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RE: NYU Environmental Assessment

We are writing to enlist your support in advancing an important piece of NYU's Sustainability Initiative.

As you may remember, last June the Sustainability Task Force issued its Annual Report outlining plans and progress for "greening" NYU. One of its main recommendations, endorsed by the university leadership, was for NYU to carry out the first comprehensive Environmental Assessment. The Assessment will centralize data from many campus sources about a broad range of operational environmental impacts, and will include analysis to guide new policies and programs.

A representative of the Sustainability Task Force will be contacting your office shortly to schedule a meeting with you or your staff. This will be an opportunity to address any logistical issues and to plan a strategy to assist your unit in most effectively gathering and processing the Environmental Assessment data relevant to your area. We ask that you help facilitate this process.

Attached is a summary list of data we'll be seeking for the Assessment (sorted by university division – you'll see a section for your area). The goal is to work with you to develop ongoing mechanisms and data sets by which NYU's environmental impact can be tracked and evaluated over time.

Data for the full Environmental Assessment will include: electricity and commodity fuel use; building systems and performance; water use; transportation fuel efficiency; commuter habits; waste production and recycling; food consumption and sources in dining halls; employee commuting habits; academic course offerings; and surveyed levels of awareness and engagement among students, faculty and staff.

To find out more about the goals and process of the Environmental Assessment, please visit <http://www.nyu.edu/about/sustainability/assessment/>.

If you have any other questions please contact project Administrator [Jeremy Friedman](#), or Sustainability Task Force Data Committee co-chairs [Ken Fauerbach](#) and [Lindsay Robbins](#).

We look forward to working with you on this project, and are confident that the results of the Environmental Assessment will help lead to greater operational efficiency, quality of life, and improved environmental impact throughout the university.