

A Sampling of Schoolyard Habitat Web Sites



1. Schoolyard Habitats – National Wildlife Federation <https://www.nwf.org/schoolyard/>
Click on Eco-Schools for other links. Or, scroll down to bottom of page and click on “Learn more about installing, using and maintaining a schoolyard” to get to an 8-page guide called *Create a Schoolyard Habitat for Monarchs and Other Pollinators*. They also have a *Schoolyard Habitats How-To Guide* at https://www.nwf.org/~media/PDFs/Eco-schools/SchoolyardHabitatsHowToGuide_Part1.pdf

2. Schoolyard Habitat Project Guide, a very practical 132-page planning guide of the US Fish & Wildlife Service (2nd edition- 2011). Contains teacher sections and student activity pages for planning forests, meadows and wetlands on school property:
<https://www.fws.gov/external-affairs/marketing-communications/printing-and-publishing/publications/3012-Schoolyard-Habitat-Guide.pdf>

3. The Evergreen Foundation of Canada <https://www.evergreen.ca/our-projects/?subject=286&statuses=Open>
Click on “Tools and Publications” in the top bar and select “Outdoor Learning and Play Resources.”

4. Cornell University—Garden-Based Learning resources for educators: <http://www.hort.cornell.edu/gbl/pubs/>

5. School Gardens (Farm to School)—University of Minnesota: <https://extension.umn.edu/farm-school/school-gardens> (Also available is a 48-page guide to *Creating and Growing Edible Schoolyards*, at http://www.arboretum.umn.edu/UserFiles/File/2013%20Schoolyard%20Gardens%20Conference/EdibleSchoolyardsManual_optimized.pdf)

6. Kids Gardening – click on “Educator Resources” or “Gardening Toolbox” in top bar: <https://kidsgardening.org/>

7. American Horticultural Society— Youth Gardening: Click on “Educator Resources” in left sidebar: <https://www.ahsgardening.org/gardening-programs/youth-gardening> Also note that each July they host a National Children and Youth Gardening Symposium.

8. Boston Schoolyard Initiative <http://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.)

9. Project Learning Tree “School Garden Wizard” <https://www.plt.org/ee-resource/school-garden-wizard/>

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

- Tuckahoe Elementary Discovery Schoolyard, Arlington <https://tuckahoe.apsva.us/outdoor-classrooms/>
- York County Schoolyard Habitat Outreach <https://www.yorkcounty.gov/1505/About-Schoolyard-Habitat-Outreach>
- Charlottesville City Schools—Schoolyard Gardens <http://charlottesvilleschools.org/city-schoolyard-garden/>
- St. Paul High School “Wetlands Estanoa Learning Center” (Wise County) <https://www.wetlandsestanoa.com/>



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