



State University of New York
College of Environmental Science and Forestry

Office of the President

April 26, 2011

Mr. Paul Rowland
Executive Director
Association for the Advancement of
Sustainability in Higher Education
213 ½ North Limestone
Lexington, KY 40507

Dear Mr. Rowland:

This year marks the State University of New York College of Environmental Science and Forestry's (SUNY-ESF) 100 year anniversary in delivering educational programs focusing on stewardship of natural resources and the environment. The College has naturally moved beyond our fundamental programs and practices in forestry, biology and landscape architecture to relying on these strengths to incorporate and advance issues of sustainability in all our programs.

We have adopted significant sustainability projects on the SUNY-ESF campus, and continue to expand our educational offerings addressing the concept and practice of sustainability. We are proud of the progress our campus has made in these areas, however we are most proud that it is our students who are the passionate and creative force behind so many of these successes. The College has committed to carbon neutrality by 2015, and sees the Association for the Advancement of Sustainability in Higher Education's Sustainability Tracking, Assessment & Rating System (STARS) program as an integral part of its sustainability efforts. This program allows for transparency of the College's sustainability initiatives and a superb comprehensive sustainability teaching tool for our students.

It is my pleasure to submit our first official STARS report and affirm that it is an accurate reflection of the sustainability efforts at SUNY-ESF. We see STARS as a meaningful way to benchmark our progress for continual improvement toward sustainability and view this first submittal as a significant step in our planning efforts.

Best regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Cornelius B. Murphy Jr." in a cursive script.

Cornelius B. Murphy, Jr., Ph.D.
President

Enclosure