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STARS Review Committee  
Association for the Advancement of Sustainability in Higher Education  
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Dear STARS Review Committee Members:

I am pleased to submit the STARS Report, which is an accurate and complete representation of current sustainability practices, policies and commitments at Washington University in St. Louis. The information contained in this report was collected through a holistic process that relied on more than 60 stakeholders from departments and centers across the university.

The in-depth, interdisciplinary and collaborative nature of the report is a tangible reminder of just how much sustainability is woven into our institutional culture here at WashU. We seek to better our community, region and world by preparing and supporting more effective leaders with the knowledge, experience, dedication and creativity to tackle complex problems, including those that touch on sustainability.

WashU is also committed to ambitious and bold new goals and objectives to ensure a cleaner, safer place where everyone on our campus can live, work and play. WashU is in the midst of an 18-month strategic planning process, in which stewardship is a guiding principle and “environment, climate change and sustainability” has been established as one of nine issues to be explored and addressed. We are excited to announce new initiatives and commitments generated through this process in the coming months.

Since our last STARS submission, our sustainability achievements on campus have been tangible and sweeping: we were proud to receive five simultaneous LEED Platinum certifications for buildings in and around our ambitious East End Transformation, which was lauded for its attention to sustainability and commitment to green space. We’ve installed new solar arrays, reducing reliance on fossil fuels and boosting our total onsite solar generation to 2.71 megawatts. And WashU is especially pleased to be the lead organizer and a founding member of the newly-launched Midwest Climate Collaborative, a cross-sector group formed to develop a united Midwestern response to the climate crisis.



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We know this work is far from complete, and our commitment to sustainable practice is steadfast. We understand the responsibility of stewardship, and making decisions that consider the impacts on generations to come. We will continue to innovate, lead by example, and share knowledge with our campus, community and region.

It is our moral imperative to do so.

Sincerely yours,

Sincerely,



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