



MIAMI UNIVERSITY

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STARS Steering Committee
Association for the Advancement of Sustainability in Higher Education

Miami University has aggressively pursued sustainability efforts for the past decade. Our ultimate goal is to become a carbon neutral campus. In September of 2020, I signed the Presidents' Climate Leadership Commitment, committing Miami to a carbon neutral future and a robust climate resilience plan. Our Climate Action Task Force is enthusiastically engaged in the planning process. Miami is building on a strong foundation through utility systems investments and a dedicated and engaged campus population. To facilitate a pathway to carbon neutrality and further institutionalizing sustainability campus-wide, I endorsed campus-level sustainability pillars in fall 2021. Since our last submission to STARS, Miami's highlights include:

- Between FY08-FY19, we have reduced our energy-based carbon emissions by 52 percent per/gsf and our kbtu/gsf by 61%
- Achieved roughly \$68 million (2009-2019) in savings of which nearly \$41 million comes directly from reducing energy consumption and the other \$28 million from reduced energy costs.
- Currently, more than 30 percent of our campus building square footage is LEED Silver or Gold certified.
- 67 (out of 121) buildings have moved off steam - (13 on geothermal, 35 on simultaneous heating and cooling, and 19 stand-alone).
- Designed our first Student Sustainability Education Course Module with the Regionals E-Learning Department
- Our newly revised Miami Global Plan replaces Thematic Sequences with nine hours in "Signature Inquiries." One of the five possible Inquiries areas is "Sustainability & Resilience"
- The creation of the Student Sustainability Council in response to student engagement and interest. The president of each sustainability-related student organization serves on the council.

I am pleased to support our fourth submission to STARS to continue to showcase and advance our campus-wide efforts at Miami University. This submission was coordinated by the Director of Sustainability, Sustainability Coordinators and Susan Meikle in University Communications and Marketing with campus-wide input and support from faculty, staff, and students. These efforts will continue and expand across campus to progress sustainability for our campus, as well as respond to the global climate crisis.

Sincerely,

Gregory P. Crawford
President

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