

Watershed Forestry Green Connections Program

Watershed Agricultural Council
Forestry Program
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From forest to faucet through friendship

Over 9.5 million New Yorkers enjoy the world's cleanest drinking water thanks to upstate watershed forests, farms and people. Green Connections supports partnerships between NYC Watershed and NYC classrooms for a year of discovery, connection and stewardship.

Choose from 2 program options:

Green Connections LITE

This flexible introductory program helps you start incorporating upstate/downstate student interactions into your teaching through all remote exchanges. You and your partner teacher pick the content, format and frequency of student exchanges to fit your curricula and schedules.

ELIGIBILITY: 4-12th grade teachers or non-formal educators working wholly or partially within the NYC Watershed or 5 boroughs of NYC.

Green Connections

Take your partnership to the next level with this structured year-long program that helps students develop deeper connections and understandings of one another's upstate/downstate environments and communities. Students exchange 3 rounds of pen-pal letters, learn from an 8-lesson curriculum, go on 2 shared fieldtrips (one upstate, one downstate), and conduct a local stewardship activity.

ELIGIBILITY: 4-8th grade teachers or non-formal educators working wholly or partially within the NYC Watershed or 5 boroughs of NYC.

Next Steps:

1. Get program details at nycwatershed.org/greenconnections
2. Contact us to check your eligibility & find a partner
3. Download an application online



"This is a great experience! Upstate kids learn about being stewards of the watershed and downstate kids learn where their water comes from." "

– 2017 Teacher, Windham

"I saw my students become extremely passionate about the watershed and their upstate buddies. It is such a rewarding experience for everyone involved."

– 2019 Teacher, Manhattan

"Students learn about diversity and how we are all connected. They get to do activities outside their local area and within their own community. There is no other program like Green Connections!"

– 2019 Teacher, Stamford

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