



Georgia Institute of Technology

Office of the President

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The Association for the Advancement of Sustainability in Higher Education
2401 Walnut St., Suite 102
Philadelphia, PA 19103

RE: Georgia Institute of Technology STARS Submission

To Whom It May Concern:

I am pleased to affirm the accuracy of our submission to the Sustainability Tracking, Assessment, and Rating System (STARS). More than 100 departments contributed to this report through a campuswide partnership, led by the Office of Campus Sustainability.

In our new strategic plan, we pledge to lead and inspire by example — to become a model of efficiency, sustainability, ethics, equity, and inclusion through deliberate innovation in all our practices. The Institute has longstanding commitments to sustainable development and operations, and our participation in STARS has helped us identify where we excel and what we need to continue improving upon. Some of our recent achievements include the following:

- Opening the Kendeda Building for Innovative Sustainable Design, a multidisciplinary education building that is in the final stages of securing Living Building Challenge 3.1 certification, the world's most ambitious building performance standard.
- Completing an 8-acre portion of the EcoCommons project, the entirety of which comprises 80 acres of green space throughout campus. Restoring the ecology of Georgia's Piedmont forest, the EcoCommons will reverse decades of urbanization decisions that choked streambeds and cleared fertile woodlands to make way for surface parking. The EcoCommons also harvests and cleans stormwater for reuse, captures carbon, cools the air, and creates rich opportunities for research and education.
- Launching a campuswide initiative to promote, implement, and advance the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) throughout our teaching, research, and operations and co-leading the creation of the University Global Coalition for collaboration on the SDGs.
- Executing a five-year Quality Enhancement Plan called Serve-Learn-Sustain that educated students, grew faculty capacity, and developed partnerships to create sustainable communities.

Thank you for this opportunity to showcase our commitment and for your continued efforts to advance sustainability in higher education.

Sincerely,

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