

# Headline - five years from now & current

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## Current headline in white

**Organizations work to pull the pieces together to get kids outside but work and collaboration is still needed so all can benefit**

**Vancouver Public Schools wrap up Capital Bond Program and adds Green Schoolyards at new buildings**

Replacement and new schools include gardens, nature play, inclusive playgrounds, sensory gardens, lots of nature (trees/shrubs/plantings) and outdoor classrooms

**Digging in the dirt offers therapy to students of all ages**

**Young people learn where their food come from through involment in various community garden programs**

**Evergreen Schools wrap up Capital Bond program and add Green Schoolyard features at new and existing schools**

While every school received some type of building update, many schools added green school features at new and existing schools. The elementary school prototypes included 6 raised garden beds, multiple outdoor classrooms, nature play and walking paths, as well as lots of plantings

**Local area schools fall behind in providing research-backed outdoor learning programs.**

**Forging plants and friendship in Clark County schools**

Area Schoolyards Aim to Move Beyond Grass and Blacktop.

**Local schools are valued as local greenspaces to connect you to nature**

**Clark County students see health improvements from time spent outside on their school grounds and gardens**

**It's official: Green Schoolyards, Nature-based Education are Universal in SWWA**

Just like music, science, or P.E., these landscapes and curriculum are now part of a regular school day for all students

**Bioblitz data from local area high school shows significant increase in biodiversity since installing backyard habitat certified natural landscaping 5 years ago.**

**Students find connection and refuge in green schoolyards, with improvements to their mental health and well-being**

Students collaborate with local agencies to create a learning space that serves as habitat - through restoration!

**Community grows 60% of their own food through the community gardens program.**

**Outdoor Curriculum approved for area schools**

Now all area schools have approved curriculum and training to use on site green schoolyards at every school

## Headline five years from now in RED

School garden lessons are standard Core Curriculum across Clark County

Local district meets goal in providing outdoor learning opportunities to all K-12 students.

## Vancouver schools agree to grow tree canopy across all campuses

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