



SUBJECT: ABOUT US

REAL School Gardens Carolinas Region



In 2016, REAL School Gardens expanded to North Carolina, bringing our acclaimed professional development offerings and outdoor classroom design expertise to schools in the Charlotte Mecklenburg School System. We are currently serving teachers at 18 local schools through a range of programs.

Build & Train

REAL School Gardens partnered with Target and more than 100 of their employees to build Carolina's first outdoor classroom at Idlewild Elementary in just one day. Now, the school has a highly-functional outdoor instructional space, and we've begun our Teacher Training Program. We have two more outdoor classroom building events with corporate partners planned for this spring and have received applications from 25 local Title 1 schools.

Train & Support

Charlotte-Mecklenburg Schools funded year one of our full two-year Teacher Training Program at three schools last school year: Idlewild, River Oaks, and Billingsville. Each school received a full-staff professional development session. River Oaks and Billingsville also received one-on-one instructional coaching for six selected teachers, in which our instructional coaches modeled outdoor lessons in Math, Science, and Language Arts, and worked with teachers individually to improve instructional techniques.

Evergreen

Last school year, with funding from the Mecklenburg County Health Department, we hosted three four-hour professional development group sessions for instructional leaders from 13 schools. Teachers also received plants, curriculum, grant ideas, a visit from a local chef, and a week with our mobile "Chicken Tractor."

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SUBJECT: RESULTS

REAL Testimonials

Charlotte Teachers Rave



Studies show that teachers who receive professional development services from REAL School Gardens have increased effectiveness, higher job satisfaction, and more engaged students. More than that, REAL School Gardens brings the fun and the excitement back to teaching and learning. Charlotte teachers say:

"Excited to integrate the 5 ELA strategies I learned today into my garden lessons."

"I was surprised by the amount of math I'd be able to teach outside."

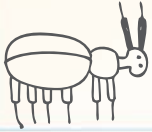
"The cross-curricular strategies are wonderful. Combining the ELA content with science in 5th grade is so helpful- awesome and informative PD."

"I'm taking away real strategies I can implement right away."

"I'm excited to make science, reading, writing, and math more engaging and more 'real world.'"

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SUBJECT : PARTNERSHIPS

REAL School Gardens CMS Impact

We are currently working to deepen and continue our impact on Title I Schools in the coming years.



Charlotte Mecklenburg School System 2016-2017 school year:

- **13 schools** received our Evergreen Training Program for their instructional team leader during three half-day sessions – *Mecklenburg County Health Department* funded.
- **2 schools** (River Oaks and Billingsville) received our in-depth Train & Support Program engaging **more than 130 teachers**, and four sessions of our one-on-one instructional coaching for **12 teachers**, six from each school.
- Idlewild began our Build & Train Program after our May 17, 2017 “Big Dig” outdoor classroom construction project with more than 100 Target and LandDesign volunteers.

Plan for this school year:

- REAL School Gardens Carolinas will be reaching out to other Title I Schools throughout the Charlotte region in late fall to invite additional applications for next school year.
- **18 schools** are receiving our Evergreen Training Program through provided by *Mecklenburg County Health Department*.
- Sponsorship funding has been secured to complete two additional “Big Dig” garden transformations at two Title I Schools soon to be announced.
- Foundation and sponsorship funding is in process to support Year 2 funding at River Oaks and Billingsville.
- Idlewild is requesting funding for Year 2 of their Build & Train Program.
- REAL School Gardens is working on funding for 11 additional Title I Schools seeking our Training and Support Program.



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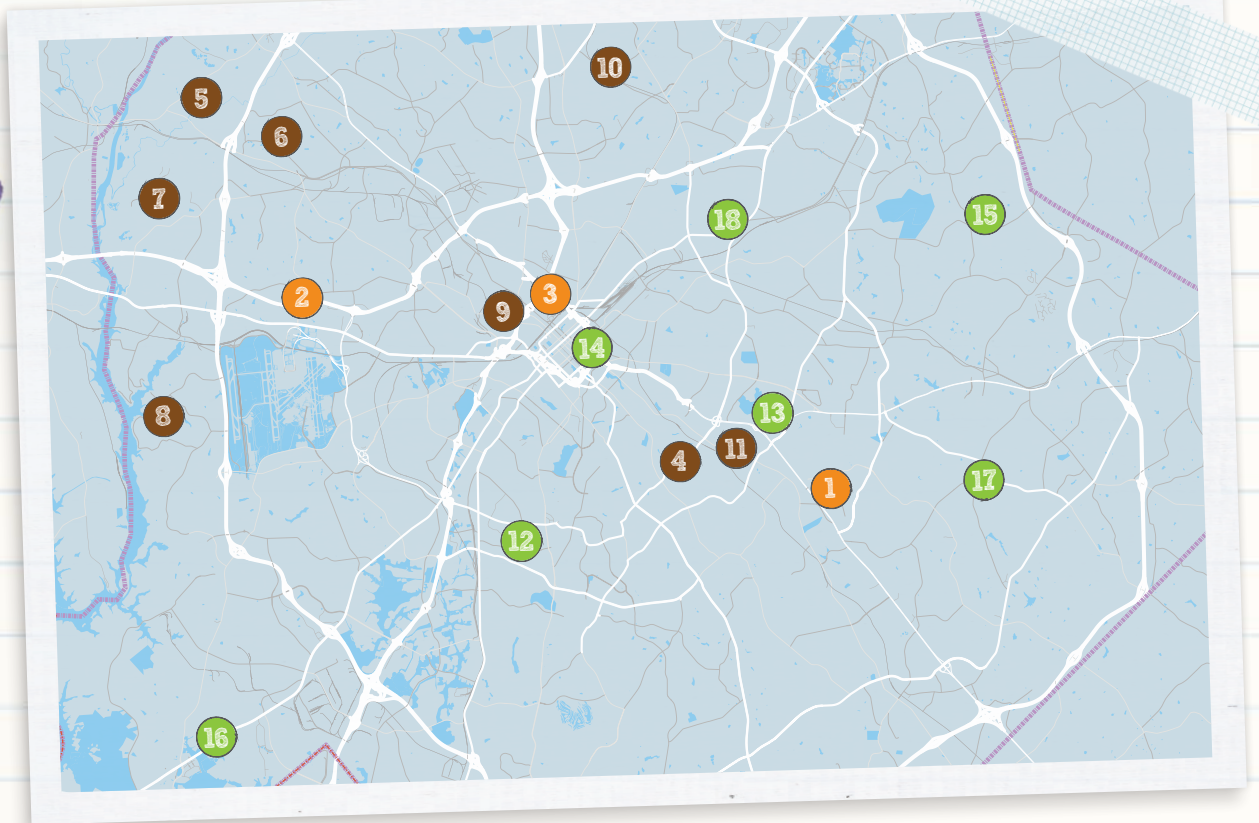


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CMS Impact Map

18 Title 1 Schools in our highest poverty areas are receiving our Evergreen Program this fiscal year.



BUILD & TRAIN

1. Idlewild K-8 –
Big Dig completed
2. Tuckaseegee
3. Walter G. Byers

TRAIN & SUPPORT

4. Billingsville – *Year 1 completed*
5. River Oaks – *Year 1 completed*
6. Paw Creek
7. Whitewater Academy
8. Berryhill K-8
9. Bruns Academy
10. Winding Springs
11. Oakhurst STEAM Academy

EVERGREEN

12. Pinewood
13. Winterfield
14. First Ward
15. Reedy Creek
16. Lake Wylie
17. Lebanon Road
18. Hidden Valley

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