



NURTURING A LOVE OF NATURE

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Parks and Green Space Conference

PIEDMONT PARK CONSERVANCY

○ **Mission**

To enhance and preserve Piedmont Park as a vital urban green space and as a cultural and recreational resource that enhances the quality of life for all Atlantans.

○ **Goals**

- Improve accessibility to and within the Park
- Restore and protect the Park's natural environment and historic character
- Enhance conditions for the safe enjoyment of the Park
- **Provide education and recreation programs for Park goers**
- Host volunteer activities in the Park.



ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION IN AN URBAN PARK:

- You can experience nature Here and Now:
 - We focus our educational programs on the fact that we are **in** the natural world. The park is home to wildlife and it's part of our human habitat. You don't have to leave the city to experience nature.



GET OUTDOORS = GET ACTIVE



- Engaging with the natural world and being healthy are inseparable. By pursuing either in the right way you will achieve the other.
- We utilize the park's amenities to engage our program participants in healthy outdoor activities from games and sports to nature walks and science labs.



METHODS OF ENGAGEMENT

○ **Structured Educational Programs**

- Environmental Education Camps and Programs
- Family Workshops: Gardening, Kids Cooking etc.

○ **Unstructured Programs**

- Children's Free Weekend Programs

○ **Using Technology**

- Online Downloadable Resources: worksheets
- Science Project Idea Guides





Learn more about our programs

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