

A Synopsis of Statewide Curriculum Projects

Wonderful Teacher Resources to Enhance “Down Jersey”

Please Note: All of the “Projects” are available (at minimal charge and/or free) through attendance and participation in a four-six hour teacher training workshop. Workshops are scheduled throughout the year at various locations throughout the state. Contact the state coordinator listed for a schedule and/or any related resources that are available through their offices.

Project WILD

A supplementary, multi-disciplinary conservation education activity guide for K-12 that emphasizes wildlife and wildlife resources. Activities are designed to assist learners to progress from awareness to action regarding the environment.

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WILD School Sites/Homes for Wildlife

A specialized program that trains educators to design an outdoor classroom/natural wildlife habitat on their school property. Also offered are specific opportunities to incorporate and integrate the outdoor classroom into the curricula. A statewide recognition program and opportunities for networking are also available through the *NJ Coalition for Schoolyard Habitats*.

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Project Aquatic WILD

Emphasis and design are similar to Project WILD except the emphasis is on aquatic wildlife and marine resources. Many other teacher resources are available: posters, films, workshop opportunities, Marine Education Resource Directory (included in this packet).

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Project Learning Tree

Similar format to Project WILD (PLT actually came first) but with an emphasis on trees as a natural resource. Also available: High School modules on a variety of environmental topics, PLT resource trunks for loan to schools, in-service training opportunities.

Newsletter: *Branching Out*

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Project WET

The newest of the series. A very comprehensive coverage of water and water-related topics in a K-12 supplementary curriculum, activity guide. Many of the activities are action-oriented and adaptable for a variety of audiences. Teacher training and workshops.

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The Wonder of Wetlands (WOW)

(Available for purchase)

A wonderful activity guide that focuses on the wetland environment. A must-use if investigating or planning a field trip to a wetland area.

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Bridges to the Natural World

New Jersey Audubon Society's publication.

A Natural History Guide for teachers of Grades Pre-K through 6th Grade. *Bridges to the Natural World* was developed to help New Jersey teachers lead students to a better understanding of their local natural environment. The three major sections of the guide are designed to facilitate the transition from classroom or indoor teaching to an outdoor learning experience. Wonderful descriptions of 15 New Jersey habitats are included.

Many other training opportunities and resources are available through NJAS including:

NJ WATERS: Watershed Approach to Teaching the Ecology of Regional Systems;
NJ's Shorebirds: A Local and Global Perspective to accompany the video *The Crabs, the Birds and the Bay**; and *NJ at the Crossroads of Migration* (publication and video)

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The Songbird Connection

(Available for purchase)

The *Songbird Connection* offers teachers, environmentalists, nature centers and parents a way to think globally and act locally. The *Songbird Connection* is a global education package (K-12) that highlights the yearly migration of songbirds from the northeastern United States to the Central American tropics, and back. The package includes 16 lesson plans, a short video, posters to enhance the concepts taught, and a teacher's guide.

Available from:

The New Jersey Conservation Foundation
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Also available: *Charting a Course for the Delaware Bay Estuary* — A planning guide that includes data, maps, and in-depth detail about the many tributaries and creeks that drain into the Delaware Bay.

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Publications include: *The Clean Water Raingers Program* with booklets, activities, and an interactive CD-ROM, emphasizing pollution prevention (grades 4–6); *Beneath the Shell: A Teacher's Guide to Non-Point Source Pollution and its Potential Impact on New Jersey Shellfish* (grades 1–9); *Watershed Focus* newsletter which covers topics such as watershed management, non-point source pollution and coastal issues, and Water Resource Protection Practices.

Watershed Partnership for New Jersey (WPNJ)

A network of watershed organizations that provides education and outreach programs throughout New Jersey. *NJ Watershed Education and Resource Directory* and the annual *Rainstick Contest*.

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