A Sampling of Schoolyard Habitat Web Sites

**Habitat Partners Schoolyard Habitat Program**—VA Dept. of Game & Inland Fisheries, [www.dgif.virginia.gov/habitat](http://www.dgif.virginia.gov/habitat)  *Apply for a Schoolyard Habitat certificate and sign!*

**National Wildlife Federation** Schoolyard Habitats and Eco-Schools [www.nwf.org/At-School.aspx](http://www.nwf.org/At-School.aspx)  Sign up for a schoolyard habitat webinar; download lesson plans; share photos. Also available is an online version of their *How-To Guide for Schoolyard Habitats* at [www.nwf.org/Get-Outside/Outdoor-Activities/Garden-for-Wildlife/Schoolyard-Habitats/Create/How-To-Guide.aspx](http://www.nwf.org/Get-Outside/Outdoor-Activities/Garden-for-Wildlife/Schoolyard-Habitats/Create/How-To-Guide.aspx)

**Schoolyard Habitat Project Guide**, a great resource from the U. S. Fish & Wildlife Service’s Chesapeake Bay Field Office, [www.fws.gov/chesapeakebay/schoolyd.html](http://www.fws.gov/chesapeakebay/schoolyd.html)  Contains teacher sections and student activity pages for planning forests, meadows and wetlands on school property.

**The Evergreen Foundation** of Canada [www.evergreen.ca/en](http://www.evergreen.ca/en)  Click on “Resources” and then “Schoolyard Greening,” which takes you to a page offering case studies, a Teacher’s Corner of lesson plans and tips, a Planning and Design section of ‘-pdf guides and booklets, and lots more.

**Garden-Based Learning** at Cornell University’s Department of Horticulture provides activities, lessons, in-depth project ideas, curriculum guides and booklets, information for planning and evaluating your garden program, and an “ask the expert” page— [http://blogs.cornell.edu/garden/](http://blogs.cornell.edu/garden/).

**National Gardening Association** has a wealth of information at [www.kidsgardening.com](http://www.kidsgardening.com). Articles, success stories and lesson ideas for schoolyard gardening.

**American Horticultural Society** [www.ahs.org](http://www.ahs.org)  Click on “Youth Gardening” for resources, Q&A, articles about plant-based learning, and a database of children’s gardens. The AHS also hosts an annual Symposium.

**Boston Schoolyard Initiative** [www.schoolyards.org/](http://www.schoolyards.org/)  Provides several downloadable documents, such as a design workbook, planning workbook, and Science in the Schoolyard kit guides. Many links, tips and fact sheets.

**School Garden Wizard**, a project of the Chicago Botanic Garden, provides step-by-step guidelines for planning and creating school gardens, along w. activities for plant-based learning— [www.gardenwizard.org](http://www.gardenwizard.org)

**Virginia Naturally** [www.vanaturally.com](http://www.vanaturally.com)  the official EE network of VA, providing a portal to regional alliances, teacher resources, grant info., a calendar of events, and resources for Meaningful Watershed Educational Experiences (MWEE), such as the VA Water Resources Toolkit, Lessons from the Bay, and more.  Your school project may also be eligible for a *Virginia Naturally Recognition* award, available at [www.dgif.virginia.gov/education/school-recognition](http://www.dgif.virginia.gov/education/school-recognition).

Visit these **VIRGINIA SCHOOLS’** web sites to see how they use their outdoor classroom:

- **Stonehouse Elementary**, supported by the John Clayton Chapter of the VA Native Plant Society—[www.claytonvnps.org/Habitats%20and%20Education/stonehouse_elem_habitat/stonehouse_elementary_habitat_website_home.htm](http://www.claytonvnps.org/Habitats%20and%20Education/stonehouse_elem_habitat/stonehouse_elementary_habitat_website_home.htm)
- **Tuckahoe Elementary** [www.apsva.us/tuckahoe/site/default.asp](http://www.apsva.us/tuckahoe/site/default.asp) (click on “Discovery Schoolyard”)
- **Arlington Traditional School** [http://apsva.us/Page/3592](http://apsva.us/Page/3592)
- **Waddell Elementary** [www.rootsh نقطيات.info](http://www.rootsh نقطيات.info)
- **Christiansburg Elementary** [www.mcps.org/ces](http://www.mcps.org/ces) (click on “About CES,” then “Wildlife Garden Project”)
- **Greenbrier Intermediate** [http://eclipse.cps.k12.va.us/Schools/GRI/schoolyard_habitats_site.htm](http://eclipse.cps.k12.va.us/Schools/GRI/schoolyard_habitats_site.htm)
  - **St. Paul High School** [www.estonoa.org](http://www.estonoa.org) (“Wetlands Estonoa Learning Center”)

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