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The Pollution Prevention Project Guide grew out of our 30+ years combined experience with service-learning and environmental education. In 1995, we launched a partnership between the Minnesota Community Education Association and the Minnehaha Creek Watershed District, supported by the Metropolitan Council. The project has spread to the Rice Creek, Ramsey-Washington Metro, and several smaller watersheds. We wrote this guide in response to the growing demand from teachers and community organizers statewide for detailed practical tips on how to organize successful pollution prevention service-learning projects. We hope you find it useful.

3. How to Do Field Reconnaissance

The guide also includes instructions for field reconnaissance (direct observation using a checklist) of local waterbodies. The most powerful learning occurs when students develop projects in response to their investigation of real-world problems. “Give Water a Hand” is another invaluable resource for reconnaissance. (See listing inside of front cover.)





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