

# Educational Environmental Improvement Program (EEIP)

## Vision

Our vision is for education to serve as a cornerstone of a sustainable community in which all citizens live their lives, consciously choosing actions that ensure a healthy quality of life for current and future generations.

## Mission

Provide the schools and community with the educational resources necessary to address the needs and concerns identified by the Environmental Improvement Program (EIP) at Lake Tahoe.

## Objectives

1. **Place Based Learning (PBL):** Meet state educational standards through PBL projects that educate the community about the environmental issues identified in the Environmental Improvement Program at Lake Tahoe.
2. **Service Learning Projects:** Provide students with learning opportunities that directly improve the quality of life in their community. Utilize the Tahoe Lake School Best Management Practices (BMPs) pilot project (Tahoe City, Tahoe-Truckee USD) to demonstrate the potential for projects at other schools, businesses, and residences.
3. **Community Engagement:** Use the BMP demonstration projects at school sites to educate and gain community support for the Environmental Improvement Program.
4. **Partnership Networks:** Create an educational link between schools and agencies to identify opportunities for student involvement in EIP projects (school sites, schoolyard habitats and gardens, community demonstration gardens, and restoration projects).
5. **Place-Based Education Program:** Provide professional development opportunities that help teams implement PBL and create educational teams (aka “Garden Clubs” at school sites). Schedule ongoing professional development activities for teachers and other educators, including Schoolyard Habitats.

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