

COLUMBIA UNIVERSITY

IN THE CITY OF NEW YORK

ENVIRONMENTAL STEWARDSHIP

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To whom it may concern,

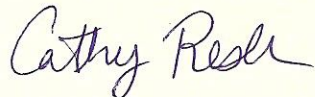
Columbia University is currently undertaking a campus expansion with the addition of 17-acres in West Harlem. The environmentally sustainable design and overall project plan for the new Manhattanville campus earned LEED® Platinum under the LEED for Neighborhood Development rating system- its highest designation and the first LEED-ND Platinum certification in New York City, as well as the first Platinum certification for a university campus plan nationally in May 2012.

The program and campus plan integrates the principles of smart growth, new urbanism, and green building. The Manhattanville campus plan includes close proximity to mass transit; mixed uses of space; open neighborhood access; green open space; pedestrian-friendly streets and sidewalks; and a commitment to best practices in clean, low-emission construction.

Additionally, before construction began, Columbia collaborated with the Environmental Defense Fund to ensure that all work applied the latest air pollution controls.

LEED-ND is not currently covered in Buildings section of STARS. LEED-ND is in and of itself innovative, but Columbia's participation and rating as the first Platinum certified university campus plan nationally, makes this achievement exceptional.

Respectfully,



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