


Joanie Mahoney
President