



GREEN SCHOOLYARDS

Strengthening schools from the ground up.

Green schoolyards bring nature more fully into our kids' learning and play environments, helping them thrive both in and out of the classroom. For these schools, nature-based spaces are intentionally designed to support learning, exploration, connection, and play. They combine green stormwater infrastructure engineering principles, using nature to manage stormwater where it falls, with research on how nature can foster cognitive development and physical and mental health to create benefit-rich outdoor spaces. Driven by our mission to get the most good out of green infrastructure, Greenprint Partners is proud to support schools across the country in transforming their campuses to deliver stormwater performance and the power of nature to help students thrive.



STUDENTS



EDUCATORS



COMMUNITY

FULBERT - Wikipedia

Better spaces to learn and play.

Green schoolyards improve academic performance, reduce stress and behavioral challenges, encourage healthy physical activity, and more.

Outdoor learning is especially beneficial for students facing poverty, racism, and trauma, helping to close education gap.

New tools to inspire achievement.

Green schoolyards are appreciated by educators because they help kinesthetic learners, are close to classrooms, and offer diverse experiences for students to connect lessons to the natural world.

Outdoor learning also leads to healthier teachers and reduces burnout.

Greater community cohesion.

Successful green schoolyards are the result of local collaboration. We engage educators, parents, and students about their priorities and desires to create a unified building plan. The project sparks cooperation, interdependence, and a common goal.

St. Thomas More Green Schoolyard | San Francisco

This grant-funded green schoolyard transformation features an outdoor classroom expansion, rainwater reuse, permeable pavement, rain gardens, and educational gardens featuring fruit trees.



BEFORE



AFTER

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Design strategies to maximize desired benefits.

While every green schoolyard is unique to its setting and community, the following strategies guide great design.

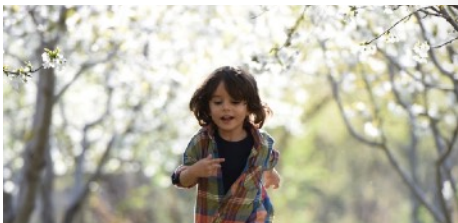
Key Benefits



Get in the zone.

Analyze site usage and transforms expansive hardscape into thoughtful zones for learning, playing, socializing, and relaxing that better serve students

- Community cohesion
- Mental health
- Beneficial play
- Academic performance



Throw some shade.

Reduce heat island effects of large paved surfaces by depaving, converting land to turf or landscaping, and adding tree canopy.

- Reduce heat islands
- Physical activity
- Beneficial play



Get kids moving.

Create or expand new playspaces and green spaces for physical activity and nature-based exploration.

- Mental health
- Physical activity
- Beneficial play



Maximize views, inside and out.

Introduce attractive trees, shrubs, grasses, and flowers with varying levels, textures, and colors to create year-round visual interest, especially around windows.

- Mental health
- Academic performance
- Wildlife habitat



Bring learning outdoors.

Integrate in-person educational opportunities that can provide valuable out-of-classroom learning experiences that cater to different learning styles.

- Public safety: Covid-19
- Academic performance
- Environmental literacy
- Equity in learning

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Your green schoolyard experts.

Greenprint Partners serves public, private and charter school districts of all sizes. We manage every stage of project development and implementation to make it easy for schools to achieve a green schoolyard transformation. To date, we have worked with 30 landowners and stakeholder groups from coast to coast to successfully deliver community-driven green infrastructure designs.



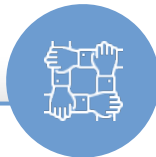
What is the process?

Our experienced project managers secure grant funds, lead project design, and manage construction over a 1-2 year period



How are projects designed?

Our design team transforms each school's desired benefits, aesthetic preferences, and planned site uses into a showcase-worthy solution



How will the school community be involved?

Our community activation team facilitates school-wide engagement, education, communications, and celebrations throughout the project



How will the project be built and maintained?

We design, engineer, and construct green schoolyards that thrive with schools' existing maintenance staff, equipment, and resources



How much does it cost?

We manage the entire process at no cost to the school community by applying for and managing local grants

About Greenprint Partners

Greenprint Partners (WBE, B-Corp) is an award-winning planning, design, and engineering firm that delivers inspired green infrastructure. Our team of engineers, urban planners, landscape designers, and communications professionals are on a mission to get the most good out of green infrastructure; we believe that it has the potential to transform communities when it is distributed equitably, developed at scale, and designed and stewarded by the communities it serves.

Learn more and get in touch at GreenprintPartners.com.



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