

December 21, 2015

STARS Program Committee
Association for the Advancement of Sustainability in Higher Education
2401 Walnut Street Suite 102
Philadelphia, PA 19103

Dear STARS Program Committee,

I am pleased to submit NC State University's second Sustainability, Tracking, Assessment, and Rating System (STARS) report to the Association for the Advancement of Sustainability in Higher Education (AASHE). As a result of NC State's commitment to sustainability, I am proud that we anticipate a Gold rating, pending AASHE review.

NC State implements its sustainability values at a high level and continues to gain recognition for the way our campus community embraces sustainability as a way of life. With the establishment of a new campus-wide Sustainability Council, NC State's sustainability efforts will be propelled forward with even greater momentum.

As the largest four-year university in North Carolina, NC State is a sustainability leader. Our STARS report showcases many of the university's sustainability successes, including:

- Continued growth in courses and research that support real-world learning opportunities to advance sustainability on our campus and in our community, state, and world
- A 50 percent decrease in campus water consumption since 2001
- A 28 percent decrease in campus energy consumption since 2002
- A 50 percent landfill diversion rate
- A 27 percent local food purchase rate by University Dining
- More than 900,000 square feet of LEED certified building space on campus
- An all-time high in campus bus system ridership at more than 3 million trips annually
- Nearly \$120,000 in campus grants awarded annually by the student-led Sustainability Fund

My signature of this letter affirms the accuracy of this STARS submission and also indicates our strong commitment to advancing sustainability as an embedded core value at NC State University.

Sincerely,



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