



OFFICE of
THE PRESIDENT

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To Whom It May Concern:

With a mission to Improve Life, sustainability is a foundational pillar of the University of Guelph. For us, sustainability is about stewarding our valued resources – our people, our campus and our planet – in order to meet the needs of today without compromising the ability of future generations to meet their own.

Our sustainability story began over 150 years ago with our founding colleges as they advanced knowledge, promoted education and fostered connections with communities. Now, as one of the Canada's top comprehensive and research-intensive universities, we continue to prioritize sustainability in our teaching, our research, on our campuses and in our community.

In 2019, we launched the President's Advisory Committee on Sustainability to develop plans, guide our progress, and collaborate with our community on topics pertaining to sustainability. We have also been actively collecting data and stories that will help us measure our sustainability initiatives. This information will be instrumental in helping us tackle some of the most pressing issues of our time such as climate change and food insecurity.

U of G has recently launched the Guelph Institute for Environmental Research (GIER). GIER brings together over 250 interdisciplinary researchers, from across all seven of our academic Colleges, to address environmental issues through research, teaching and community collaborations.

We have also prioritized sustainability in our student experiential learning offerings. Our students, in partnership with the City of Guelph and our own department of Hospitality Services, are implementing programs that will see us reduce the use of single-use plastics and food waste in the City and on our campuses.

As you will see in the information we have enclosed, sustainability truly is part of our shared story at U of G, and we are working to Improve Life in so many ways on our campuses, across the country and around the world.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Charlotte Yates".

Charlotte A. B. Yates
President and Vice-Chancellor