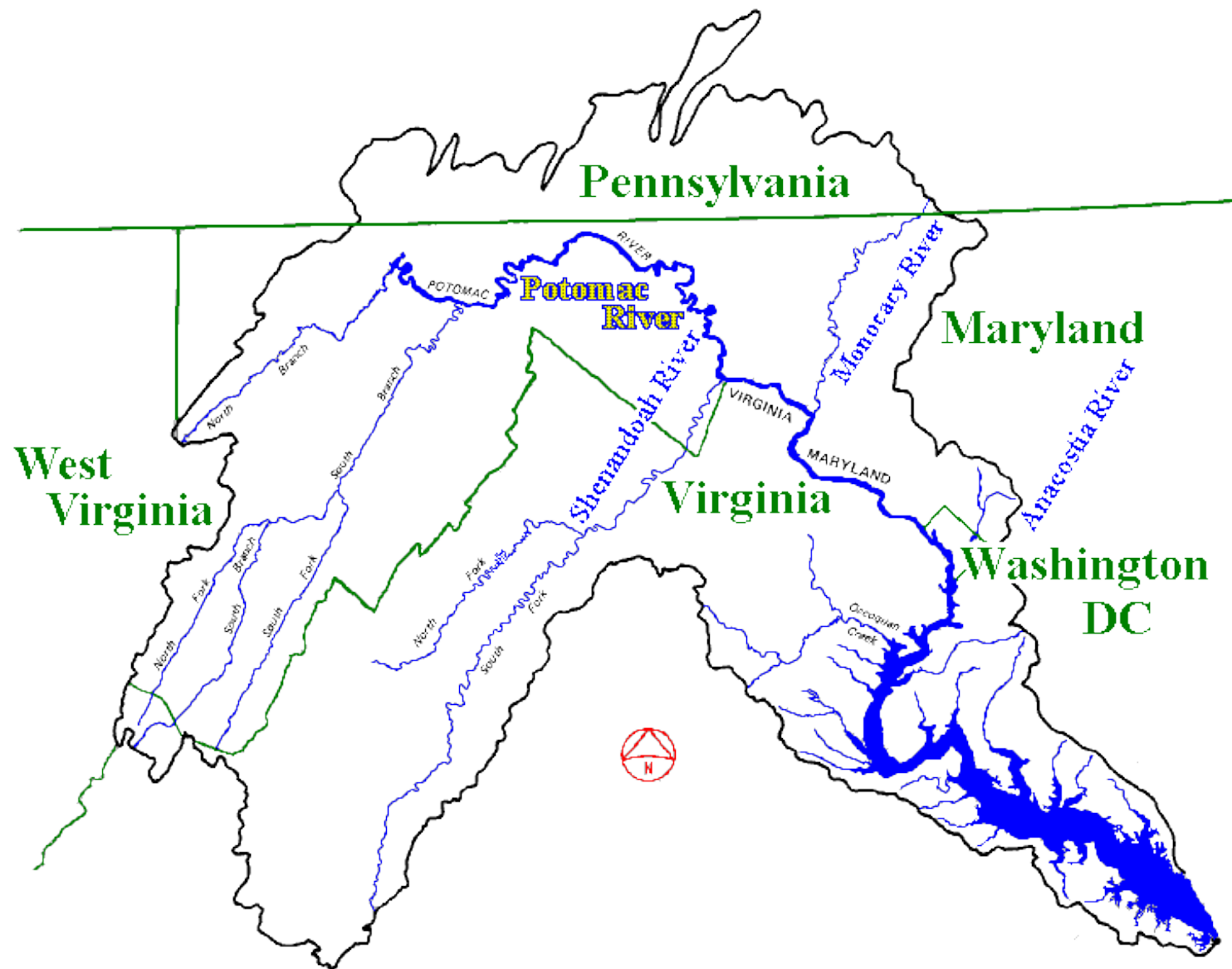


# Bridging the Watershed

An outreach program of the Alice Ferguson Foundation in partnership with the National Park Service and area school systems





# Purpose

Bridging the Watershed promotes student academic achievement, personal connections with the natural world, lifelong civic engagement, and environmental stewardship through hands-on curriculum-based outdoor studies in national parks and public lands.



# BTW is a Partnership

- **Alice Ferguson Foundation**
- **National Park Service**
  - National Capital Region
- **Maryland Park Service**
- **Area School Systems**





# Participating Parks

## **Founding Partners:**

**Chesapeake & Ohio Canal National Historical Park  
George Washington Memorial Parkway  
National Mall and Memorial Parks  
National Capital Parks – East  
President's Park  
Rock Creek Park**

## **Additional Partners:**

**Catoctin Mountain Park  
Ford's Theatre National Historical Site  
Harpers Ferry NHP  
Manassas NBP  
Monocacy National Battlefield  
Prince William Forest Park  
Wolf Trap National Park for the Performing Arts**

## **Maryland Park Service Partners:**

**Rocky Gap State Park, Cunningham Falls State Park, Gunpowder Falls State Park, Merkle Wildlife Sanctuary**





# Basic BTW Process

Teacher training

Schedule field study

Classroom preparatory activities

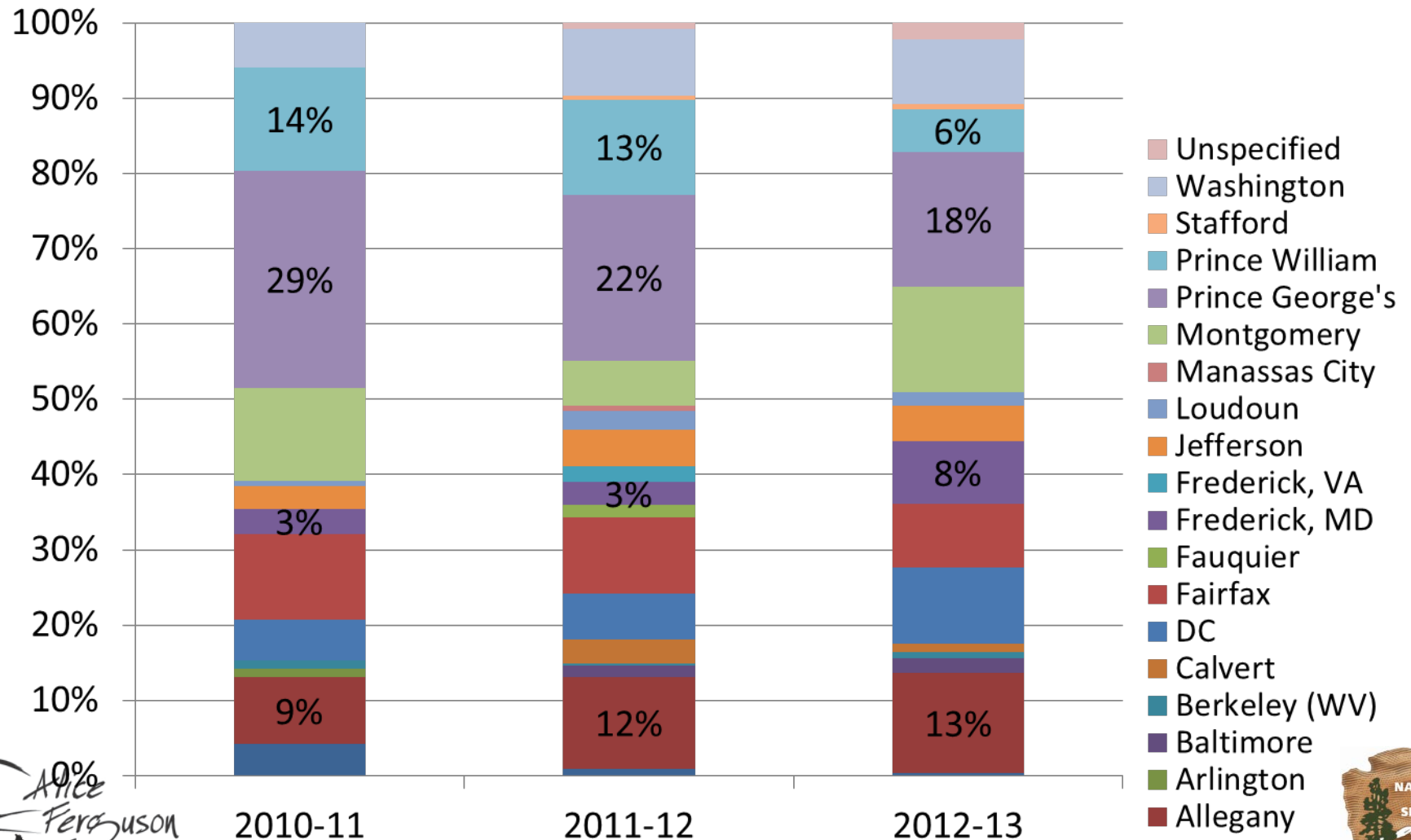
Field Study

Data analysis and activities in classroom

Student Action



# Student Numbers by School System





# Student Action

Environmental problems  
and issues

Understanding policies,  
procedures, and values

Data Collection  
and Analysis

Issue  
Investigation

Plan and  
Implement Action





# Example of Student Action



6<sup>th</sup> grade Accokeek Academy students at the National Mall

Environmental Issues:

How to prevent people from creating social trails which leads to soil compaction.

How to reduce the coins being tossed into the WW II Memorial fountain which leads to damage.





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