



# MICHIGAN TECHNOLOGICAL UNIVERSITY

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## OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

June 16, 2023

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

Re: Michigan Technological University STARS Submission

Dear STARS Committee Members,

Please find enclosed Michigan Tech's second annual STARS report.

Our campus is committed to continuous improvement in the sustainability of our operations, administration, scholarly, and engagement activities. We have made great strides since our inaugural STARS report in 2020 (Silver ranking, 48.56 points). While there are many students and staff across our institution that contribute, I will highlight two initiatives that play a key role in driving our success. First, the Office of Sustainability and Resilience opened its doors in October of 2021 with the hiring of our first full-time Director of Sustainability and Resilience, Alan Turnquist. Through Turnquist's leadership and an active campus dialogue, we developed and began implementation of our first strategic plan for sustainability and resilience. Additionally, a six-year, \$1M investment in the Tech Forward Initiative on Sustainability and Resilience that began in 2019 is making excellent progress, resulting in innovative new curriculum and research across many departments and disciplines.

I am pleased that our efforts are recognized as best practices within the STARS framework, and am encouraged to see that our provisional score puts us on the cusp of a Gold ranking. Regardless of the final outcome of this STARS report, we understand that striving for sustainability is an ongoing process. We are committed to continuous learning and improvement, using STARS to help guide our efforts and measure our progress.

Thank you for your partnership.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Rick Koubek".

Rick Koubek  
President