

Funding & Assistance Sources

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Bluegrass PRIDE

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1-866-222-1648

www.kentuckyPRIDE.com

Kentucky Natural Resource Conservation Service

Thoroughbred Resource Conservation & Development

Contact: Carolyn Oldfield, (502) 863-6010

KU – Old Dominion Power

E-ON U.S.

Green Energy Contact: Sheryl Williams, (502) 627-3698

Grant Resources

Eastern Kentucky PRIDE

Contact: Jennifer Johnson, (606) 677-6041

Kentucky Environmental Education Council

Contact: Elizabeth Schmitz, elizabeth.schmitz@ky.gov

1-800-882-5271

www.keec.ky.gov

Environmental Education in Kentucky

www.eeinkentucky.org search grants

Valuable Online Resources

www.plants.usda.gov

www.nwf.org

www.for-wild.org

www.naaee.org



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Frankfort, KY 40601

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Outdoor Classrooms:

Connecting Kids with Nature



*Naturally providing a "hands-on"
approach to environmental education*

Naturally Connecting with Kids



Why Create an Outdoor Classroom?

- * Encourages children to interact more with their natural environment
- * Allows students to learn almost any subject with a hands-on approach
- * Reinforces concepts introduced in textbooks and in the classroom
- * Nature inspires creativity and inspires children to use all of their senses
- * Nature offers a sanctuary for children and it gives them a special place for life!

KERA

- * Outdoor Classrooms help teachers meet the six learning goals of KERA to achieve academic expectations
- * Outdoor Classrooms help meet these expectations in the areas of science, math, arts, and social studies
- * Assists teachers by extending core concepts from the classroom to a real-life natural setting
- * Helps keep interest level high while achieving academic standards

Project Ideas

- * Animal Tracking Discovery Plot
- * Bird Blind for Bird Watching
- * Bird Feeders / Baths
- * Native Butterfly Garden
- * Wildlife Food Plots
- * Vegetable Garden Plot
- * Nature Trails
- * Insect Traps
- * Soil Profile Area

These are just a few – there are many ideas to choose from!



Reconnecting People and Nature for Life...