Creating the Link
between Emerging Urban
and Existing Environmental Education

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| Summary                   | "Volunteers Teaching Children" describes the Volunteer-led Investigations in Neighborhood Ecology, or VINE Programs, established by Denver Audubon Society members as an urban education project, and how that model has been adapted to draw on the human and financial resources available in other cities. VINE Programs give...
Urban Environmental Education

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Rocking the Boat

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Abraham House

Youth Ministries for Peace and Justice
Urban EE
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http://www.stephenhickeyblog.com/?p=756
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**Social innovation theory**

*Educational innovations emerge when people holding different views have opportunities to exchange ideas, experience, and other resources*
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Innovations in Environmental Education Practices

• through exchanging ideas, professional and emerging urban environmental educators create innovative practices
• practices define environmental education in urban society

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State Consortia Yr 1

Maryland
California
Colorado

State Consortia Yr 2?
Guidelines for Excellence
New community EE guidelines
Online courses

- EE in Urban Communities*
- Measuring EE Outcomes*
- Bridging Communities in EE
- EE in Non-formal Settings
- Urban Stewardship Leaders Training
- Health and Environment
- Civic Ecology

Jennifer Klein said...

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nice point about the service learning. I am very much in favor of service learning when it is done correctly. Again we need to be careful to push our own projects on our students. I appreciate your honesty.
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Hello, I'm a grad student at CSU-Sacramento (aka Sac State) focusing in recreation administration and am looking in to doing my culminating project or thesis on place-based education in relation to public elementary schools. Does anyone have suggestions on potential read: I've done some with Sobel and Loux, just curious if there are other links out there, Thanks!

April 9 at 11:00pm

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Marianne Krauszyk
EE fosters transformative learning.

Outdoor Adventure Education (OAE) programs are designed to enhance leadership and personal growth through including rock climbing, sailing, and kayaking. We interviewed 23 OAE former participants about these programs and personal growth. We found that participants attribute the most meaningful OAE experiences to “living in pristine nature, experiencing a different lifestyle, being part of the course community, and dealing with the intensity and challenges of the course.” Interview results also suggest that OAE courses “might integrate personal growth with instrumental learning to better foster environmental behavior post-course.”

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EEecology (Mental Mapping)

Social Network Analysis
Dissemination Partners

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• Celebrate Urban Birds
• NAAEE Affiliate Network
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