

Cobb County Green School Initiative

Annual Report 2021/22

The Cobb County Green School Initiative is a cooperative effort between Cobb County Water System, Keep Cobb Beautiful, and the Cobb County Parks and Recreation Natural Resources Unit. This initiative was designed to recognize Cobb County schools who demonstrate a commitment to environmental education. To qualify as a Green School, a school must have at least 5 teachers receive Green Classroom designations, by completing 5 lesson plans or projects that help students learn about, protect, and beautify their environment.

21 schools received Gold Status designation with at least 15 green teachers:

Addison Elementary, Austell Elementary, Baker Elementary, Bells Ferry Elementary, Blackwell Elementary, Bullard Elementary, Cheatham Hills Elementary, Compton Elementary, Ford Elementary, Frey Elementary, King Springs Elementary, Lewis Elementary, McCall Primary, McCleskey Middle, Murdock Elementary, Nickajack Elementary, Pickett's Mill Elementary, Simpson Middle, Still Elementary, Tritt Elementary, Vaughan Elementary

5 schools received Silver Status designation with at least 10 teachers:

Chalker Elementary, Daniell Middle, Davis Elementary, Due West Elementary, Timber Ridge Elementary

5 schools received Green Status designation with at least 5 green teachers:

Cooper Middle, Garrison Mill Elementary, Hillgrove High, Shallowford Falls Elementary, The Garden School

3 schools had teachers certifying their classroom as a Green Classroom:

Hightower Trail Middle, Norton Park Elementary, Pine Mountain Middle

In total, 34 schools received a Green School designation for the 2021/22 school year. These designations represent the work of 555 teachers who reported 3,088 hours of environmental education for 22,588 students.



Thank you Green Teachers and Administrators!





Pickett's Mill Elementary School's broccoli garden



King Springs Elementary students marking storm drains

Thank you for participating in the Cobb County Green School Initiative and becoming a certified Green Teacher for the 2021/22 school year. As teachers, you are community leaders who are responsible for educating the next generation of environmental stewards. The green lessons you submitted are more than just lesson plans, they inspire your students to become advocates for the Earth. With each lesson, you shape them to become individuals who understand their impact on their environment and community. We deeply appreciate your hard work in submitting for this initiative. We are honored to recognize you and your school for your dedication to environmental education.

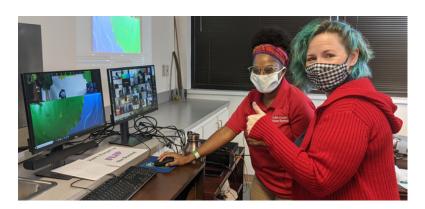
We would like to say a special thank to your school's Lead Green Teacher (designated in this report with an * next to their name) who made this possible. Thank you for coordinating applications and activity log submissions, as well as providing encouragement to your team. Your ongoing leadership throughout the school year is the reason our initiative is successful.

Congratulations to all of our 2022 Green Schools and teachers!



Green School Partners in Action

The Green School Initiative partners (Cobb County Water System, Cobb P.A.R.K.S. Natural Resources Unit, and Keep Cobb Beautiful) presented, virtually and in-person, a variety of lessons to students this year, including PARKS' third grade Georgia series, Water System's Ecosystems and Adaptations, Brooke & Branch Puppet Show, Adopt A Stream, Snakes of Georgia and Their Adaptations, Filtration Station, and KCB's Adopt a Mile program.













Addison ES- Gold

Sherreen Bahr Debbie Burdett

Corrine Drolet

Allison Gillenwater

Denise Hazlett

Elizabeth Keith

Julie Knobbe*

Heather LeCroy

Tricia Leith

Emily Miller

Ashley Payne

Charlene Piper

Holly Ross

Jordyn Shallies

Kristin Shildneck

Cheryl Shore

Carolynn Stoddard

Wanza Walston

Mandi Westbrook

Austell ES- Gold

Cynthia Bazille

Amber Bevins

Heather Chancellor

Dannell Custred

Lauren Henderson

Ed Hunker

Allison King

Wastell McNeil

Maria Payne

Stacey Rivers

Katherine Smith

Whitney Sutherland*

(Austell continued)

Jennifer Tallis

Elizabeth Tsui

Janet Warren

Penelope Weber

Baker ES- Gold

Melissa Allen

Debbie Chrzanowski

Miska Davis

Margarita Encinas

Allison Fultz

Ellie Garille

Meg Hagan

Courtney Hardin

Becky Harmon

Kimberly Hutcheson

Melissa Jankowski

Loren Kelly

Melissa Kitzrow

Emily Meyer

Emiley Myslicki

Heather Pearson

Abigail Peek

Jana Phillips

Liz Schneider

Stephanie Shamblin*

Paula Strikas

Kandi Tutterow

Cara Williams

Monica Wright

Bells Ferry ES- Gold

Rebecca Baldwin

Sonya Bullock

Randa Burden

Carol Love

Cindy Maner

Julie Montague

Lindsey Morin

Elizabeth Nastasi

Allison Pannell

Kaitlin Robinson

Kimberly Samuel

Monna Sears

Marcie Sherer

Kim Sigsbee*

Ashley Sprinkle Tappan

Will Tyler

Kristy White

Valerie Wisniewski

Blackwell ES- Gold

Laurie Bradford

Tom Brown

Elisabeth Chandler

Amy Chapman

Kathryn Collins

Tiffany Crofford

Ann Dennis

Alina Ferrier

Patti Griffith*

Rachel Hicks

Isaiah Hunter

Melissa McKeehan

Katie Nelson

Mary Pope



(Blackwell continued) Hannah Vitale Jennifer Waldmann Laura Wheeler

Bullard ES- Gold

Ellen Adams Kendra Berry* Stacey Casella Heather Clark **Ginny Coalson** Richelle Elkins Lauren Fann Katrina Gammell Michele Kuykendall Stephanie Lemoine Toni Lujan-Greene Hannah Muhlbauer **Brooke Norris** Katie Oden Kim Oden Katherine Philp Regan Robinson Jennifer Rogers Bobbie Valenzuela

Chalker ES- Silver

Ashley Bartho Berlinda Bell Ashley Bellamy* Shannon Collins Keisha Gordon Tara Guevara Donna Hayes (Chalker continued)
Jennifer Hunter
Karen Kraeger
Laura Pitner
Michelle Sessions
Cara Smith
Carmen Wilson

Cheatham Hill ES- Gold

Deanna Bishop Angela Burton Karyn Caldwell **Brittany Duckworth** Erin Flynn Colleen George Tori Graham **Becky Grove** Gina Gullo Sara Holcomb Leigh-Ann Hull Heba Khan Kelly Mema **Tracy Northington Kelly Smartt** Roxanne Spinks* Toni Sutherland Julie Traylor **Kasey West Sharon Wood**

Compton ES- Gold

Chesney Bromm
Shannon Buehler
Bernadette Buonocore*

(Compton continued) Jamie Clark Marissa Conrad Lauren DeBruyn Elizabeth Desenberg Elizabeth Evans Katheryn Gonzales Anna Hadden Sharon Harmon Tara Harris Donna Heetland Nicole Henderson Lauren Hendricks Shannon Howard Lisa Leiva Angie Martin Kelly Meyer **Amber Miller** Amanda Paccione Nancy Palmer **Emily Pearce Leah Rousey Jessica Sellers Lindsay Sexton Patrick Stevens Brandy Swann** Lori Taylor Valerie Walcott Amanda Whitaker **Ashley White** Lauren Wiseman

Emily Wolfrum

Katie Young



Cooper MS- Green

Geoffrey Gillie
Daniel Harbert
Crystal Mast*
Stephanie Ruffner
Gerrilyn Sumlin

Daniell MS- Silver

Melinda Atkinson
Susan Cronin
Marianna Foxwell
Frances Hebb
Kerri Hirsch
Kimberly Hunt*
William Jackovich
Stephanie Lentchner
Ammu Nair
Kanika Nolasco
Lacey Sallee

Davis ES- Silver

Kathy Belongia
Megan Brent
Jennifer Carusone
Lisa Gay
Sara Green
Molly Henson
Beth Knight
Joan Muzyka
Hanna Ronemous
Kristen Stegall
Jenny Summerlin

(Davis continued)
Samantha Swift
Laura Welch
Kenzie Winther

Due West ES- Silver

Susan Braddy
Jeanne Coleman
Karn Eveler
Martha Haley
Laura Howerton
Brandye Keasler
Laura Kirkland
Michelle Lankford
Francine Lawrence
Kirsten Perla*
Linda Petrea
Kristin Poole
Kinsey Shrewsbury
Megan Weidner

Ford ES- Gold

Stephani Aldridge
Kaila Apodaca
Paige Bastuba
Katie Blankenbecler
Bryana Blount
Linda Campisi
Terri Cheatham
Lauri Cook
Kristi Crimm
Elizabeth Cunningham
Claire Cyr
Rachel Dutton

(Ford continued) Cynthia Edwards **Bonnie Fleming** Molly Foster **Chrissy Garrison** Hailey Godfrey Rebecca Goodman Iuila Hanna Heather Henslee Heather Henson **Craig Hurley** Ashley Hyde Madison Jacobi Bonnie Joiner Kristine Kniola Kimberly Kunst Tiffany Leguizamon Kaley Lynn Fran McMath **Bramlett Micklow** Jessie Miller Libby Mitchell **Erica Pitts** Todd Plunkert Isabel Rivera Shirley Trammell Michelle Vance Lauren VanSant **Emily Webb** Faithe Williams Mary Willis



Frey ES- Gold

Melissa Cireddu

Casie Downey

Casey Downey

Jordan Fleming

Matt Hardman

Katie Hurley

Marianne Massey

Carol Nikin

Denise Orr*

Michelle Pirro

Kathy Raniere

Julia Rutledge

Kim Sanders

Darneile Scarpinato

Linda Scaturro

Ashley Sherman

Susan Silvers

Joanna Vaughn

Megan Willis

Garrison Mill ES- Green

Robin Brown

Kimberly Epling

Daurian Hogan

Alyson Jefferson

Sylvia Jud*

Stephanie Kristof

Claire Stewart

Hightower Trail MS-Green Classrooms

Alana Lucero Marlie Sherer Katherine Thomas

Hillgrove HS- Green

David Adams Nikki Bisesi

Cecily Crowder

Christina DeLeon

Allyson John

Donna Meeks

King Springs ES-Gold

Roslyn Anderson

Ashley Anderson

Emily Atkins

Mary Bencina

Michele Bice

Evonna Bruner

Casey Campbell

Kimberly Carter

Susan Denney

Mary Fisher

Jennifer Ford

Casey Hannaford

Karie Hardye

Heather Hodge

Rebecca Kriz

Karen Laine

(King Springs continued)
Danielle Martin
Julie Murphy
Karla Rozier

Brittany Weaver Chelsea Whitesell*

Pamela Wilfred

Lewis ES- Gold

Jessica Arnett

Andrea Crouse

Rebecca Fowler Stephanie Fuchs

Stephanie Furgerson

McKenzie Gay*

Ryann Henderson

Holly Kirkpatrick

Sarah Leming

Kimberly Pair

Rebecca Roberts

Katie Roberts

Sandra Smith

Lori Strickland

Christina Thomson

Leah Ward

McCall PR- Gold

Arlene Ahola Julianna Beck

Emily Black

Hannah Carmichael

Debbie Carter

Elizabeth Chaney



(McCall continued)
Tiffany Chauvin
Erin Ciaccio
Megan Croy
Kristen Kurth
Helena Lofton
Jordyn Lopez
Amanda Smith
Kelli Stagich
Valory Stopczynski
Angela Vazquez
Sharon Wallace
Lori Webber

McCleskey MS- Gold

Catherine Batchelor Tiffany Benincosa Samuel Darby Samuel Foster Jenna Gerry Heather Hafner Patrick Heenan Jeri Henri Michelle Hicks Gina Howard Stephanie Keenan April LaRue Paula Lilly Heather Mayne Jan Mitchell Joe Musick Kimberly Nelson Mary Nobles

(McCleskey continued)
John Powell
Annette Simpson*
Jennifer Skelton
April Staropoli
Paula Whittle
Hannah Zboray

Murdock ES- Gold

Monica Burke Vanessa Choate Meredith Christensen Jennie Dang* Marianna Davey Kayla Eidson Sara Falis Heather Fraier Christy Garvin Rosemarie Gondek Melaine Hilliard Heidi Kastner Margaret-Ellen Laettner Megan McRoberts Shelbi NeSmith Mary O'Neill Brianne Rushing Karen Smith Dianna Tatham **Amy Trembley** Rebecca Wahl

Nickajack ES- Gold

Chelsea Andrews Yinia Baumhover Pamela Cooper Dina Espenshied **Lindsey Hamburg Rachel Harris** Karen Harrison Morgan Heidt **Anslie Jarry Amy Karp** Diane Kordel* Katherine Ladd Kristine Matthews Jessica Milovich **April Mitchell** Sara Murphey Jasmine Randall Lara Rice Amanda Schmidt Miley (Amanda) Smiley Emma Snook Lelia Weathers Nicole Weber Allison Williams Susan Wolfgang **Abigail Youe**

Norton Park ES-Green Classroom

Krystal Evans* Jenny Liu



Pickett's Mill ES- Gold

Virginia Aiken Myrna Alley

Kimberly Campbell

Cathy Ewers Allison Grebe

Lynn Hahn

Suzanne Hilliard

Iennifer Kellam

Cassie Llewallyn

Amanda Lovett*

Kimberly McCreary

Megan Mills

Tricia Orton

Amy Pace

Carolyn Schumacher

Kristin Wilson

Pine Mountain MS-Green Classroom

Carol Mickus*

Shallowford Falls ES- Green

Amy Aflonso Julie Bannister Stephanie Burns Jessica Hood Beth Lawton Sarah Ziskend

Simpson MS-Gold

Meredith Argo Janna Atkins Bhavna Chokshi

Katherine Crispo

Jacquelyn Cummings

Marcie Donaldson

Nacy Fish

Richard James

John LaMarca

Linda Rogers

Emilie Rose*

Austin Smith

Dana Tindall

Meredith Wagner

Kerri Waller

Suzanne Werner

Christopher Whiting

Susan Woyce

Still ES- Gold

Alicia Adams

Emily Dozier

Lynn Duhn*

Kimberly Gatch

Marisa Hallberg

Lashelle Joiner

Mer Lasko

Michele McCulloch

Iulie McFarland

Michelle Plumer

Bridget Purdy

Diana Raisner

Kaitlin Smith

(Still continued)

Miatta Smith

Leslie Staebler

Derric Tucker

Julie Wacker

Melissa Williams

Nichole Williams

Timber Ridge ES- Silver

Melinda Butler

Staci Carper

Kaitlyn Caswell

Laura DeGaetano

Elizabeth Hauenstein

Tammy Langosch

Catherine Murray

Judy Osbourne*

Danielle Schenk

Brittany Swann

Niki Turco

Lindsey Vickers

Tritt ES- Gold

Cristy Ames

Molly Baer

Tara Borowiec

Laura Cervi

Lauren Cook

Michelle East

David Eichler

Melissa Fernandes

Morgan Fleming

Nicole Foote



(Tritt continued)

Heather Garrett Jennifer Herman

Kim Lamphere Lauren Levetan

Tina Love

Emily McElwain
Savannah Miller
Kathryn Mitchell
Michelle Moffett
Maggie Paine
Nancy Rinehart
Amanda Smith
Illene Smith
Charis Swift

Catherine Tommasello

Amanda Turner Allison Walker Andrea Waters Trecie Wiggins

Carla Teuchert

Vaughan ES- Gold

Cathy Amos
Cory Babcock
Katie Baggott
Carol Baker
Nicola Boone
Stacie Brock
Sara Bruce
Phil Buben
Jenna Bullis
Julie Chow

(Vaughan continued)

Kelli Connors Jennifer Deck

Kathleen Dwornitski
Jennifer Everson
Michelle Fowles
Elizabeth Glass
Carianne Good
Devin Gunning
Megan Koch
Jason LaBroad
Jennifer Maxwell
Brooke Melton
Nicole Morgan
Kathryn Murray
Ashley Mushegan

Tracie Perkins
Kathryn Pritz
Tracy Sieracki
Joan Sikes
Linda Wells

Kirk York

The Garden School- Green

Jessica Brown
Melissa Murray*
Amy Oeschger
Rachel Robbins
Hayley Rothenberg