

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!**



National Wildlife Federation Schoolyard Habitats and Eco-Schools <http://www.nwf.org/Where-We-Work/At-School.aspx> Here you'll find webinars, lesson plans, and various teaching tools. Also available is an online version of the **book** *How-To Guide for Schoolyard Habitats* at www.nwf.org/Get-Outside/Outdoor-Activities/Garden-for-Wildlife/Schoolyard-Habitats/Create/How-To-Guide.aspx

Schoolyard Habitat Project Guide, a very practical how-to **book** published by the U. S. Fish & Wildlife Service's Chesapeake Bay Field Office, 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 <http://www.evergreen.ca/our-impact/children/greening-school-grounds> Click on “School Ground Greening Resources” in right sidebar to get to **two handbooks**: *The Learning Grounds Guide for Schools* (94 pgs), and an online manual, *All Hands in the Dirt: A Guide to Designing and Creating Natural School Grounds*.

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>
 - **John Adams Elementary, Alexandria** <http://www.acps.k12.va.us/adams/habitat.php>
 - **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)

