



January 5, 2011

Professor Christian Wells  
Director, Office of Sustainability  
University of South Florida  
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Tampa, FL 33620

Dear Professor Wells:

The University of South Florida Tampa Library is an active partner in the institution's campus sustainability initiatives and teaching and research in the field. Our contributions include dedicated collections (print and electronic), services, and relevant strategic initiatives.

In concert with the establishment of the Office of Sustainability and the School of Global Sustainability, the Library created a Library Guide to support research and teaching in the area of sustainability (<http://guides.lib.usf.edu/content.php?pid=112450>). Developed by the CD Librarian for Sustainability, this resource serves as a gateway to authoritative websites concerning sustainability and the climate; business databases with relevant content; and peer-reviewed journals covering such topics as anthropology, environmental science, energy, environmental law, agriculture, and a range of other disciplines with contributions to research in sustainability.

A recent addition to the collection, *GREENR* (Global Reference on the Environment, Energy and Natural Resources) is a multi-source academic resource focusing on environmental issues and sustainable development with a special emphasis on the social science aspects of these issues. It treats all facets of human interaction with the natural world and focuses on the way that issues concerning environmental sustainability thread-throughout diverse disciplines.

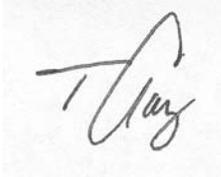
The USF Tampa Library's media collection currently includes approximately 85 DVDs and 25 online videos supporting instruction and research in the area of sustainability related issues, such as: the environment (biodiversity, human impact, health, industrial development); water quality/availability; food cultivation/harvest/production patterns; climate change; and energy use and production. Programs range from analyses of regional sprawl, to the effect of climate change on coastal area ecosystems, to the environmental impact of vinyl siding.

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Finally, three of the Library's strategic priority areas concern issues of sustainability: the Karst Information Portal (KIP), the Gulf Oil Spill Information Center (GOSIC), and our role in the NSF-funded Coastal Area Climate Change Education Partnership (CACCE). These projects link students, researchers, and managers with quality information resources to inform research and to address policy decisions.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Todd Chavez". The signature is stylized and cursive, with a large initial "T" and "C".

Todd Chavez  
Director of Academic Resources