

## **Project WET's Wild & Wonderful Partnerships and Creative Wetland Connections**

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Through the support of an EPA Wetland Program Development Grant, Project WET developed and implemented a series of hands-on wetland workshops tailored for educators, with the goal of increasing awareness, accessibility, and understanding of local wetland ecosystems. This project was rooted in creative partnerships between local stakeholders, environmental educators, land managers, and school networks. Together, we identified publicly accessible wetland sites suitable for field experiences and built a replicable framework for engaging K–12 educators in meaningful, place-based environmental learning.

The workshops provided educators with training, field experiences, and curriculum-aligned resources to bring wetland science into the classroom. Key deliverables included site-specific teaching guides, activity kits, and digital materials that emphasized the ecological importance of wetlands, their role in watershed health, and conservation efforts.

Resources created during this project were shared with the Project WET National team and state coordinators, leading to adoption and adaptation by other states—a testament to the scalability and relevance of the program. This presentation will highlight the collaborative model used, workshop outcomes, lessons learned, and the broader impact of this initiative on wetland education and stewardship beyond state lines.