A Sampling of Schoolyard Habitat Web Sites

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


Cornell University—Garden-Based Learning resources: http://www.hort.cornell.edu/gbl/pubs/

Farm to School program at University of Minnesota http://www.extension.umn.edu/food/farm-to-school/school-gardens/getting-started/ Contains two manuals for download, Creating and Growing Edible Schoolyards, and School Garden Guide from Slow Food USA.

National Gardening Association has a wealth of information at www.kidsgardening.com. Click on the top tab, “Curricula and Lesson Plans,” to access teacher links, how-to guides, activity ideas, etc.

American Horticultural Society Youth Gardening http://www.ahs.org/gardening-programs/youth-gardening This takes you to the “Youth and Nature” page, where you can subscribe to Youth Gardening Gazette and find out about the annual National Children and Youth Garden Symposium.

Boston Schoolyard Initiative www.schoolyards.org/ Provides Outdoor Classroom User’s Guide and many other resources. (For example, click at the top on “Design and Maintenance” to see a Schoolyard Design Guide and an Outdoor Classroom Design Guide; or click at the top on “Teaching in the Schoolyard” for Science in the Schoolyard activities, videos, etc.)

School Garden Wizard of the Chicago Botanic Garden provides step-by-step guidelines for planning, designing and creating school gardens; see tabs at top of page: www.schoolgardenwizard.org/

Virginia Naturally http://www.dcr.virginia.gov/environmental-education/virginia-naturally An Environmental Education portal with many useful links for Virginia schools and teachers, including grants and curricular connections.

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
• Tuckahoe Elementary www.apsva.us/site/default.aspx?domainid=1379 (click on “Discovery Schoolyard” at top)
  • Arlington Traditional School http://apsva.us/Page/3592
  • York County Schoolyard Habitat Initiative https://www.yorkcounty.gov/Home/VirginiaCooperativeExtension/SchoolyardHabitats.aspx
• Charlottesville City Schoolyard Gardens http://www.cityschoolyardgarden.org/
  • St. Paul High School www.wetlandsestonoa.org/Pages/default.aspx (Estonoa Outdoor Learning Center)