SLF Sustainability Pledge

RAMAPO COLLEGE OF NEW JERSEY

We, the residents of SLF _____ understand that living in the SLF entails responsibilities corresponding with Ramapo College's mission to prepare its graduates to live a sustainable lifestyle. Accordingly, I will sign below to indicate that I have read the following statement, understand it, and commit myself to following its guidelines as a resident of the SLF.

As a resident of the SLF, I commit myself to consciously experiment with sustainable approaches to living both to help improve efficiency and to lower waste and expenses in the operations of the SLF.

I pledge to minimize my use of materials and energy, to generate the least possible waste and pollution, and to promote the ecological integrity and well being of the natural surroundings of our campus. Specifically, I will do this by minimizing the waste I generate, by using or making available to others for reuse, items I no longer need, and by recycling as much as can be done properly within available College programs. I will seek to buy items made with recyclable and recycled materials; I will avoid any unnecessary energy or water usage, and will actively and fully participate in SLF programs with these objectives.

I will actively seek to learn such life skills as how to gather and grow food, how to use renewable resources of energy, how to conserve materials and energy, how to "buy local" and support our regional economy, how to live with rather than against nature, how to avoid creating contaminated environments, how to understand and nurture the nature around me, and how to make healthy choices in eating, exercising, consuming, building, and using shelter.

In the actions I undertake, I will consider impacts on other humans and other forms of life, living now and in the future.

I realize that a sustainable way of life takes effort and that my active participation is required. I agree to participate in learning activities and to work to improve my living skills for the betterment of my roommates, my neighbors and myself.

I understand that my participation in sustainable efforts will be monitored and that I am accountable for my actions. I agree to accept feedback and to work to improve my performance so as to comply with the goals of this program.

I accept the possibility of penalties and sanctions if repeated attempts to educate and improve the compliance of the occupants of my suite fail. I understand that if I am found not supporting sustainable living or intentionally not abiding by this pledge that I may be moved out of the Village and into another area on campus at anytime.

Resident's Signature:		**Date:**	
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Resident's Signature:		**Apt #:**	

Thank you! We look forward to working together.