



Cornell University

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Re: 2020 Cornell University STARS 2.2 Submission

To Whom It May Concern:

I am pleased to endorse the 2020 AASHE STARS Assessment for Cornell University using the 2.2 reporting platform. Sustainability continues to be a signature area of excellence for our University.

We were proud to become the 6th institution in the world to achieve a STARS Platinum Rating for our 2019 submission. This year, we continued to improve campus education, engagement, operational, and living laboratory collaborations in spite of the additional challenges caused by the COVID-19 pandemic.

We are especially proud of our STARS innovation credits, which are a testament to our community's ingenuity and commitment to sustainability solutions that scale beyond our campus:

Virtual Landscapes Play: In this multimedia play created by playwright Aoise and Earth & Atmospheric Sciences professors and graduate students, viewers were exposed through Augmented Reality to a scene 100 years from now, prompting us to consider the realities of our climate future.

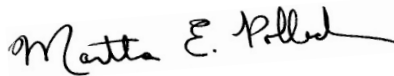
Biodiesel Farm Tractor: Students in *Engineers for a Sustainable World* converted a Cornell Farms Services tractor to run on a soy-based biofuel. The tractor is used to process the University's compost and to support agricultural research and this application may be scaled to other operational farm equipment.

Public Internet of Things: A \$1.5 million grant from the National Science Foundation will allow Cornell to continue implementation of the first state-wide Internet of Things public infrastructure. This technology will create a network of smart devices including in remote rural areas with limited cellular connection.

“Farm to School to You” Food Truck: Cornell Cooperative Extension helped the Buffalo Public Schools launch a food truck that provides free hot lunches made with local ingredients to families in need. When students return to in-person instruction, teachers and staff will provide educational opportunities linked to the district’s farm-to-school programming.

Our Ithaca campus submits STARS annually to make our achievements and progress accessible and transparent to campus constituents, our peers, and the world. Thank you for accepting our submission and we look forward to participating in another year of the program.

Best regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Martha E. Pollack". The signature is written in a cursive style with a long horizontal flourish at the end.

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