



**Schoolyard
Habitats
OUTREACH**
for
York County & Poquoson

Vision

Increased investment
in the health and wellbeing
of our natural environment



Mission

Team up with K-12 school communities
to spark wonder and curiosity about nature,
elevate environmental literacy,
and inspire emerging decisionmakers.

4-H Schoolyard Habitats Outreach

Strategy

Engage K-12 students in outdoor experiential activities and authentic earth stewardship on school grounds during school and beyond.



Goals

Empower and equip K-12 teachers to weave outdoor activities and experiences into and across the curriculum.

Objectives



- ✦ Recruit and provide guidance and support to local community volunteers who are excited about the mission of this program. *(Volunteer opportunities exist to fit any schedule.)*
- ✦ Assist teachers with hands-on learning activities that draw students outdoors for nature observation, inquiry, journaling, stewardship, art, critical thinking, crowdsourced data recording, problem-solving, fitness, systems thinking, mindfulness practices, etc.
- ✦ Facilitate teacher access to guest speakers, field equipment, grants, and program resources.
- ✦ Advise and assist school communities with development and stewardship of their school's native plant habitat and outdoor classroom spaces.
- ✦ Champion innovative community relationships amongst schools, PTA/PTSA/PTO's, Extension Master Gardeners, Virginia Master Naturalists, student groups, and other agents of change.

For more information, contact the 2022/23 Program Coordinator *(Master Gardener volunteer)*

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