

Action Projects and Teacher PD

DCPS/DCPCS Educators



Overview of Program

In 2015, NOAA awarded the [Alice Ferguson Foundation](http://www.FergusonFoundation.org) a multi-year grant to create and pilot a Teacher Professional Development program. The program includes developing a **Teacher Advisory Group (TAG)** to assist with developing curriculum and resources to support an overnight Meaningful Watershed Educational Experience (MWEE) program. In addition, the grant also pays for three years of implementation with **Pilot “Action Project Teachers” (APT)** to implement environmental lessons, activities, and resources in their classrooms and provide feedback.

The following table outlines the timeline for the TAG and Action Project Teachers during the school year:

2017 - 2018 School Year		
When?	Who?	What?
July 31st - August 3rd	APT	AFF holds Summer Teacher workshop for DCPS/DCPCS Action Project Teachers. Participants will learn how to implement Action Projects in the classroom as part of a full Meaningful Watershed Educational Experience. Develop a model for MWEE implementation based on personal selection.
August 1st - August 3rd	TAG	TAG teachers will work with Action Project Teachers to deepen content knowledge and plan timeline for introduction, implementation and synthesis/ analysis.
August 4th	TAG	TAG meets with AFF Staff to develop 2016-17 school year plans: establishes work group & creates a virtual workspace to connect/communicate
September - June	APT	Implement a full-MWEE with students: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Develop plan for skill-building field study (Overnight MWEE). • Deliver intro/ issue investigation lessons. • APT and students implement their Action Projects with TAG oversight and AFF Education Staff assistance. • APT and students work to synthesize/analyze their efforts and results and create a presentation of their project.
	TAG	Support APT and develop easy to follow resources for other teachers.
May - June	APT	Complete brief report of MWEE implementation and professional development experience.
	TAG	Submit complete resources for addition to AFF’s Action Project Resource Library.
Ongoing	APT TAG	Participate in online Collaborative Learning Community