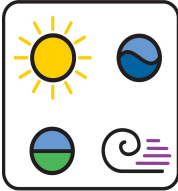


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## Teacher Resource List:

### Additional Information and Training Opportunities

Chicago Conservation Corps (C3) Clubs  
Chicago Department of Environment (DOE)  
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Listed below are a wide variety of resources for teachers. Read on for ideas for additional training opportunities, CPDUs, curriculum, activities, and sources of information.

#### **\$800 Savings Challenge**

Each of us can make a difference. Take the first step and commit to some --or all--of the actions listed in the \$800 Savings Challenge. This list of actions is suggested as a part of the Chicago Climate Action Plan. Watch your savings in both money and greenhouse gas emissions add up. Your total will be calculated and appear at the bottom of the page. You can also sign up here to receive a monthly list of environmental events and news.

[http://www.chicagoclimateaction.org/pages/take\\_the\\_700\\_challenge/59.php](http://www.chicagoclimateaction.org/pages/take_the_700_challenge/59.php)

#### **Center for Neighborhood Technology (CNT) – C3 Partner Organization**

CNT works to build sustainable urban communities. CNT offers many useful services, including Travel Matters (<http://www.travelmatters.org>), which offers educational content about transportation and climate change and CNT Energy (<http://www.cntenergy.org/>), which aids individuals and communities in reducing their energy use. Also check out the I-GO program (<http://igocars.org>) to find out about car-sharing. Find more of CNT's programs at <http://www.cnt.org>.

#### **Chicago Academy of Sciences & Notebaert Nature Museum – C3 Partner Organization**

The Nature Museum offers a wide variety of programs for students and teachers. The Teacher Leadership Center has a wide variety of resources on teaching and nature including books, labs, videos, and more, and is open daily from 3-4:30pm and on Saturdays from 12- 4:30 pm. Teachers with questions about the Leadership Center can call 773-755-5112 or e-mail staff at [teacherprograms@naturemuseum.org](mailto:teacherprograms@naturemuseum.org), <http://www.naturemuseum.org/index.php?id=128>.

#### **Chicago Climate Action Plan**

The City of Chicago initiated the Chicago Climate Action Plan in the summer of 2008. It outlines a set of bold ideas that could help expand successes to slow the effects of climate change. This website features reports detailing the research and the solutions devised by the City government to address these issues.

<http://www.chicagoclimateaction.org/>

#### **Chicago Park District – C3 Partner Organization**

The Chicago Park District's Outdoor Classroom is a professional development program that helps teachers to supplement their curriculum with lessons that use natural areas in their school's neighborhood. Participating teachers learn about the local ecology of their neighborhood natural area and model school-specific lessons in the natural area. Email [outdoorclassroom@chicagoparkdistrict.com](mailto:outdoorclassroom@chicagoparkdistrict.com) for more information.

#### **Chicago Wilderness – Leave No Child Inside Initiative**

Chicago Wilderness, in collaboration with its 240+ member organizations in the Chicagoland area (C3 included!), works to raise awareness of opportunities for youth to spend time outdoors through its Leave No Child Inside initiative. Visit their website at <http://www.kidsoutside.info/> to learn about these opportunities, and to access resources and additional information about the importance of this initiative.



## **ENTICE -- Illinois Department of Natural Resources**

ENTICE is a comprehensive teacher training program to assist educators in meeting certification standards and to provide enhanced skills for teachers in environmental education and stewardship of Illinois natural resources. Contact the IDNR Division of Education at [dnr.teachkids@illinois.gov](mailto:dnr.teachkids@illinois.gov) or (217) 524-4126

## **Garden Camps – C3 Partner Organization**

Openlands Project, Garfield Park Conservatory Alliance and Chicago Botanic Gardens collaborate to run Garden Camps I and II, week-long trainings for teachers that focus on gardening and plant-based learning. Participants earn CPDUs, lane credit and can earn graduate credit. Contact Eva Dubey from the Chicago Botanic Gardens at [edubey@chicagobotanic.org](mailto:edubey@chicagobotanic.org) or at 847-835-8253 at for more information.

## **Greencorps Chicago**

Greencorps is DOE's community landscaping and job training program. Chicago Public Schools are invited to apply for landscaping support as part of Greencorps' Green Schools Assistance. Based on schools' needs and interests, Greencorps may provide garden materials, design and installation assistance, field trip support, and plant distribution days. To receive an application, call (312) 744-8691 or click on the Greencorps link at <http://cityofchicago.org/Environment>.

## **GreenNet**

GreenNet is a coalition of non-profit organizations and public agencies that provides information on community gardens in Chicago; increases public awareness of community gardening in the city; and distributes mini-grants to Chicago's community and school-yard gardens. Check out their website at <http://www.greennetchicago.org/> or call (773) 251-7515.

## **Green Teacher Network – C3 Partner Organization**

The Green Teacher Network is a collaboration of Openlands Project, Garfield Park Conservatory Alliance and Chicago Botanic Garden. The program provides information on teaching math, science and reading using the garden or classroom windowsill. CPDUs are given for participation in each session. See <http://www.openlands.org> for more information and the registration form, or contact GreenCorps education coordinator, Jaime Zaplatosch, directly at [jzaplatosch@openlands.org](mailto:jzaplatosch@openlands.org) or 312-863-6270.

## **Healthy Schools Campaign**

The Healthy Schools Campaign advocates for policies and practices that allow all students, teachers and staff to learn and work in a healthy school environment. Visit their website to learn more about the issues HSC is currently addressing, campaigns they are leading, and ways that you can Take Action to make sure that your school community is safe and healthy. [www.healthyschoolscampaign.org](http://www.healthyschoolscampaign.org)

## **Illinois Section American Water Works Association**

The ISAWWA provides in-services for teachers on water curriculum. They also provide resources such as pamphlets, books, and a video library. Visit <http://www.isawwa-portal.com/> for more information.

## **Local Initiative Support Coalition (LISC) – C3 Partner Organization**

By organizing capital and other resources to support initiatives that stimulate comprehensive development, LISC helps neighbors build healthy communities. Through a wide array of financial products, investments and technical assistance, LISC helps neighborhoods get what they need to build vibrant communities, including affordable housing, workforce development, commercial enterprises, community facilities, and local leadership. <http://www.lisc-chicago.org/>

## **U.S. Environmental Protection Agency**

EPA's environmental education program has a variety of resources available for teachers, including ideas for activities and in-class lessons. <http://www.epa.gov/teachers/> Contact Megan Gavin (312-353-5282), [gavin.megan@epa.gov](mailto:gavin.megan@epa.gov) for more information.

