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Sometimes the best way to get a complete issue across is by using a topic as a whole. That's what Duval County Master Gardeners learned when they began using the Enviroscape® watershed model as part of an educational program to teach youth about pollutants and watershed runoff.

The watershed model looks a bit like a toy railroad set, with tiny mountains, rivers, buildings and highways that can be customized to fit the local environment. Students used the model to study local impoundments of their own watershed and potential pollution sources. Students turn this map into a beneficial teaching tool by listing amounts of miniature pollutants to areas where they would most likely turn up. Then they make a plan to remove pollutants in an area that they consider the most important. Tree Stewards volunteer at an intensive 20-hour training course in specialized topics such as pruning selection, diagnosis, planting, and irrigation methods.

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Watershed Model and Extension Make a Great Educational Combo

Sometimes the best way to get a complex issue across is to use an analogy or a system. Students learn about local watershed and pollution sources when they use the Enviroscape® Master Gardeners learned when they began using the Enviroscape® watershed model as part of an educational program to teach youth about pollutants and stormwater runoff.

The watershed model looks a lot like a toy railroad set, with tiny mountains, rivers, buildings and highways that can be customized to reflect a specific local watershed. Students used the model to study the local contributions of their own local watershed and potential pollutants, such as pollutants from parking lots, streets and buildings. The model turns all of this information into a simplified, easy-to-use tool for students to learn about this major issue.

In one 2014 study, 4-H educators reported that 77% of 536 students asked if they lived on a watershed and 70% would ask if they could help reduce pollution. The overall financial empowerment effort brings approximately $12.68 per day! Because of the efforts of the Extension finance empowerment initiative, those families in the Duval County area. The New Family Game

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Superheroes Save the World at the 4-H Eco-Adventures

Last year, 4-H members in Duval County got to be superheroes for the environment, using scientific skills to save the world from the evil clutches of the waste villain. As part of 4-H Eco-Adventures, a four-workshop program designed to teach youth age 8-13 about environmental topics such as reducing waste, biological adaptation, food webs, ecosystems and natural resources. Each workshop used hands-on activities to help participants develop skills in scientific inquiry, observation, data collection and conducting experiments, measuring, recording data and analyzing the results. The activities were designed to be safe for students, for example, they included creating budding habitats, and an experiment testing the pH of various liquids was carried out using red cabbage juice. The workshops, held once a month between January and May, culminated in a service learning hike and park cleanup at Tiger Tail Reservoir Regional Park in Jacksonville, where participants saved superhero muscles and learned to leave no trace behind while safely surviving the natural environment.

4-H Summer Camps to Grow

The 4-H summer camp program expanded quite a bit in 2014, with 17 different camping opportunities being offered for youth ages 5-18. These youth were able to select camps such as All-Abut Animals Camp, Kid’s Culinary Camp, Sewing Camp, and Jungle Camp Florida Camps. Camp themes were designed by UF/IFAS Extension agents to empower youth with knowledge gained, as well as valuable life skills such as independence, self-confidence, and making new friends. Each camp was attended by over 50 Duval County participants in 4-H camps and civic organizations from 65 attendees in 2013.

Summary. Students who are involved in the four main program areas of 4-H iLife, healthy living, citizenship, and leadership. Campers meet guest speakers including veterinarians, media specialists, and chefs. They also get to go on educational field trips to locations such as Fort Caroline National Monument, Manseville, and the Jacksonville Zoo and Gardens. Every year, 4-H camps provide local families with an affordable option for quality summer programming, and they also offer older youth an opportunity to gain community service experience by serving in the counselor program as youth mentors. Since 2010, Florida 4-H camps have been creating cherished memories, making friendships, and learning experiences for the young leaders of tomorrow.

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