



UNIVERSITY OF OREGON

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STARS Steering Committee  
Association for the Advancement of Sustainability in Higher Education  
213½ North Limestone  
Lexington, KY 40507

Dear STARS Steering Committee:

The University of Oregon is pleased to submit its first STARS report. The UO is recognized by many as a national leader in sustainability, from our pioneering sustainability research, to our state-of-the-art Campus Recycling Program, to the Sustainable Cities Year academic program, and many other ways we engage communities in sustainability issues. This report highlights these and many less visible sustainability initiatives, and also identifies areas in which we may concentrate additional efforts.

The UO STARS report is important documentation of the UO's commitment to sustainability. It also serves to remind faculty, staff, and students that data driven decision-making and outcome evaluation is critical to successfully meeting these challenges.

This report sets an important benchmark for the University of Oregon. I am proud of the breadth of our sustainability activities, and committed to continue the university's significant progress in programming, life style and building choices.

All the best,

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President

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