



AASHE STARS Steering Committee
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Dear AASHE STARS Steering Committee,

On behalf of Syracuse University, I am pleased to present our second Sustainability Tracking, Assessment and Rating Systems (STARS) submission to the Association for the Advancement of Sustainability in Higher Education. This report reflects our institution's commitment and dedication to ensure our campus is sustainable and reaches its climate neutrality goal by 2040.

Over the past four years, Syracuse University developed programs to showcase our sustainability commitment while reporting significant progress. Our campus increased its building footprint while lowering gross emissions. We added native bee pollinator gardens, a vegetable garden, two new LEED certified facilities, and implemented a robust campus wide waste, recycling, and composting program.

Our Sustainability Management team collaborates with academic units to generate student internships, engage as guest lecturers in academic classes, and partners with faculty on sustainability related projects. The exceptional student internship program has expanded over the past few years and not only benefits the University but provides practical experience valuable for students as they embark on their careers.

Results of this second assessment demonstrate improvement in our implementation strategy as expressed via our increased rating score. This STARS report highlights the excellence of the Syracuse University community through our deep engagement in sustainability initiatives.

I fully support the information presented in the Syracuse University STARS report. The Sustainability Management team has spent two years gathering information from campus departments and through published reports to ensure the data is accurate. This submission has been effective in showcasing our performance and clarifies how Syracuse University is leading in creating a sustainable campus.

Please let me know if you have any questions. Thank you for your efforts in helping us all work toward a more sustainable future.

Sincerely,

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