



University of Connecticut  
*Office of the Vice President and  
Chief Operating Officer*

Office of Environmental Policy

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Dear University Department, Office, Program or Center Representative,

**I would greatly appreciate it if you, or one of your department's representatives could complete and return the attached survey.**

On March 15, 2008, President Hogan signed the American College and University Presidents Climate Commitment. The Commitment recognizes the opportunity that colleges and universities have as 'living laboratories' to educate thousands of individuals, regardless of profession or field of study, each year. Signatories are required to develop a Climate Action Plan, which will outline the steps that the campus will take to achieve carbon neutrality by 2050. In addition, the Commitment requires the action plan to identify how the University will incorporate climate change awareness and environmental sustainability into research, academics, and community outreach. Therefore, we are surveying units across campus to collect information regarding current environmental sustainability and climate change efforts.

The information that you provide will be used to measure and assess the University's current environmental sustainability and climate change awareness efforts. Please note that this survey seeks to specifically collect information regarding those efforts that are related to *climate change awareness* and/or *environmental sustainability*. Furthermore, we are particularly interested in learning about efforts that are either interdisciplinary or located in departments not traditionally perceived as 'environmental.'

Please return the attached survey as soon as possible. If you have any questions about this survey of the climate action planning process, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

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