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AASHE  
Attn: STARS Steering Committee  
2401 Walnut Street, Suite 102  
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Members of the STARS Steering Committee,

On behalf of Northwestern University, I am pleased to submit our second Association for the Advancement of Sustainability in Higher Education (AASHE) Sustainability Tracking Assessment Rating (STARS) report.

We are committed to maintaining Northwestern's leadership position among universities in addressing our impact on the environment, by continuing to integrate sustainability into our campus operations and culture. As one of the world's leading academic institutions, Northwestern strives to exemplify effective leadership in addressing global opportunities and challenges related to sustainability and climate change. The University is dedicated to creating a greener campus through impactful initiatives to reduce waste, conserve water and energy, and promote sustainable modes of transportation. Northwestern also recognizes that the most significant impact that an academic institution can have is through its curriculum and research. We are committed to achieving the greatest impact by offering courses, supporting research, and creating partnerships that focus on sustainability, renewable energy, water conservation, and climate change.

Our world, environment, and campus community face a critically important juncture, and Northwestern is committed to remain at the forefront of sustainable change. The AASHE STARS report allows the University to benchmark its current sustainability efforts and inspires us to develop an even more ambitious sustainability agenda moving forward.

I affirm that the data in this application is accurate and will serve to guide future sustainability efforts at Northwestern University.

Sincerely,

  
Alexander J. Darragh  
Vice President, Facilities