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Re: AASHE STARS assessment



To Whom It May Concern:

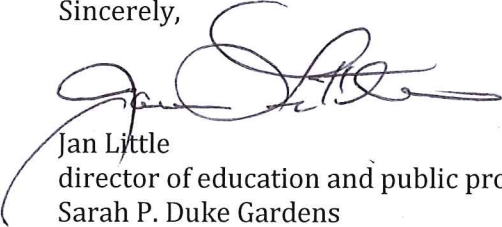
The purpose of this letter is to affirm that the Sustainable SITES project at Duke meets the criteria of Innovation Credit 4 for the AASHE STARS assessment.

As the director of education and public programs at Sarah P. Duke Gardens, I was responsible for coordinating the Sustainable SITES prototype project at the Charlotte Brody Discovery Garden within Sarah P. Duke Gardens. The Charlotte Brody Discovery Garden was awarded SITES certification in 2012 with 2 stars. The garden features many sustainable systems, including:

- an edible landscape
- a rainwater capture system
- a chicken coop with a green roof
- an edge planting designed to feed and/or shelter wildlife
- a restored historic North Carolina tobacco barn
- several rain gardens

In addition to the Charlotte Brody Discovery Garden, Duke has another landscape project, the Duke Smart Home project, which is in the process of applying for SITES certification. Duke's commitment to encouraging more sustainable landscaping on campus, through the SITES program, demonstrates a commitment to sustainability in campus planning and design that extends beyond the physical buildings.

Sincerely,



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