



## MIAMI UNIVERSITY

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

Dear AASHE STARS Steering Committee:

Miami University continues its strong commitment to sustainability in our academic programs, physical campus, facility operations, and university mission by promoting environmental stewardship, social responsibility, and economic viability. Sustainability became an integral part of Miami's mission in 2010 through the establishment of our first-ever Sustainability Commitments and Goals. Through concerted efforts in energy and infrastructure planning, changes to operational practices, and the development and enhancement of academic programs, most of the original goals were met by 2015. Building on this momentum, the University drafted a new set of goals in 2016. The 2016 Sustainability Commitment and Goals were established with broad stakeholder input and endorsed by the former President Hodge, our Provost, University Senate, and myself. Our progress and dedication to these goals is reflected through these highlights:

- Relative to FY 2008, carbon dioxide emissions from coal, natural gas, and purchased electricity (including transmission and distribution losses) were reduced by 44%, and energy consumption by 36%, on a square foot basis. Total carbon emissions were reduced by 30%.
- As of February 2019, Miami University is in its third fiscal year during which no coal was burned on-site.
- From 26 October 2016 through 12 March 2018, eleven buildings on the Miami campus received LEED Certification, two at the Gold level and nine at Silver.
- Eight acres of land that had been farmed using traditional techniques are now farmed using organic techniques by Miami's Institute for Food farm.
- From FY2016 to 2018 the total number of parking passes issued for the entire university dropped by 9%, including the regional campuses.
- 153 Lean projects were completed in FY2017, with a total cost avoidance of \$2,478,728 and cost reduction of \$841,863. Over 40% of the projects specifically identified "Going Green" as a goal, but the savings and cost reductions of all the projects contribute to economic sustainability.
- In FY19, Dr. Adam Sizemore began his tenure as Miami's new Director of Sustainability following the retirement of former Director, Yvette Kline.

I am pleased to support this submission to STARS 2.1 to showcase, as well as advance, our sustainability efforts at Miami University. This submission was coordinated by the Director of Sustainability, Sustainability Coordinator, and the Sustainability Committee with campus-wide input and support from faculty, staff, and students. Our sustainability efforts will continue to expand through campus-wide cooperation and collaboration with students, faculty, and staff to promote environmental stewardship, social responsibility, and economic viability for current and future generations.

Sincerely,

Gregory P. Crawford  
President

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