

A Sampling of Schoolyard Habitat Web Sites



National Gardening Association has a wealth of information at www.kidsgardening.com. Contains a school garden registry, KidsGarden news and activities, classroom success stories, online teacher's course, frequently asked questions.

The **National Wildlife Federation** sponsors a Schoolyard Habitats program at www.nwf.org/schoolyard. Site provides resources, free e-mail newsletter, and basic tips on creating habitat.

The Evergreen Foundation is a Canadian web site at www.evergreen.ca/en. On the home page click on "Learning Grounds," which takes you to a page of links for curriculum connections, resources and a "Teacher's Corner" that provides access to a database of lesson plans and more tips about outdoor classrooms.

Schoolyard Habitat Project Guide, a downloadable publication from the U. S. Fish & Wildlife Service's Chesapeake Bay Field Office, at www.fws.gov/chesapeakebay/ (click on "Schoolyard Habitat" on home page).

American Horticultural Society 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.

Garden-Based Learning at Cornell University's Department of Horticulture provides a model for creating a "Children's Garden Consultant" program, whereby youth participants compare a wide variety of children's gardens, at www.hort.cornell.edu/gbl. The site also includes lesson plans and publications.

Schoolgrounds Transformation, a project of the Canadian Biodiversity Institute which offers guidance on how to plan an outdoor classroom, at <http://www.schoolgrounds.ca/schoolgrounds/home.html>

Learning Through Landscapes www.ltl.org.uk/. The schoolyard "movement" began in the UK in 1990.

Boston Schoolyard Initiative www.schoolyards.org/ lists success stories and models how this city supports schoolyard projects throughout the design and development process.

School Garden Wizard, a project of the Chicago Botanic Garden, provides step-by-step guidelines for planning and creating school gardens for plant-based learning, at www.gardenwizard.org

Project WILD www.projectwild.org. Under "Curriculum & Resources" click on "WILD School Sites," where you can order the *Exploring School Nature Areas* video.

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

- **Christiansburg Elementary** www.mcps.org/ces/ (click on "SOL Links," then Cathy Ney's link at bottom of page for "teaching and learning," and then "WildlifeMapping" to see their Garden Project)
- **Waddell Elementary** www.rootsnshoots.info
- **Tuckahoe Elementary** www.apsva.us/tuckahoe/site/default.asp (click on "Discovery Schoolyard")
- **Greenbrier Intermediate** http://eclipse.cps.k12.va.us/Schools/GRI/schoolyard_habitats_site.htm
- **St. Paul High School** www.estonooa.org ("Wetlands Estonooa Learning Center")
- **Strasburg High School** www.shenandoah.k12.va.us/shs/ ("Strasburg FFA" then "River's Edge Project")



MORE ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION RESOURCES: EE-Link <http://eelink.net/> ; SEER www.seer.org (using the Environment as an Integrating Context, or the EIC model); Virginia Naturally www.vanaturally.com ; or Classroom Earth www.classroomearth.org