



Modules by Green Map® System



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Energy & Environment Exploration Education Modules – NEW!

For more than a decade, Green Map System has energized communities worldwide to chart a sustainable future. Today, over 400 communities in 50 countries are part of this vibrant eco-cultural movement and more than 325 locally-made Green Maps have been published to date. In New York City, a dozen diverse schools and community groups have charted local green living resources, nature and cultural sites using Green Map's award-winning globally shared iconography. As seen at GreenMap.org, both the mapmaking process and the resulting Green Maps expand the demand for healthier, greener choices, strengthen sustainability networks and help successful initiatives spread to even more communities.

Inspired by requests for classroom resources related to our recently published citywide energy-themed Powerful Green Map of NYC and to engage youth in sustainable community development have resulted in a new set of six thematic **Energy & Environment Exploration Modules** (EEE Modules) that enhance learning in science, civics, social studies and art. These 'community as classroom' modules will help educators and youth group leaders focus attention on critically important resources throughout NYC's five boroughs, and at the same time, help educators address New York State educational standards and sustainability. Be among the first to try them out! **Available for free this school year, Green Map System's EEE Modules include**

Charting: Street Trees & Green Space
Reduce • Reuse • Recycle Sites
Car-Free Mobility
Waterways as Transportation
School Energy Resources
and Using the Powerful NYC Green Map

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Designed for teens in school and out, these timely resources are adaptable for different learning objectives and time frames. Each of the six 6-page illustrated modules includes learning objectives, indoor and outdoor mapmaking tips and field reports, essay and discussion suggestions, and activities to chart environmental assets and address important

skills, topics and issues related to sustainability. Educators and youth group leaders can copy an entire module or just the relevant page(s) for your students or use them on computer screens. The Educator's Guide is provided in text format so you can edit and adapt sections, as needed, or blend them into ongoing curriculum or projects.

By using these modules and creating Green Maps, students will gain a first-hand understanding of these complicated themes and how to make everyday choices that are more sustainable. Teachers and other youth group leaders can decide to do a single-session exploration, or a longer project. The Educators Guide includes background on standards, mapmaking resources, answers to module questions and connections to online resources offered by our own and other NYC organizations. Green Map System hopes that these modules and mapmaking exercises are useful to you in exploring energy use, energizing youth participation in sustainability activities, and meeting essential learning standards.

Green Map's EEE Modules are free for use by NYC classroom and community educators through the 2007-08 school year! In return, Green Map expects all users to respond to a short survey and share the outcomes that will be utilized as these modules are refined and finalized in Summer 2008. Your experience and advice is valuable for students across the city and beyond, and you will be credited in the final edition of the EEE Modules, too.

"We're pleased that educators and youth group leaders from Fieldston Middle School in the Bronx to Boy Scout Troop 14 in Brooklyn, even Lexington KY's Sustainable Communities Network downloaded the freshly released beta edition as soon as it was published!" says Wendy Brawer, Green Map System's founding director. "We think these modules will become effective and popular tools for addressing youth leadership, sustainability and climate change in local settings".

Special thanks to project supporters at New York City Environmental Fund, The Body Shop Foundation and Seventh Generation, and the team of educators, designers and sustainability professionals who co-created them.

You can be a 'beta-tester' now! Download the complete set or a single selection of Energy & Environment Exploration Education Modules. Or, request a copy by email or mail. Your involvement, assessments, feedback and project outcomes are welcome!

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