

COLUMBIA UNIVERSITY
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AASHE-STARS Steering Committee
Association for the Advancement of Sustainability in Higher Education
1536 Wynkoop Street, Suite 100
Denver, CO 80202

Dear AASHE-STARS Steering Committee:

On behalf of Columbia University in the City of New York, I am pleased to affirm our third STARS submission. Our internal STARS effort was led through partnership with the Environmental Stewardship office, and other key University stakeholders. To the best of my knowledge, the information in our submission is accurate and up-to-date.

Since our last submission, Columbia has released its first comprehensive sustainability strategic-plan with measurable goals and strategies for reducing greenhouse gas emissions. Additionally, Columbia has committed to report annual greenhouse gas emissions data to The Climate Registry in addition to ongoing annual emissions reporting to the City of New York.

Sustainability is an institutional priority at Columbia, and we are committed to playing a leadership role in this area. We have signed onto STARS because we value it as a transparent tool for measuring progress toward environmental, social and economic sustainability throughout higher education. STARS enables us to benchmark our performance and measure our progress over time, which will assist us greatly in our goal to foster meaningful progress toward sustainability on local to global scales.

Sincerely,



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