



PLT Partnership Pays Off

Project Learning Tree (PLT) is now well into its second year with a comprehensive curriculum module entitled ***Exploring Environmental Issues: Places We Live***. And they are having great success with this module. It is now being promoted across the country by an extensive network of PLT coordinators and trainers. We have benefited because our ***ViewFinders Too*** curriculum is seen by PLT as an excellent companion to *Places We Live*. We have heard from many PLT coordinators who wish to promote our materials, particularly *ViewFinders Too* Activity 3 and our dvd film ***Community of Choices***. This has

become so popular that we have already uploaded brief 1-2 minute segments of the film to our website, www.dunnfoundation.org. We also have included Activity 3 on the web for teachers and others to download to use with the *Community of Choices* segments. If you are a PLT coordinator or teacher using or interested in *Places We Live* and the *ViewFinders Too* unit, please let us know if you need additional Dunn Foundation materials. We are offering the *Community of Choices* dvd at a deep discount for a short time to our PLT partners for this effort. **Visit www.plt.org for more on *Places We Live*.**

Community Projects Move Ahead

In a new initiative, the Dunn Foundation is now working directly with communities to enhance their visual character.

Two projects in Rhode Island are centered on removal of utility poles and burying unsightly utility wires, cables, and transformers.

We have learned that the Texas Historical Commission is using our *Community of Choices* dvd in their community by community ***Visionaries in Preservation*** Program

(VIP). For more information about this program go to www.tnc.state.tx.us and look for the ***Visionaries in Preservation*** logo.

These programs give us invaluable real world lessons to pass on to teachers and classrooms. They also inspire us to do more in the realm of youth education and to partner with others who share our mission.

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Learn about the
DUNN Foundation's
ViewFinders Too program

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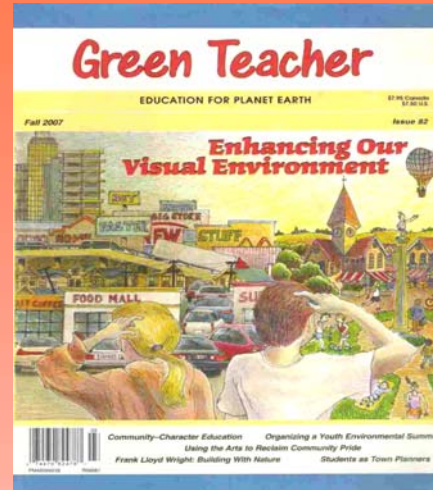


News on the Dunn Website

The new website launched this Spring is a great success!

Go to www.dunnfoundation.org, for the latest news on the Foundation and look for our web **News** and **Resources** sections for connections to complimentary programs across the country.

The new website is our primary communication outreach for the Foundation as we streamline our operation.



“Can’t our communities be more livable, more beautiful?” Ed McMahon in *Community of Choices*

We have Green Teacher issues to distribute. Let us know if you would like one or more.. We will send free plus postage

No Child Left Inside bill passes House!

The environmental education (EE) bill everyone has been focused on in 2007 and 2008, and we reported on in our last newsletter, gained its first victory in Congress this September with House passage (HR 3036). The No Child Left Inside Act (NCLI), which would give a major national boost to EE, has yet to pass the Senate and be signed into law by the President, but we are all hopeful that this will occur in 2009. In anticipation, educators are moving forward with State Environmental Literacy Plans to take full advantage of NCLI initiatives.

This is an ideal time to bring your thoughts forward regarding inclusion of visual pollution, visual character, community appearance issues in your state’s environmental literacy plan. The timing could not be better for this.

As people across the nation are realizing the vital connections between how communities grow,

what they look like, their livability, and how they could be green and sustainable, it is increasing clear that educating youth “in the field” on these issues will be key to long term improvements and sustaining the movement over time.

For some of us who were active in the 1970s energy conservation and environmental protection movement this is “deja vu” all over again. The difference now, however, is that we have more understanding of the forces at play, a heightened urgency, greater sensitivity, and educational “awareness” and “repair” programs up and running, such as *ViewFinders Too* and *Places We Live*.

Find out if your state EE Leaders are working on a State Environmental Literacy Plan and get out there with your ideas about including the built environment, visual pollution and sense of place.

Using *ViewFinders Too*, or similar materials? Send us your stories! We want to hear from you! Email us: viewfinders@dunnfoundation.org