



AUBURN UNIVERSITY  
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AASHE STARS Steering Committee  
Association for the Advancement of Sustainability in Higher Education (AASHE)  
1536 Wynkoop Street, Suite 100  
Denver, CO 80202

Dear AASHE STARS Steering Committee,

Auburn University is conscientious in its efforts to incorporate and promote sustainability in our teaching, research, outreach, operations, and management activities. Auburn's commitment is evidenced in numerous ways. For example, Auburn has established an Office of Sustainability, developed an Academic Sustainability Program, and created a Sustainability Policy. We have constructed several LEED certified buildings, initiated research in alternative fuels, and are prioritizing sustainability in ongoing updates to our Campus Master Plan.

This Sustainability Tracking, Assessment and Rating System (STARS) report is the result of collaborative efforts by students, faculty, and staff from across our campus community. The STARS assessment has been invaluable in creating a more complete understanding of the progress we have made and the current level of sustainability performance on campus.

In the process of gathering data for this report we built stronger relationships, deepened our shared understanding of sustainability and its relevance to our institutional mission, and identified numerous opportunities for further progress. It is my pleasure to affirm that this self-assessment reflects a conscientious effort to accurately depict the status of our sustainability performance.

AASHE is to be commended for creating the STARS program. It has proven to be a very worthwhile endeavor and we look forward to applying what we learn through STARS to improve our institutional performance and better prepare our students to contribute to a flourishing future.

Sincerely,

Jay Gogue  
President