



Development of Environmental Education Program Capacity Evaluation Tools

Project for Mid-Atlantic Environmental Literacy Plan





The goal of the Mid-Atlantic Environmental Literacy Strategy is:

Every student in the region graduates environmentally literate having participated in meaningful watershed educational experiences in elementary, middle, and high school that were supported by teachers who have received professional development in environmental education and schools that are models of environmental sustainability.

Key Elements of the Project



Phase I: develop a self-assessment Program Capacity Tool



Purpose: to track the implementation of environmental education activities at the local level (LEA)



Phase II: recognize high priority indicators/metrics with effective environmental education



Purpose: to identify gaps and needs in the implementation of environmental education



Phase I

Measurement Incorporated (MI) will...

Collaborate with project team to develop draft <i>Program Capacity Evaluation Tool</i>	July, 2013
Present draft tool to E-Lit Metrics Team and facilitate feedback sessions focused on revision, implementation and potential applications	August, 2013
Beta test tool , analyze data and interview (selected group of) respondents	September, 2013
Revise tool as indicated from field test information	October, 2013
Present final tool to leadership/stakeholder groups	October, 2013



Phase II

MI will....

Develop a list of high priority indicators and metrics	September, 2013
Circulate list to stakeholders to review and prioritize	October, 2013
Participate in Mid-Atlantic E-Lit Summit to assist with presentation of final tool and to facilitate feedback sessions on Phase II metrics	November, 2013
Prepare a final Report on Phase I and II	January, 2014

MI Objectives



Establish effective channels of communication



Develop data collection procedures that ensure accurate and verifiable data



Provide technical assistance through web-based project management tools



Focus on user-friendly program capacity tool that can be readily implemented across multiple states and is useful for data-driven decision making

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