



**ELON UNIVERSITY**  
*Office of the President*

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The Association for the Advancement of Sustainability in Higher Education  
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To Whom It May Concern:

It is my pleasure to present Elon University's seventh Sustainability Tracking, Assessment and Rating System (STARS) submission. Elon is proud to maintain its participation in this comprehensive self-assessment for institutions of higher education.

Since Elon's last STARS submission in February 2022, the university has continued to work toward its sustainability goals, including achieving carbon neutrality by 2037. Based on the 2023 carbon emissions inventory, net carbon emissions have decreased twenty-six percent from the 2008 baseline. Energy consumption per square foot has decreased by thirty-six percent since 2005, even though square footage has more than doubled. The number of identified sustainability courses has increased since the last STARS submission. In addition, Elon students have numerous opportunities to engage with sustainability ideas outside of the classroom through student organizations, speakers, neighborhood events, campus programs, learning communities and many more. Inclusive excellence continues to be a key part of Elon's core values and integral to preparing students to be global citizens able to thrive in an interconnected world. In the fall of 2023, the university initiated a process to engage our community in the creation of the university's next campus wide Sustainability Master Plan, an ambitious set of goals and initiatives that will guide campus sustainability efforts from 2025 to 2035.

The information in this submission is an accurate representation of Elon University's sustainability initiatives. Participation in STARS has helped the institution identify strengths and areas for improvement. We are proud of the progress made to date which attributed to a STARS Silver rating and look forward to continuing participation in STARS in the future.

Sincerely,

Connie L. Book  
President