



ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION:

- Cultivates an understanding of our relationship to our environment;
- Fosters knowledge, skills and attitudes that people can use throughout their lives to understand and act responsibly and respectfully with regard to the environment;
- Includes an awareness of the economic, social, political and ecological factors which shape our environment, and acknowledges the relationship between quality of life and the quality of the environment.



*Advancing
Environmental Education
&
Literacy*



*Providing Environmental
Education*

The Delaware Environmental Education Partnership has developed a diversity of environmental education programs and materials in order for students to increase their environmental awareness and to enhance their problem-solving and decision-making skills.



DEEP is an alliance of agencies, organizations, groups and individuals that provide environmental education in Delaware County.

Mission

The Delaware Environmental Education Partnership works collaboratively to enhance environmental awareness, appreciation, stewardship, and responsibility by providing environmental education resources and learning opportunities for Delaware County land users of all ages.

Vision

DEEP strives to develop environmental stewards that understand their relationships with natural resources and make informed and responsible decisions to conserve these resources in Delaware County and the rest of the world.

Stratford Ecological Center



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Contact Name: Christa Hein, Education Director

The Stratford Ecological Center is a private, non-profit organization dedicated to the education of children and adults in understanding the relationship between living things and their environment, thereby fostering an appreciation of the land and all life that depends on it.

SEC manages 236 acres of land including a 95-acre State Nature Preserve. Natural areas contain buttonbush swamps, a stream, pond, abundant wildflowers, plus diverse flora and fauna. The remaining acres are set aside for the demonstration farm. This is a small diversified organic farm including field crops and livestock (dairy and beef cattle, goats, sheep, chickens, and hogs), a sugar bush and maple sugar shack, greenhouses, a small orchard, herb and flower gardens, plus an organic vegetable garden. Stratford offers internships in Environmental Education and Sustainable Agriculture. These interns experience teaching and learning with children and get practical farming experience.

Stratford's farm products are available to purchase in the education center and include pork, beef, lamb, eggs, maple syrup, honey and fresh, pick-your-own produce and berries. Excess produce is donated to the Delaware People In Need food bank.

Education programs are at the forefront of our mission. We offer youth field trips year round, summer camps for 9-14 year olds, festivals and events, and adult education programs. See our website for a current program calendar and more information on Stratford Ecological Center.

Preservation Parks of Delaware County



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Position: Education Coordinator

The Preservation Parks of Delaware County is dedicated to providing nature education opportunities and to preserving green space in our rapidly developing county.

Preservation Parks offers free environmental education programs to any school within Delaware County. Developed to assist teachers in nature education, the **Preservation Park Partners Program** offers schools the opportunity to become a Park Partner in building habitat for wildlife on school grounds. Teachers, students, and families collaborate with our Naturalists in a hands-on effort to transform the schoolyard landscape into a Preservation Parks Partners Site and an outdoor classroom!

Nature Extension Programs are designed for students Pre-K through 5th grade and bring interactive nature displays and activities into the classroom upon request. Current programs include: Bat Chat; “Talented” Hunters (raptors); Spirit of the Eagle; Out on a Limb (trees); Incredible Insects; Hip Hoppers (amphibians); Helicopters, Parachutes & Hitchhikers (seed dispersal); Winged Beauties (butterflies); Rainforest Magic; and Warm & Fuzzies (mammals).

Columbus Zoo and Aquarium



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The mission of the Columbus Zoo and Aquarium is to promote awareness and understanding of the interdependence of the natural world, and to present to our community interactive, participatory, and educational exhibits and activities which represent that relationship. The Zoo shall achieve its mission by teaching and practicing conservation, both on and off-site, contributing to the discovery of biological knowledge, offering enjoyable, educational and family-oriented recreational opportunities, and instilling in all who visit a sense of adventure and discovery.

Some of the programs offered are:

- For teachers there are workshops (including Leopold Education Project, Project WILD, Aquatic WILD, and Project learning Tree), in-service opportunities, and a Resource Center (loan kits, video tapes, etc. for check out)
- For schools, the Zoo offers on-grounds programs for visiting school groups, outreach visits, and distance learning.
- For children the opportunities are in Saturday morning classes for elementary age students, summer day camp, overnight camp-in programs, Scout badge programs, teen volunteer opportunities, and shadowing for high school juniors and seniors
- For the general public, Family Classes are available, along with ZooKids (preschool at the Zoo), and special events like Earth Day and Insect Fair.

Delaware General Health District



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Contact Name:

Our mission is to promote healthy lifestyles for our residents. We accomplish this by offering health promotion programs in various areas of nutrition, physical fitness, safety, tobacco, and the environment. Programs such as

- The Heart of the Matter,
- Communicable Disease,
- Handwashing,
- Poison Prevention
- Getting the Helmet Habit,
- Stranger Danger,
- Health Effects of Tobacco,

Basic First Aid are just a few of the programs the health department offers to help residents live longer, healthier & happier lives! We present to numerous age groups and organizations in a number of settings all around the county as requested. We hope that by offering these programs and others, Delaware residents will not only increase their knowledge and awareness about their own health but also that of the environment as well.

Essential Public Health Services Keeping Us Safe and Well

Ohio Wildlife Center

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Contact Name: Barbara Ray

The mission of the Ohio Wildlife Center is to promote awareness and appreciation of Ohio's native wildlife. OWC believes that public education is the key to achieving support for our wildlife. We offer a variety of education programs for all ages, taught by our trained volunteers.

Public Displays

The OWC display is always a big hit at public events with its live animals. Everyone stops to look, and most have a question or story about native wildlife. For a reasonable fee, OWC will bring some of its animal ambassadors and set up a photo display

at your event.

Single Presentations

OWC will bring live animals to schools, scout meetings, church groups, civic association meetings, and even birthday parties. Programs OWC offers are: Wildlife Encounters, Children and Wildlife, Ohio's Hawks and Owls, Reptiles of Ohio and Ohio's Bats. OWC charges a fee for these presentations.

Internship

Students must be at least 15 years of age to volunteer in the OWC clinic. From ages 15-17, their duties will be restricted to helping with orphans and assisting with light cleaning or organizing simple projects. After they are 18, they may assist with first aid, the hotline and all other activities at the clinic. OWC benefits greatly from the volunteer work of our interns. The students learn a great deal through this hands-on experience, which may enhance their future career opportunities.

"...committed to fostering awareness and appreciation of Ohio's wildlife."



Ohio EPA

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Ohio Environmental Education Fund (OEEF)

Grants are awarded to educators, environmental organizations, industrial organizations and others to increase the awareness and understanding all Ohioans need to work together to solve the complex environmental problems affecting our lives and the lives of future Ohioans. For more information about the OEEF and available grants, go to: <http://www.epa.state.oh.us/oef/>.

Projects and activities

The Office of Environmental Education has some great ideas for things you and your students can do to help the environment. For more information and helpful links, go to visit the website. The office also maintains a calendar of Environmental Education activities and conferences being held throughout the state.

Please see the Office of Environmental Education, Featured Environmental Education Projects and Partnership sections on our website for environmental education resources and contacts.

Scheduling a speaker

If you would like to have an Ohio EPA staff member attend your class, please contact the public information center at 614-644-2160.

Delaware Soil and Water Conservation District



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Our mission is to promote the management and wise use of Delaware County's natural resources. The SWCD provides progressive environmental leadership and support through conservation programs and services that promote natural resource stewardship. We work with landowners, farmers, realtors, developers, educators, agencies and other land users to educate and help them make sound decisions regarding the use of soil, water, air and living organisms. The SWCD partners with the USDA-Natural Resources Conservation Service and cooperates with federal, state, and local agencies to assist with the conservation of renewable natural resources.

Environmental Education Council of Ohio



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The Environmental Education Council of Ohio is a statewide nonprofit organization of formal and nonformal educators who are interested in the environment. EECO sponsors area and statewide conferences and workshops to enhance environmental education. Membership includes and informative quarterly newsletter, a membership directory, outstanding Environmental Education resources and regional professional development workshops.

It is the mission of EECO to lead in facilitating and promoting environmental education which nurtures knowledge, attitudes and behaviors that foster global stewardship.

ODNR



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Sam Speck, Director

Our mission is to provide leadership and financial and technical support to advance waste reduction, recycling, litter prevention and market development to positively impact Ohio. ODNR, division of recycling and litter prevention is a nationally recognized team promoting vital recycling and litter prevention services for Ohio's economy and environmental.

Educational Resources available from ODNR include:

- Outdoor Skills and Safety Education,
- Boating Education Information, Hunter Education Information, Trapper Education Information, Classroom Materials,
- Official Ohio Lands Book,
- Project Learning Tree,
- Project WET,
- Windows on Waste,
- Ohio's Endangered Species,
- Soil Concepts Imagination Book, Geological Survey Educational Resources,
- Port-A-Park Outdoor Activity Guide, Fish Identification Illustrations,
- Take Pride, Ohio!,
- Ohio's Wetlands Endangered Species List, and Ohio's Mineral Industries.

Keep Delaware County Beautiful

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The purpose of Keep Delaware County Beautiful Inc. is to serve the citizens of Delaware County by developing and implementing effective public education and community improvement programs. These programs will enhance the quality of life and economic development of the community by instilling pride, positive attitude, and behavior change regarding natural resource conservation, littering, recycling, proper solid waste management, and beautification. The three focus points are awareness, education, and collection. We sponsor activities such as The Great America Clean Up, "Plant Pride, Not Litter" Month, and Recycle, Ohio! Month. We provide classroom presentations and activities, teacher workshops, puppet shows, and a small lending library. We support a Litter Collection Crew made of Juvenile Court youth, an Adult Probation Collection Crew, Adopt-An-Area program for county and township road ways, Adopt-An-Area by Kids -for playgrounds and parks (coming soon!), an office paper recycling program, nine full-time recycling drop-off bins, and six part-time bins.

Highbanks Metro Park



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Highbanks is 1,150 acres of mature deciduous forest, fields, wetlands, ponds, and the Olentangy State Scenic River. Two Adena burial mounds and a large, 1000-year-old prehistoric earthwork are located here. The 100-foot shale bluffs or 'high banks' overlooking the river have long been an important landmark and give the park its name.

A large and modern nature center is open every day except Christmas and houses exhibits on the area's natural and cultural history. The non-lending library has an extensive collection of field guides, natural history books, local history, and children's nature books.

Naturalists provide public programs year-round and will schedule individualized programs for preschoolers, school children, youth groups and adults. Topics can include local cultural history, geology, natural history, or stream ecology.

The park is open every day of the year and there are no fees.

Delaware Environmental Education Partnership

DEEP Organizations	Teacher In-Services	School Programs	Youth Programs	Family Programs	Off-Site Programs	ON-Site Programs	Day Camp	Over Nights	Stream Qual Monitoring	Clean Ups	Newsletters	Items for Loan or Sale	Publ/Curriculum Ideas	Web Page	Facilities to Rent	Grants	Scholarships	Contests & Awards	Science Fair Judging	Technical Assistance	Volunteer Opportunities	Other
Columbus Zoo	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x			members	x	x	x	x	x	x				x	Distance Learning
Delaware General Health District	x	x	x	x	x	x	x				x		x	x				x	x		x	
Delaware Soil & Water Conservation District	x	x	x	x	x				x	x	x	x	x			x	x	x	x	x	x	Storm drain labeling, outdoor habitats for learning development
EECO	x										x		x	x			x					annual conference
Highbanks Metro Park	x	x	x	x	x	x	x		x	x	x		x	x	x				x	x	x	special events
Keep Delaware Beautiful	x	x	x	x	x					x	x	x	x				x	x	x	x		
ODNR	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x		x	magazine	x	x	x	x	x		x		x	x	school days, seedling sale
Ohio EPA	x								x	x	x		x	x					x	x		
Ohio Wildlife Center		x	x	x	x	x			x	x	volunteers & members	x	x	x	x						x	interns, wildlife rehab, community service hour work projects
Preservation Parks	x	x	x	x	x	x	x		x	x		x	x	x	x					x	x	special events
Stratford Ecological Center		x	x	x	x	x	x				x	x		x	x						x	adult programs, special events