

February 9, 2016



Michael Stifter
Executive Director for Facilities Planning and Management
University of Wisconsin-River Falls
410 S. 3rd Street
River Falls, WI 54022-5001

Re: Support for Innovation Credits for Falcon Center Project

Dear Mr. Stifter:

Ayres Associates understands that the University of Wisconsin-River Falls is completing a report for the Sustainability Tracking, Assessment & Rating System, and we'd like to offer some insights into the intentionality of our designs as well as the special sustainable design considerations involved in the University's Falcon Center project. UW-River Falls worked hand in hand with us to intertwine a number of innovative and sustainable components into the Falcon Center project designs, most notably in the areas of stormwater management, native plant choices, pedestrian circulation, and lighting selections.

The stormwater treatment system that UW-River Falls implemented features bioswales in the main parking lot; two sequential, interconnected stormwater ponds; and an efficiently designed irrigation system – all of which are bringing significant improvements on stormwater management for the project. The team also put careful consideration into the selection of native plantings, wanting to not only save water but also offer low-maintenance lawn care. LED lighting was used throughout the entire site, with controlled lighting in the parking lot that provides a lower level of lighting during times of non-use.

Additionally, our team directed pedestrian flow in the main parking lot's primary corridors. Bringing the crossings into and through the parking lot made the areas more visible while improving the perpendicular flow and providing better awareness of pedestrians – allowing for safer interaction between vehicles and pedestrians.

Ayres Associates recognizes the importance of environmental responsibility and is committed to providing sustainable design solutions. We appreciated the opportunity to assist the University achieve its own sustainability goals with Phase 1 of the Falcon Center project. If you have any questions or require additional information on the services we provided, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

Ayres Associates Inc

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Angela M. Goodwin".

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