



Dear Educator,

Project Learning Tree® (PLT), a program of the American Forest Foundation, uses trees and forests as windows on the world to increase students' understanding of the environment and actions they can take to improve it. We provide educators with peer-reviewed, award-winning environmental education materials and lesson plans for all grades and multiple subject areas. Started in 1976, PLT's 50-state network includes more than 650,000 trained educators.

PLT teaches students *how* to think, not *what* to think, about complex environmental issues. PLT activities are fun and hands-on, cover the total environment, and connect children to nature. They engage students in learning, improve student achievement, and grow 21st century skills that tomorrow's decision-makers need to succeed – including the ability to think critically and make informed decisions.

Thank you for registering for Project Learning Tree's Online Professional Development for GreenSchools. In this online workshop, you will learn about the PLT GreenSchools program, additional resources from PLT and USFS, and how to easily and effectively conduct the five investigations in your own educational setting with your students. We have designed this online workshop to be interactive, engaging, and relevant to you (as an educator). We hope this experience will help you meet your goals and needs.

This workshop is comprised of useful links (including to our online store) and several coursel. A coursel is a 20-30 minute self-paced learning experience that makes up the larger course. In other words, a coursel is a morsel of a course. You may complete these coursel in any order that you choose, although we recommend following the order outlined below:

1. Welcome to Project Learning Tree!
2. A Path Forward
3. PLT GreenSchools: An Introduction
4. Getting Started with PLT GreenSchools
5. Energy Investigation
6. School Site Investigation
7. Waste & Recycling Investigation
8. Water Investigation
9. Environmental Quality Investigation
10. Taking Action with PLT GreenSchools
11. Measuring Impacts and Celebrating Successes

We also recommend you review PLT's GreenSchools Investigations before starting the coursel. You can access your electronic copy of the investigations by registering with PLT GreenSchools at www.greenschools.org. You can also purchase a print copy at www.plt.org/store.

Finally, we encourage you to stay in touch as you complete this online workshop. If you have questions or comments, please contact us and we will assist you!

Welcome to Project Learning Tree!

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