

March 28, 2012

STARS Program Committee  
1536 Wynkoop St., Suite 100  
Denver CO 80202

Subject: STARS Submission for North Carolina State University

Dear STARS Program Committee:

I have the great honor of submitting North Carolina State University's first Sustainability Tracking, Assessment, and Rating System (STARS) report to the Association for the Advancement of Sustainability in Higher Education (AASHE).

NC State values and implements sustainability at a high level and continues to gain recognition for such programs. Our STARS report shows many sustainability successes, however, what is growing on our campus is much larger than what is captured in this report. Our campus culture is embracing sustainability as a way of life. Our Sustainability Strategic Plan paints a picture of campus as being a living and learning laboratory of sustainability where students, faculty, and staff are partners in preparing for a more sustainable future.

As the largest four year university in North Carolina, NC State is becoming a leader in sustainability and is proud of its many achievements. The following key successes represent only a snapshot of the hard work and dedication of those at our University.

- 47% decrease in water consumption since 2001
- 46% annual landfill diversion rate, meaning almost half of all items are being reused or recycled and diverted from the landfill
- 67% of students use alternative means to get to, from, and around campus
- 5% decrease in energy consumption since 2002, while adding energy intensive research laboratory buildings to campus
- Establishing a goal of climate neutrality by 2050 with an interim goal of a 20% reduction in greenhouse gas emissions by 2015
- Adopting a Sustainability Strategic Plan that establishes nearly 70 sustainability goals with associated tactics for NC State over the next five years


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My signature of this letter affirms the accuracy of NC State's STARS submission and also indicates NC State's strong commitment to aggressively managing resource use on campus and on preparation of students, faculty, and staff members for a new and sustainable future.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "W. Randolph Woodson". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "W." being particularly prominent.

W. Randolph Woodson  
Chancellor, NC State University

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