



Meaningful Watershed Educational Experience (MWEE)

MWEEs serve as the foundation for a rich, lifelong relationship between students and their Bay.

Using the outdoors as a hands-on laboratory strengthens student connections to the natural environment, improves academic achievement, and increases student engagement.

MWEEs integrate field work in the Chesapeake Bay watershed with multi-disciplinary classroom activities and instruction. They can be a sustained, integral component of classroom instruction.

MWEEs are an effective tool for teaching many subjects—including science, math, history, reading and art.

*“For in the end, we will
conserve only what we love, we will love only
what we understand, we will understand
only what we are taught”*

— Baba Dioum

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Eyes are Opened, Environmental Ethics are Formed



For More Information in Your Area

Maryland

*Maryland State Department of Education
Environmental Programs*

[http://www.marylandpublicschools.org/
MSDE/programs/environment/](http://www.marylandpublicschools.org/MSDE/programs/environment/)

Pennsylvania

*Pennsylvania Department of Education
Ecology & Environment*

http://www.pde.state.pa.us/env_eco

Virginia

*Virginia Naturally: Curriculum resources,
Classroom grants, & Student information*

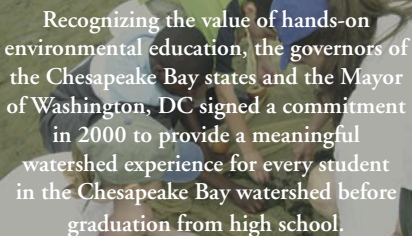
<http://www.vanaturally.com>

District of Columbia

*DC Department of Health Watershed
Protection Division*

[http://dchealth.dc.gov/services/
administration_offices/environmental/
watershed/enved.htm](http://dchealth.dc.gov/services/administration_offices/environmental/watershed/enved.htm)

Did you know?



Recognizing the value of hands-on environmental education, the governors of the Chesapeake Bay states and the Mayor of Washington, DC signed a commitment in 2000 to provide a meaningful watershed experience for every student in the Chesapeake Bay watershed before graduation from high school.