

**Innovation Credit Letter
Sustainability Tracking Rating and Assessment System
Equine Treatment Pond**

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To Whom it Concerns:

I am eager to give my endorsement of Colorado State University's Innovation Credit submitted to STARS known as the Equine Treatment Pond.

I feel I am qualified to verify this project's authenticity because of my background and credentials. I have 30 years of experience as a licensed landscape architect with a specialty in urban ecology. I obtained a BA in botany and a Masters degree in horticulture and am now the Assistant Director of Landscape and Planning in Facilities Management at Colorado State University. I am most interested in innovative planting in urban areas for sustainable natives. I also strive to implement engineering projects that serve to enhance water quality. I focused on innovating strategies for stormwater quality in the construction of all LEED Buildings on campus.

The Equine Treatment Pond effectively treats water with a high nitrate and coliform content with three stages of treatment. Water flows through a coffer pond, enters a subsurface wetland, and then flows into a surface wetland. These three stages ensure a removal of harmful substances in the water. This constructed wetland not only treats runoff but also creates habitats for several species of animals.

In my professional opinion, the Equine Treatment Pond most definitely satisfies the STARS Innovation Credit.

Thank you very much.

Sincerely,



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