

Teaching Sustainability: Local Resources and the MWEE Framework



Designed for both formal and nonformal educators, this free hybrid (virtual/in-person) workshop promotes using the Meaningful Watershed Education Experience (MWEE) framework to connect students with sustainable concepts involving Monroe County's local water and waste management resources. The 3-day workshop is a collaboration between the Kettle Creek Environmental Education Center, Waste Management, Monroe County Municipal Waste Management Authority, and Department of Environmental Protection.

When: Tuesday, August 17, 2021, 10 a.m.-noon EDT (virtual); Wednesday, August 18, 2021, 9 a.m.-3 p.m. (in person); and Thursday, August 19, 2021, 9 a.m.-3 p.m. (in person).

Where: Online via Zoom video conferencing (August 17) and in person at Kettle Creek Environmental Center, 8050 Running Valley Rd, Stroudsburg, PA (August 18) and the Monroe County Municipal Waste Management Authority, 183 Commercial Blvd, Blakeslee, PA 18610 (August 19).

Audience: Formal educators (classroom teachers, administrators, etc) and non-formal educators (naturalists, environmental educators, conservation districts, etc.).

Act 48: Up to 15 hours.

Cost: FREE. Registration is **REQUIRED** due to a limited number of seats online and in person.

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Designed for both formal and non-formal educators, this free hybrid (virtual/in-person) MWEE Ambassador Training will help participants explore how the Meaningful Watershed Education Experience (MWEE) framework can connect K-12 students to sustainable concepts involving Monroe County's local water and waste management resources.

MWEEs are powerful learner-centered experiences in which students investigate local environmental issues, complete informed action projects, improve standards-based achievement, and grow environmental literacy.

Participants in this multi-day workshop are required to complete a 2-hour virtual MWEE Ambassador Training on August 17 to become Certified MWEE Ambassadors. The second portion of the workshop, Water Education Skill-Building, will take place in person in Monroe County on August 18-19.

Prerequisite: MWEE 101
(VIRTUAL-AT YOUR OWN PACE PRIOR TO AUGUST 17)

[This virtual course](#) must be completed prior to the August 17 Monroe County MWEE Ambassador Training. The learner-centered MWEE framework promotes hands-on investigations of local environmental issues, leading to student driven actions. Student projects take many forms including environment restoration or protection, everyday choices, community engagement and civic action.

Act 48: 3 hours

Required Day 1: Utilizing the MWEE Framework
(VIRTUAL-TUESDAY, AUGUST 17, 2021, 10 A.M.-NOON EDT)

This virtual session is **REQUIRED** to become a Certified MWEE Ambassador and will address designing MWEEs with the Environmental Literacy Model (ELM) to help situate the MWEE within the scope and sequence of your curriculum.

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Day 2: Water Education Skill-Building, Part 1

(IN PERSON—WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 18, 2021,
9 A.M.–3 P.M.)

Meet at: Kettle Creek Environmental Education Center,
8050 Running Valley Rd, Stroudsburg, PA 18360.

Join Roger Spotts and staff from the Kettle Creek Environmental Education Center for a full day of water exploration. They will demonstrate different activities focusing on local water resources and how to pique the interests of your students in getting their feet “wet”. Topics will include macroinvertebrates, watersheds, and human impact on water quality. Please bring your own lunch, mask and transportation.

Day 3: Water Education Skill-Building, Part 2

(IN PERSON—THURSDAY, AUGUST 19, 2021,
9 A.M.–3 P.M.)

Meet at: Monroe County Municipal Waste Management Authority, 183 Commercial Blvd., Blakeslee, PA 18610

Description: Join waste industry experts Jim Lambert and Adrienne Fors as they discuss the do’s and don’ts of recycling while integrating curriculum aligned with the Pennsylvania’s Environmental and Ecology Standards. Following a classroom discussion, participants will take a walking tour of the Monroe County Municipal Waste Authority recycling center. During a Grand Central Landfill bus tour, topics including landfill design, groundwater protection, consumer consumption and renewable energy will be presented.

Please bring your own lunch, mask, and transportation.

Act 48: 6 hours

Questions? Email gimyrs@pa.gov.

The 3-day workshop is a collaboration among Stroud Water Research Center, Kettle Creek Environmental Education Center, Waste Management, Monroe County Municipal Waste Management Authority, and Department of Environmental Protection.

COVID-19 SAFETY PROTOCOLS

CDC Guidelines and Pennsylvania Mandates will be followed for the in-person training.

