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Re: Innovation Credit for Sustainable Landscape Master Plan

To whom it may concern:

This is to confirm and verify that the Macalester College innovation credit for the development and implementation of a long term Sustainable Landscape Master Plan meets the STARS' criteria for innovation.

The purpose of the Sustainable Landscape Master Plan is to formally and institutionally incorporate grounds management with the college's carbon neutrality goals. This approach to landscape master planning is innovative in the field of landscape design itself and in its application to a higher education institution. This approach allows Macalester to comprehensively address the sustainability of the campus grounds while making a beautiful landscape. It also includes storm water management, plant diversity, soil conditions, and energy efficiency.

Because of the appeal and projected aesthetic and greenhouse gas reduction goals of the plan, we here at the College of Saint Benedict have hired the same firm and plan on adopting the same approach to our landscape management.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

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