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Association for the Advancement of Sustainability in Higher Education
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Dear Committee Members:

The University of Pittsburgh is proud to submit the Association for the Advancement of Sustainability in Higher Education (AASHE) STARS data, which reflects our university-wide commitment to promoting sustainability.

We view the current climate crisis as a clear call to action and strive to affect positive change through education, investigation and outreach. Our newly released 2018 Pitt Sustainability Plan will continue to advance this work with dramatic action across all operations. Some highlights of our 2030 targets include:

- cultivating sustainable landscapes that increase biodiversity and enrich all ecosystem services with the goal to increase tree canopy by 50 percent and replace 15 percent of lawn area with indigenous and adapted plants;
- reducing impervious surfaces by 20 percent and diverting 25 percent of storm water to rain gardens, bioswales or harvesting tanks;
- producing or procuring 50 percent of the University's electric energy portfolio from renewable resources; and
- reducing energy use, water use and greenhouse gas emissions by 50 percent.

As a premier research institution, we are committed to exploring and creating innovative solutions that positively impact the environment and all who depend upon it. Equally important: We are aiming to create a culture of shared responsibility on campus, in surrounding neighborhoods, across the region and around the globe.

I appreciate the platform that AASHE provides, and I affirm that the information we are submitting is accurate to the best of our knowledge.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Patrick Gallagher".

Patrick Gallagher