

*District of Columbia  
Mayor's College and University  
Sustainability Pledge*



**WHEREAS**, the Government of the District of Columbia is committed to protecting public health and the natural environment in the city through numerous programs and initiatives; and

**WHEREAS**, Mayor Vincent C. Gray has designated advancing sustainability in the District of Columbia as a strategic priority and has established the goal of making the District of Columbia the most sustainable city in America; and



**WHEREAS**, the District's colleges and universities and the Government of the District of Columbia recognize the importance of promoting sustainability practices that optimize social, environmental, and economic benefits; and



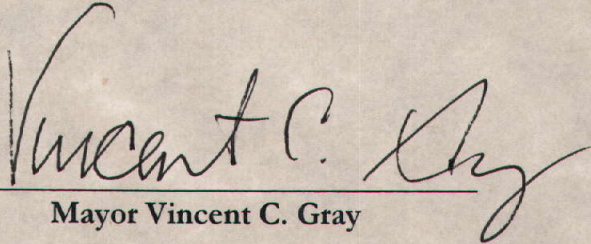
**WHEREAS**, the colleges and universities in the District of Columbia are committed to creating a future that sustains a thriving natural resource system to support the human population now and for generations to come; and

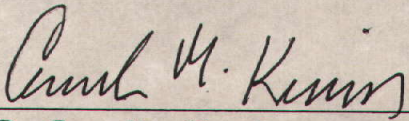
**WHEREAS**, the colleges and universities in the District of Columbia are collectively committed to making the District the Greenest College Town in America:

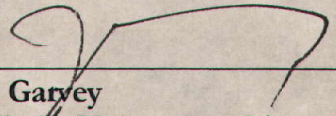


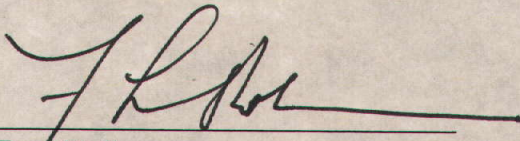


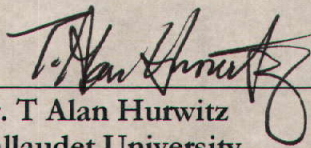
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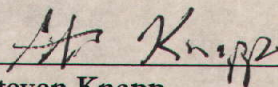
  
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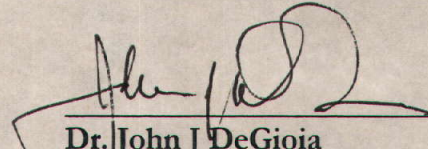
  
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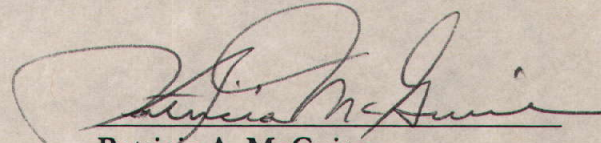
  
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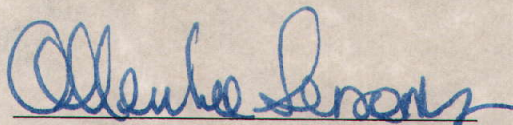
  
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The George Washington University

  
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Dr. John J DeGioia  
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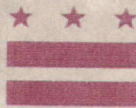
  
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Dr. Allen L. Sessoms  
University of the District of Columbia

Hereby joins the District of Columbia Mayor's College and University Sustainability Pledge, and commits to actions and deadlines described below.

The signatories of this Pledge hereby agree to pursue and promote programs, policies and projects aimed at advancing environmental, economic and social equity in the District of Columbia. Given the current and planned innovative efforts of the higher education sector, feedback from the city's colleges and universities will be critically valuable in steering District sustainability policies and strategies.

The District government will endeavor to assist local colleges and universities in advancing new and maintaining existing programs aimed at environmental, social, and economic sustainability to meet the goals herein pledged. With the signatures below, our institutions take a bold step together in leading the District of Columbia's continued effort to become the "greenest college town in America" that will thrive in supporting its residents for generations to come.





## CUSP COMMITMENTS

CUSP signatories shall be eligible to earn up to three Green Stars in recognition of their achievements, one star for each five measures achieved.

### Energy & Buildings

- Achieve LEED \_\_\_\_ or equivalent in all new construction and major renovations
- Achieve LEED Certification or equivalent for \_\_\_\_% of existing building square footage
- Reduce energy use in buildings by \_\_\_\_% per square foot, compared to \_\_\_\_ baseline year
- Purchase or generate at least \_\_\_\_% of total energy consumed from renewable sources

### Jobs & Community Development

- Employ District of Columbia residents in positions directly related to sustainability
- Provide students with sustainability-related service learning opportunities in the District

### Water

- Reduce potable water use by \_\_\_\_% per square foot compared to \_\_\_\_ baseline year
- Reduce stormwater runoff by \_\_\_\_% compared to \_\_\_\_ baseline year
- University will use tap water in place of bottled water

### Education & Training

- Ensure that at least \_\_\_\_% of total courses offered are sustainability-focused
- Ensure that at least \_\_\_\_% of students will be eligible to take sustainability coursework
- Include at least one sustainability course in required curriculum for all students
- Provide institutional funding and/or administrative support for faculty who engage in sustainability-related teaching

### Transportation

- Increase or maintain campus population commuting trips made by means other than single occupancy vehicle to at least \_\_\_\_% of modal split

### Waste

- Reduce total solid waste by \_\_\_\_% compared to \_\_\_\_ baseline year
- Improve solid waste diversion rate to at least \_\_\_\_% of total solid waste

### Research & Innovation

- Provide institutional funding and/or administrative support for faculty who engage in sustainability-related research
- Direct at least \_\_\_\_% of internally funded-research dollars to sustainability-related project
- Host at least \_\_\_\_ major sustainability outreach event(s) annually

### Purchasing

- Ensure that at least \_\_\_\_% of food and beverage dollars is spent on sustainable food (produced within 250 miles, Organic, Fair Trade, Food Alliance, Rainforest Alliance)
- Implement LEED compliant cleaning program, policies and procedures
- Purchase ongoing consumable and durable goods in compliance with LEED

### Grounds & Habitat

- Utilize a four-tiered Integrated Pest Management approach for \_\_\_\_% of campus grounds
- Increase tree canopy by \_\_\_\_% compared to \_\_\_\_ baseline year
- Increase campus green space (vegetated landscape) by \_\_\_\_% compared to \_\_\_\_ baseline year

### Management & Reporting

- Publish public sustainability report, including measurements of progress on CUSP goals
- Participate in CUSP working group

### Other

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