



January 28, 2020

AASHE STARS Steering Committee
2401 Walnut Street Suite 102
Philadelphia, PA 19103

Dear STARS Steering Committee,

On behalf of the University of Nebraska-Lincoln, I am pleased to submit our fourth Sustainability Tracking Assessment and Rating System (STARS) v2.2 report. I affirm, to the best of my knowledge, that the information included in this report is honest and accurate.

This evaluation reflects our continued progress in developing effective sustainability strategies through innovative problem solving, conservation and stewardship. Our commitment to sustainability remains an integral aspect of our mission toward a more educated, resource-efficient and socially inclusive community. The efforts resulting from the coordination of the Office of Sustainability and key campus stakeholders are reaching new and impactful heights within our university and the community.

Utilizing our last three STARS submissions, we were able to identify and capitalize on the various sectors of sustainability that required supplementation. A few areas to highlight include:

- Planning & Administration
 - The Chancellor's Commission on Environment, Sustainability and Resilience provides strategic recommendations about campus sustainability to university leadership.
 - Sustainability is an integral part of our 2025 Strategic Plan
- Facilities & Operations
 - Incorporates practices to protect and nurture Nebraska's biodiversity both on and off-campus
 - Reduce total waste generated by 10% since the baseline and 19% since the 2018 report; reduce total waste generated per weighted campus user by 28% since baseline
- Community Engagement
 - UNL is an active member of UNSDG solutions network a global scientific community to promote practical solutions for sustainable development
 - UNL organizes a month-long celebration of the planet called Earthstock, which educates UNL and Lincoln community about sustainability and resilience
- Academics
 - A faculty workshop integrates sustainability, resilience and systems thinking into UNL curricular experiences
 - 58% of academic departments and 34% of our employees conduct research or are engaged in sustainability research.

I would like to thank AASHE for the opportunity to identify and improve upon our performance in sustainability. The leadership you have provided to a plethora of institutions is crucial to the creation of a more sustainable future.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Ronnie D. Green".

Ronnie D. Green, Ph.D.
Chancellor

