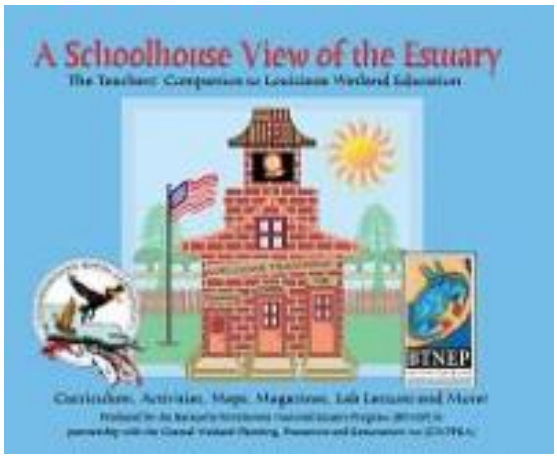
A Schoolhouse View of the Estuary



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Project Year: 2010

Category: Education

Status: Complete

Project #: None

Location:

Statewide

Project Partners:

The Coastal Wetlands Planning, Protection and Restoration Act, The National Park Service, The Natural Resources Conservation Service , and The Louisiana Science Teachers Association

Problem Addressed:

BTNEP is focused on education. We know how important it is that the resources we provide the teachers help in producing an educated citizenry, who will understand and protect our valuable natural resources now and in the future.

Problem Description:

The goal of the BTNEP Education Program is to educate teachers and students of grades K-12 about the wetlands and related habitats of the Barataria-Terrebonne National Estuary and the priority issues facing our wetlands. Our curricula facilitate instruction by providing hands-on, inquiry-based lessons focused primarily on science and math content and skills. The lessons also provide easy access to materials necessary to teach students, as well as to environmental issues that have a direct effect on the Barataria-Terrebonne National Estuary.

"A Schoolhouse View of the Estuary" is designed to be used by classroom teachers in grades K-12. It is divided by grade levels with lessons, activities, maps and more for teachers to share with students. This CD is easy to navigate and provides educators with a host of resources for wetland related activities and lessons. Inside the CD educators can visit an elementary classroom, a middle school classroom, or a high school science lab to learn more about Louisiana wetlands.

The "A Schoolhouse View of the Estuary" CD is an example of the Estuary Program's work to centralize an array of partners and resources to create the best tools possible.

BTNEP works with local, state, and federal partners on a variety of programs to enhance K-12 education opportunities including From H2O: A Water Quality Workshop for Teachers, Terrebonne Aquatic Clinic, Wetland Camps at Jean Lafitte National Historical Park, LA Environmental Education Symposium, WETSHOP, and the Eagle Expo Student Educational Program.