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## [U of M, Morris a Top-10 Performer in Sustainable Campus Index](#)

*Morris is the only public college on AASHE's list of baccalaureate sustainability leaders.*

The University of Minnesota, Morris is a top performer in the *2017 Sustainable Campus Index*—in both the Buildings category (#2) and overall among baccalaureate institutions (#7). Morris is the only public college on the baccalaureate list.

The *2017 Sustainable Campus Index*, a publication of the Association for the Advancement of Sustainability in Higher Education (AASHE), highlights top-performing colleges and universities overall and in 17 impact areas, as measured by the Sustainability Tracking, Assessment & Rating System (STARS).

Morris achieved top-performer status by earning a high score overall and in the Buildings subcategory in STARS.

“Morris is a model living and learning community, and one important component is our work around environmental sustainability,” says Chancellor Michelle Behr. “This recognition recognizes and affirms the effectiveness of our efforts.”

“We are excited to recognize Morris for working to secure a thriving, equitable, and ecologically healthy world through its comprehensive sustainability efforts,” adds AASHE’s Executive Director Meghan Fay Zahniser.

The Morris campus has a [holistic approach to sustainability](#), with commitments, investments, and policies in areas ranging from building and renovation to renewable energy, academics and research, and student leadership. To learn more about Morris’s sustainability initiatives, visit [morris.umn.edu/sustainability](http://morris.umn.edu/sustainability).

### **About STARS**

The Sustainability Tracking, Assessment & Rating System (STARS) is a transparent, self-reporting framework for colleges and universities to measure their sustainability performance. STARS was developed by AASHE with broad participation from the higher education community. The credits included in STARS span the breadth of higher education sustainability and are organized into four categories: Academics, Engagement, Operations, and Planning & Administration. All reports are publicly accessible on the STARS website. For more information, visit [stars.aashe.org](http://stars.aashe.org).

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