



Prince George's County

STORMWATER STEWARDSHIP GRANT PROGRAM

APPLICANT

REAL School Gardens (now known as Out Teach)

PROJECT

REAL School Gardens Two-Year Train and Support Program

GRANT AMOUNT

\$100,000

PROJECT SUMMARY

In 2016, REAL School Gardens created The Train and Support Program, an initiative designed to turn an existing school garden or outdoor space into a valuable educational asset. By providing one-on-one training and instruction for the entire staff and selected teachers, the Train and Support Program helps to ensure that students benefit from hands-on, experiential lessons that are closely linked to their local curriculum and Common Core and Next Generation Science Standards.

The Train and Support Program consists of a full-day training session for the entire staff.

Teachers are trained on how to build lessons based on their natural environments, given access to the specific resources available through the retrofit, and demonstrate an increased level of engagement throughout the school. During the instructional coaching, a team of seasoned educators work side-by-side with teachers at each participating school and model how to use outdoor space for engaging and effective instruction. These teachers ultimately become on-site advocates for outdoor learning spaces.

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