

THE ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION PROJECTS FORUM (EPPF)

STATEMENT FOR EEAC WEBSITE

Formerly Teacher Environmental Education Preparation (TEEP), the EEPF is a partnership between the Environmental Education Advisory Council (EEAC) and NYU Wallerstein Collaborative for Urban Environmental Education.

While continuing to pursue TEEP's goal of fostering more environmental education (EE) in teacher preparation programs in colleges of education throughout New York State, EEPF will bring together environmental educators from universities, government agencies, and non-formal organizations at an annual workshop and at specific project meetings to generate ideas for promoting and implementing EE in schools and non-formal settings in New York City, and when necessary, the regions beyond NYC.

At four workshops from 2016-2019 TEEP evolved into EEPF by stimulating participants to recommend projects such as a climate change education conference for teachers and non-formal educators, now coordinated by EEAC's program committee, a clearinghouse for teachers which will be a searchable database of EE opportunities in NYC to include EE organizations and services, a project to work with a coalition based at City College to build weather stations in schools as a means of reinforcing climate change education and an effort to strengthen the sustainability coordinator position in the NYC public schools.

At a meeting in February 2020 the EEAC steering committee proposed starting, on the EEAC website, a "syllabi bank" of EE courses and programs offered to prospective teachers at colleges of education which could be adapted by any of the 131 teacher training institutions in the state. Work has commenced on this effort. This will be an ongoing project of the EEPF.

Additional projects will be generated. For more information or to become involved in the EEPF contact Mike Zamm at cenyctso@hotmail.com