



Sustainability Committee

Metroplan
Attn: Casey Covington, Executive Director
501 W. Markham St., Ste. B
Little Rock, AR 72201

RE: Letter of Commitment for Arkansas Tri-Region Coalition's CPRG application

Dear Mr. Covington:

The University of Arkansas at Little Rock has a commitment to support the impact it has on the environmental goals outlined in the Arkansas Tri-Region Coalition's Climate Pollution Reduction Grant (CPRG) implementation application.

The University has implemented several projects to reduce its energy consumption by updating the heating and cooling systems in addition to recycling, operating a campus garden, and promoting activities that encourage the University's faculty, staff and students to be better stewards of our environment. Unfortunately, the funds allocated to the Sustainability Committee are limited. This past year the committee received over ten internal grant applications but was only able to fund four projects.

In partnership with Metroplan, UA Little Rock will be able to continue to provide free ridership on Rock Region Metro busses and allow for the funding on more sustainably related projects.

Lastly, the environmental sector offers immense potential for high-quality jobs. Investing in renewable energy, sustainable agriculture, and conservation initiatives creates employment opportunities while safeguarding our planet.

We are eager to participate in the coalition's efforts to protect the Natural State and ensure environmental and economic benefits to over one half of Arkansas' population.

Sincerely,

Jim Carr, Professor and Sustainability Committee Chair