



Virginia Naturally School Recognition Program Tenth year and beyond



A Decade of Environmental Stewardship and Beyond

You did it! This year your school will take its place alongside other VAN schools that have met, and/or continue to meet, the goals of the Virginia Naturally School Recognition program *for a decade or more*. You have worked hard and we want to hear your “success stories” – the experiences you shared as you worked together to achieve the goals that define your school’s environmental stewardship efforts.

For continued recognition you must:

- 1) Complete Part I-III of the application
- 2) Include a letter of support from a building administrator
- 3) Include a picture (worth 1,000 words!) for each stewardship goal listed.

Explanation of Part I

List of goals: List three environmental goals your school addressed during the past year. The goal may be to begin a new initiative or to “tweak” activities in place that support a well-established project. For example, “School A” might determine to: “Increase grade level participation in our recycling program,” while “School B” might determine to: “Begin work on establishing a school recycling program.” (25 words or less)

Success stories: We want to hear “your success stories.” Tell us what went right and/or describe a shared positive experience enjoyed by the students as they work on each of the goals listed. **These experiences should reflect events that occurred during the past year.** Be brief. A short paragraph (between 50-100 words) will suffice. * **When appropriate, student quotes about what working on that goal meant to them may be used here.**

Challenges: Describe any challenges the students or staff faced as you worked to reach your stewardship goals. If these challenges were resolved, explain how. Be brief (50-100 words).

Return completed application, below, along with letter from principal, a letter of recommendation from one of the school’s partner’s, and at least one photo of one of the school’s activities between May 1st and June 30th to:



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Please provide the information requested below along with a letter from the school principal, a letter of recommendation from one or more of the schools partners, and at least one photo of one of the school's activities. Electronic copies are welcome! (Submitted photos may be used on our web site or to promote this program.)

School year _____ Year of recognition _____

Name of school: _____ # teachers _____ # students _____

Number of teachers participating in the [Governor's Conservation Classroom Challenge](#) _____

School System: _____

Principal: _____

School Address: _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone: _____ Fax: _____

E- Mail address: _____

Web site _____

PART I

Goal #1:

Success story:

Challenges:

Goal #2:

Success story:

Challenges:

Goal #3:

Success story:

Challenges:

PART II

Letter of Support from building administrator

PART III

Photographs

Return your application to the Virginia Naturally School Recognition Program at the above address.