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STARS Steering Committee  
Association for the Advancement of Sustainability in Higher Education  
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Philadelphia, PA 19103

Dear STARS Administrators:

Paul Smith's College is pleased to submit our Fiscal Year 2018 data for AASHE's Sustainability Tracking, Assessment and Rating System. This is our first year submitting a STARS report, and we are pleased to demonstrate our commitment to sustainability, specifically in the areas of community engagement, research, coordination and planning.

Paul Smith's College has a long history of supporting and promoting sustainability initiatives, in 2007 we became a founding signatory for the American Colleges and Universities Presidents Climate Commitment. Since then, we have continued to grow and support our efforts to become a carbon neutral institution, while also developing innovative ways to educate, inspire, and lead our community. Most recently we installed a district wood pellet boiler, replacing fuel oil in three of our buildings on campus with a locally sourced carbon neutral fuel.

As the only four-year college within the bounds of the Adirondack Park, we are acutely aware of the unique challenges and opportunities that rural communities face. Recently published research from several of our Faculty, documenting the effects of Climate Change on the human and ecological landscape of the Adirondack Park, was recently presented to a local governmental organization in the hopes of inspiring local action. We are currently partnering with the town of Saranac Lake to help them become a more resilient certified Climate Smart Community. And as we continue to build a more resilient campus community, we have demonstrated our commitment to the broader issue of resiliency by creating the Alliance for Rural Resiliency Solutions (AIRRS) designed to facilitate and convene leading voices in rural issues.

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STARS is a valuable resource for gaging our current sustainability efforts while also helping us develop a framework to further these efforts. We value for the opportunity to be able to showcase our sustainability activities in this year's STARS Report and are grateful for AASHE's leadership in this important effort.

Sincerely,



Cathy S. Dove

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