



DC Environmental Education Consortium (DCEEC) 2007 Year-End Accomplishments

Ways & Means Committee

- Held the first election of officers in accordance with our current by-laws.
- Registered to become 501(c)(3) non-profit.
- Completed an update of Articles of Incorporation.
- Updating of By-laws to correspond with new AOI (not major changes, not voted on).
- Completed a projection of overall/committee budgets for 2007.
- Tracked DCEEC expenses and revenues.
- Completed (with treasurer) 2007 budget report and created templates and a budget process for future years.

Education Committee

- Conducted a second *Watershed Wise D.C.* 8-hour professional development workshop for 34 educators at Environmental Concern to connect teachers to the Bay. The title of the workshop was *A Wetlands Chesapeake Bay Education Escapade* held on May 5, 2007 in celebration of National Wetlands month. This workshop was also a part of the DC Public Schools Teacher Staff Development Institute which provided a \$240 stipend for each teacher. Teachers learned about different kinds of wetlands, hydric soils and wetland plants and animals. A wealth of resources was distributed to participants.
- Attended 2 DC Public Schools Science teachers' meetings distributing the Meaningful Watershed Education Experience DVD and talking about watershed education programs available to schools.
- Conducted a two-hour training for DCEEC members, teachers and community leaders entitled "Positive Behavior for Difficult Students." This training was designed to help educators manage special needs students during field experiences and EE presentations. The presenters provided practical ways to manage students with disabilities, autism, ADHD and other mental health illnesses. There were 20 educators present.
- Represented DCEEC on the Science Technology, Engineering and Math (STEM) coalition.
- Strengthened communication with and support for Dr. Michael Kaspar, Director of Science for DCPS, and arranged for updates from Dr. Kaspar on Standards and Staff Development.
- Conducted a 2008 B-Wet Grant Application Workshop.

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Outreach Committee

- Created promotional materials: memo clips with DCEEC logo and website, display board, and binder with information about DCEEC member organizations.
- Maintained and updated the DCEEC website, www.dcnaturally.org.
- Updated Point of Contact (POC) list comprised of over 45 DCPS teachers and added them to DCEEC listserv.
- Compiled 3 quarterly POC mailings, approved by DCPS for routing through their mail system including distribution to all other public schools.
- Gave POC orientation at Watershed Wise workshop at Environmental Concern.
- Creation of DCEEC business card.

Schoolyard Greening

- Organized the "Get Out and Garden" workshop for 20 teachers held at the US Botanic Garden and at the Washington Youth Garden.
- Organized the first DC School Garden Week (October 15-20, 2007), a week-long celebration of schoolyard greening projects (for more info go to <http://www.dcschoolyardgreening.org/DCSchoolGardenWeek.html>). This week included a kick-off event attended by DC Mayor and DCPS Chancellor of Schools, a panel discussion on how to start a school garden, garden workdays, and two schoolyard tours that visited 9 schools.
- With the DC Green Infrastructure Collaborative, created a GoogleMap of schoolyard greening sites (found on <http://www.dcgreenmap.org/>).
- With the National Environmental Education Foundation, compiled a list of School Garden curricula available on the web (found on http://eeweek.org/resources/garden_curricula.htm).
- Developed "Do Not Mow" signs with DDOE.
- Sponsored a tour of Sidwell Friends Middle School, the first Platinum LEED-certified school in the country.
- Listserv with 134 members.

Collaboration Committee

- Researched and generated a list of organizations and issues that DCEEC could address in local communities.
- Brought in a speaker from SOME (So Others Might Eat) to learn about how the organization provides short- and long-term direct services to the poor and homeless in DC.
- Participated with the North America Association for Environmental Education (NAAEE) 2007 conference. Hosted Intra-City Collaboratives: Networking & Capacity Building Event, at which eight states were represented by two-dozen attendees from various collaboratives.
- Had a strong presence at the MAEOE annual conference, through attendees and presenters.
- Provided DC representation on the Urban Ecology Collaborative's (UEC) Education Workgroup and Green Jobs Network.



DC Environmental Education Consortium (DCEEC) 2007 DCEEC Operating Budget Report

The following two pages include 1) a table of the DCEEC's 2007 Actual Operating Budget and 2) a comparison of what we projected our revenues & expenses to be at the beginning of 2007 and what they actually were.

A few brief notes:

- 1) In the table on the following page, the highlighted cells are what each of the committees projected to spend, not what they actually did. If you would like this breakdown for each of the committees, you will need to provide that information to Matt and I (Grace has already done this).
- 2) We vastly overestimated our expenses in 2007.
- 3) We had two unanticipated one-time infusions of revenue: \$2,000 from the Urban Ecology Collaborative and \$766.50 from an old DCEEC account.
- 4) We were over 10% short on our anticipated membership dues. Because we received additional unanticipated funds in 2007 this shortfall was not a problem, but if not corrected this could negatively impact DCEEC in the long-term.

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2007 Organizational Budget

	Amounts
2007 Revenues	
2007 membership dues	\$3,050
Other revenue (UEC, Old DCEEC Account)	\$2,766.50
Total 2007 Revenues	\$5,816.50
Expenses	
Committee Plans	
Outreach Committee	(-\$1,335 projected)
Schoolyard Greening	(-\$1,235 projected)
Ways and Means	(-\$1,200 projected)
Collaboration	(-\$650 projected)
Education	(-\$500 projected)
Actual 2007 Committee Expenses	-1,957.94
Total 2007 Revenues	\$5,816.50
Total 2007 Net Budget	\$3,858.56
2006 Budget Carryover	\$2,570.08
Total 2007 Net Operating Budget	\$6,428.64

PROJECTED Revenues/Expenses:

Note: Projected Committee Expenses reflects committee revenues and expenses.

1)	2006 Operating Budget Holdover	\$2,570.08
2)	2007 membership dues projected	\$3,700.00
	Total projected 2007 Operating Revenue	\$6,270.08
3)	Projected Committee Expenses	\$4,920.00
	Projected Net Operating Budget	\$1,350.08

ACTUAL Revenues/Expenses:

Note: Actual Committee Expenses reflects committee revenues and expenses.

1)	2006 Operating Budget Holdover	\$2,570.08
2)	2007 membership dues	\$3,050.00
3)	Urban Ecology Collaborative	\$2,000.00
4)	Julia Washburne DCEEC Account	\$766.50
	Total 2007 Operating Revenue	\$8,386.58
5)	Actual Committee Expenses	\$1,957.94
	Actual 2007 Net Operating Budget	\$6,428.64