Join Wisconsin’s No Child Left Inside Coalition!
The Wisconsin No Child Left Inside (NCLI) Coalition is working to develop an Environmental Literacy Plan (Plan) for Wisconsin that will address the environmental education needs of Wisconsin’s pre-K-12 grade schools and will pay special attention to creating more opportunities to get kids outside. The Plan will recommend a comprehensive strategy to ensure every child graduates with the environmental skills and knowledge needed to contribute to a sustainable future.

An Environmentally Literate Person Knows:

• That their daily choices affect the environment,
• How those choices can help or harm the environment, and
• What they need to do—individually or as part of a community—to keep the environment healthy and sustain its resources, so that people enjoy a good quality of life for themselves and their children.

As a Member You or Your Organization:

• Expresses its support for the Coalition’s efforts and will be listed as a member on the Coalition’s website and on letters to decision-makers, if appropriate.
• Will be kept informed by email as to the status of the Wisconsin No Child Left Inside Coalition’s efforts and the national NCLI Act.
• Will be invited to provide input related to development of Wisconsin’s Plan.
• Expresses its intention to assist with implementing Wisconsin’s Plan, as appropriate.
• May be asked to contact the media and write to decision-makers in support of Wisconsin’s Environmental Literacy Plan and/or the NCLI Act.

Big Wins!
Support for NCLI is growing nationally and in Wisconsin:
• State Superintendent Evers asks Coalition to develop Environmental Literacy Plan. (10/09)
• Governor Doyle signs onto national letter of support for the National NCLI Act. (11/09)
• Environmental Literacy added to The Partnership for 21st Century Skills framework. (11/09)
• The President’s Education budget includes Environmental Literacy for the first time. (2/10)
• Former Secretary of Education Riley Supports National NCLI Act. (3/10)

We Need Your Help!
Become a member of the Wisconsin NCLI Coalition! Or better, get your organization signed up as a member. Make sure your voice is heard. Be a part of the planning process and making Wisconsin’s Environmental Literacy Plan a reality. With your help, we can ensure all people in Wisconsin graduate from high school environmentally literate.

For a Complete list of members go to www.NCLIwisconsin.org
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Why Do We Need an Environmental Literacy Plan?

Wisconsin has a strong environmental education foundation already established, with active schools, supporting organizations, and abundant opportunities to get outside in rural and urban settings. The Environmental Literacy Plan will build upon these strengths, and suggest priorities for present and future attention. It will lay out the next steps towards fulfilling on our State’s commitment to ensure all people in Wisconsin are environmentally literate.

Who’s Helping the Plan Grow?

State Superintendent Evers has formally asked the Coalition to develop the Environmental Literacy Plan for Wisconsin. A Steering Committee meets each month to draft the Plan. The Wisconsin No Child Left Inside Coalition Steering Committee is made up of representatives from the Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction, Wisconsin Center for Environmental Education, Wisconsin Environmental Education Board, Wisconsin Environmental Education Foundation, Wisconsin Association for Environmental Education, Wisconsin Association of School Boards, Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources, Wisconsin Environmental Science Teachers Network, Milwaukee Public Schools, the Green Charter School Network, and the US EPA’s Environmental Education and Training Partnership. The broader Coalition is kept updated on progress, provides input and feedback to guide the plans development, and ultimately, will play a key role in implementing and evaluating Wisconsin’s Environmental Literacy Plan.

What’s Happening Nationally?

Wisconsin’s Environmental Literacy Plan will align with the pending national No Child Left Inside (NCLI) legislation. The No Child Left Inside Act requires States develop, implement, and evaluate a State Environmental Literacy Plan in order to be eligible to receive funding associated with the Act. Currently, the bill suggests an appropriation of $100 million to support the State Environmental Literacy Plans.