

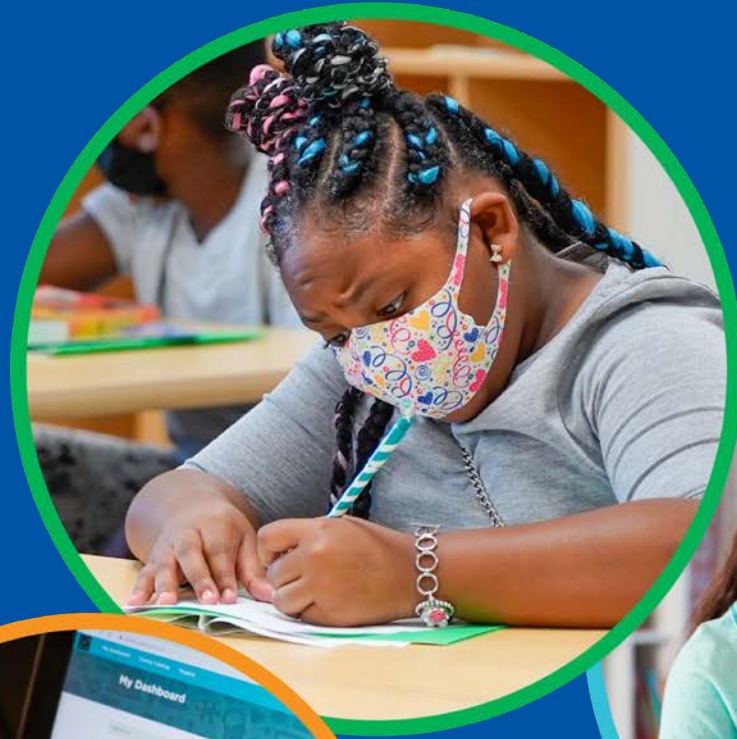
CPS Outside

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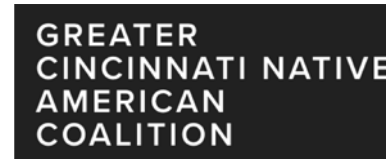
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CPS Outside Network: Non-Profit Partners



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CPS Outside Network: Public Agencies and Other Partners



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CPS Outside

We are a network of organizations and individuals equipped to get diverse student populations outside to learn about the natural world, environmental stewardship, personal well-being and themselves.

We envision a school district where all students have access to outdoor experiences and environmental education, regardless of circumstances.



Ryan Mooney-Bullock, Green Umbrella

Tony Staubach, Ohio State University / 4H

Whitney Owens, Cincinnati Museum Center

Mary Dudley, Gamble Montessori High School

David Traubert, Curriculum and Instruction

Alignment to Strategic Plan

Student-centered decision making

1.A: Show progress on the Superintendent's Academic Scorecard, which includes measurable and ambitious academic goals for kindergarten, third grade, sixth grade, ninth grade, Advanced Placement, ACT, graduation rates, and acceptance into a 3E pathway — enrolled, enlisted or employed.

Health and Safety

2.2: Develop and deepen external collaborative relationships and internal positive school culture practices to provide a secure and supportive way to achieve a positive learning culture

2.3: Provide safe school facilities that promote active and healthy lifestyle choices for students while developing students who are environmentally responsible.

Community Engagement

3.1: Expand and leverage Community Learning Centers throughout the District by interfacing CPS schools with their neighborhoods, involving school community stakeholders willing to help remove barriers and create opportunities for learning, thereby deepening the inextricable link between our schools and our communities.

Global Aim

All students have healthy and active lifestyles in nature and develop environmental awareness.

Strategic Goals (SMART)

1. All schools are actively engaged with a network partner by the end of the 2021-22 school year, from 84% to 90% by end of 2020-21, 100% by end of 2021-22.
2. Every student receives at least one outdoor / nature / environmental education experience per school year.
3. Increase in the number of students entering environmentally focused or green industry employment or education after graduation (baseline TBD).

Key Drivers

Engaged and coordinated network partners

Access to outdoor learning and green spaces on and near campuses

Integrated outdoor learning experiences in K-12 curriculum scope and sequence

Strong, supportive partnerships between school staffs and outdoor education

School staff comfortable taking students outside and encouraged to do so

Sustainable funding models

Current Project Portfolio

Assess and improve school campuses

Interactive map of walkable greenspace

Priority land protection near CPS campuses

District level curriculum integration

Distance learning opportunities (CPS TV, distance learning website)

Provide and help facilitate standards-aligned programming

Professional Development

After-school programming

Brea- day programming

Gear & Equipment

Time Outside Improves Academic Outcomes

“Our students do not come with extensive naturalist backgrounds, but when the children are introduced to it, they really feel a sense of ownership and empowerment with their knowledge of the natural world.

We wouldn't have this rich outdoor literacy environment without help from all our community volunteers, donations, and partner program. Our kindergarten gets authentic, hands-on, nature activities that we connect to literacy on an almost daily basis.”

— **Chris Radel**, kindergarten teacher
Pleasant Hill Academy



Pre-COVID-19 strategies:

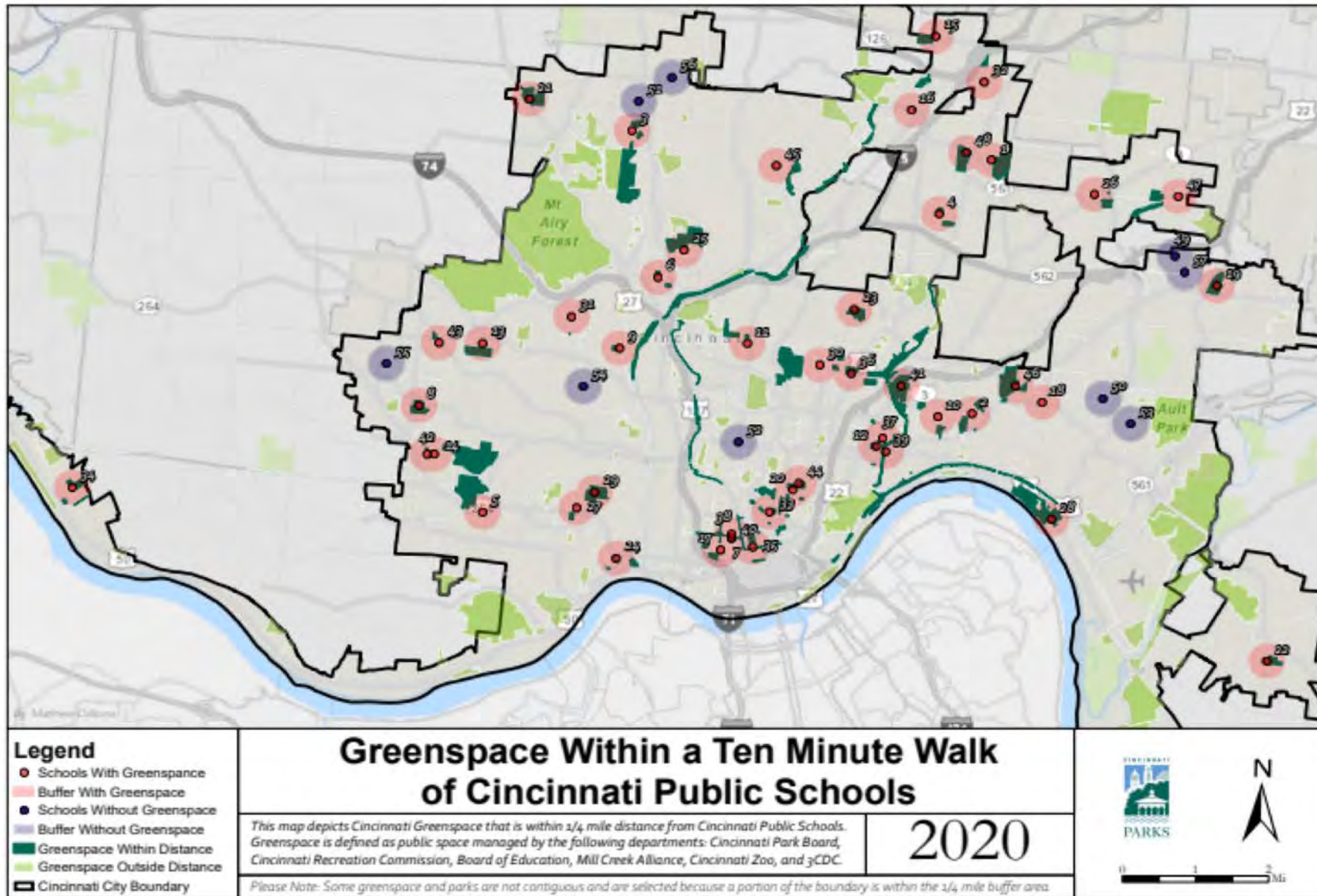
- Expand after-school offerings of outdoor programming
- Outdoor programming during school break days
- Train teachers in best practices for facilitating experiences outside and connect them with nearby green spaces



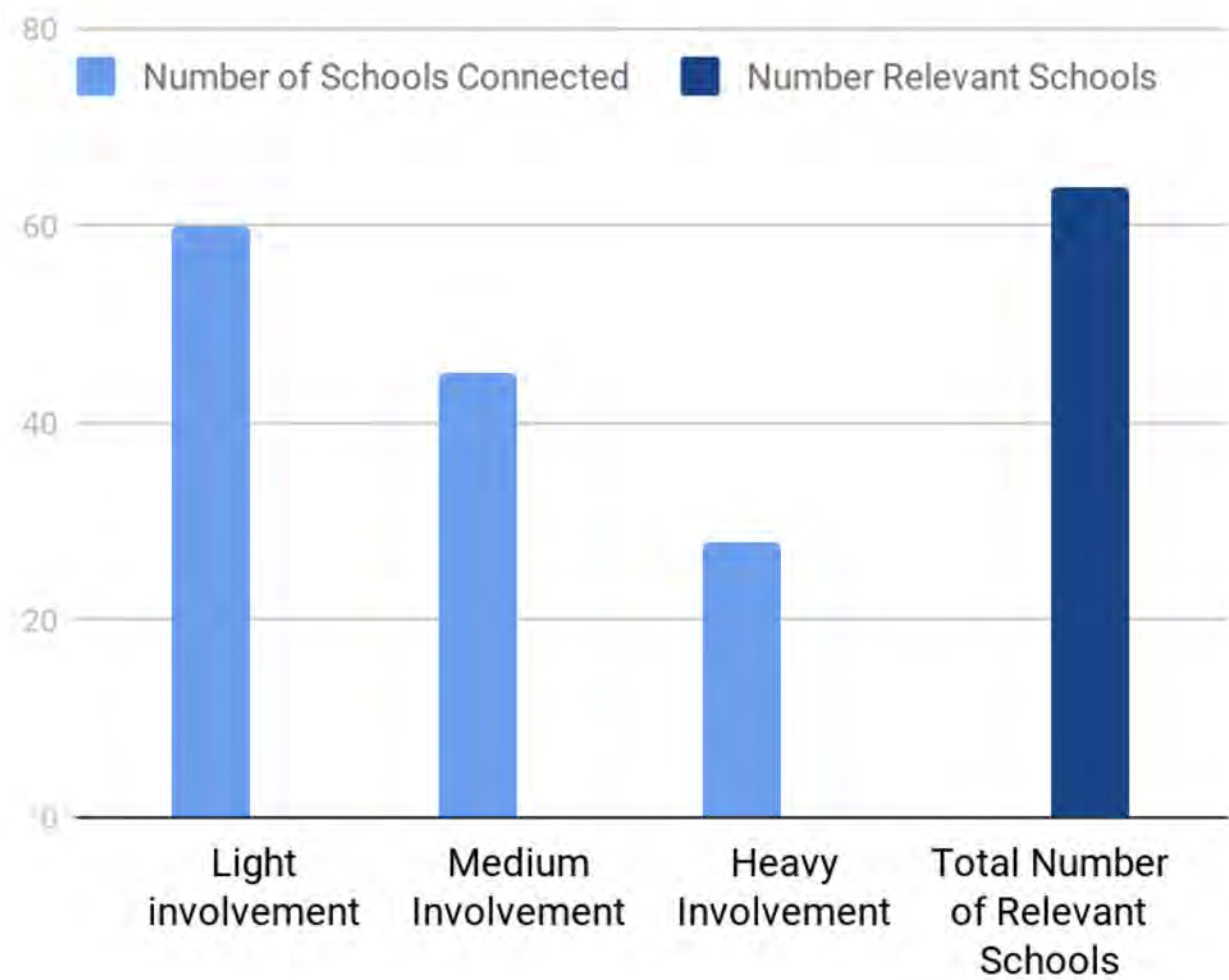
No field trips?

Take one closer to school...almost all CPS schools have greenspace within ¼ mile!

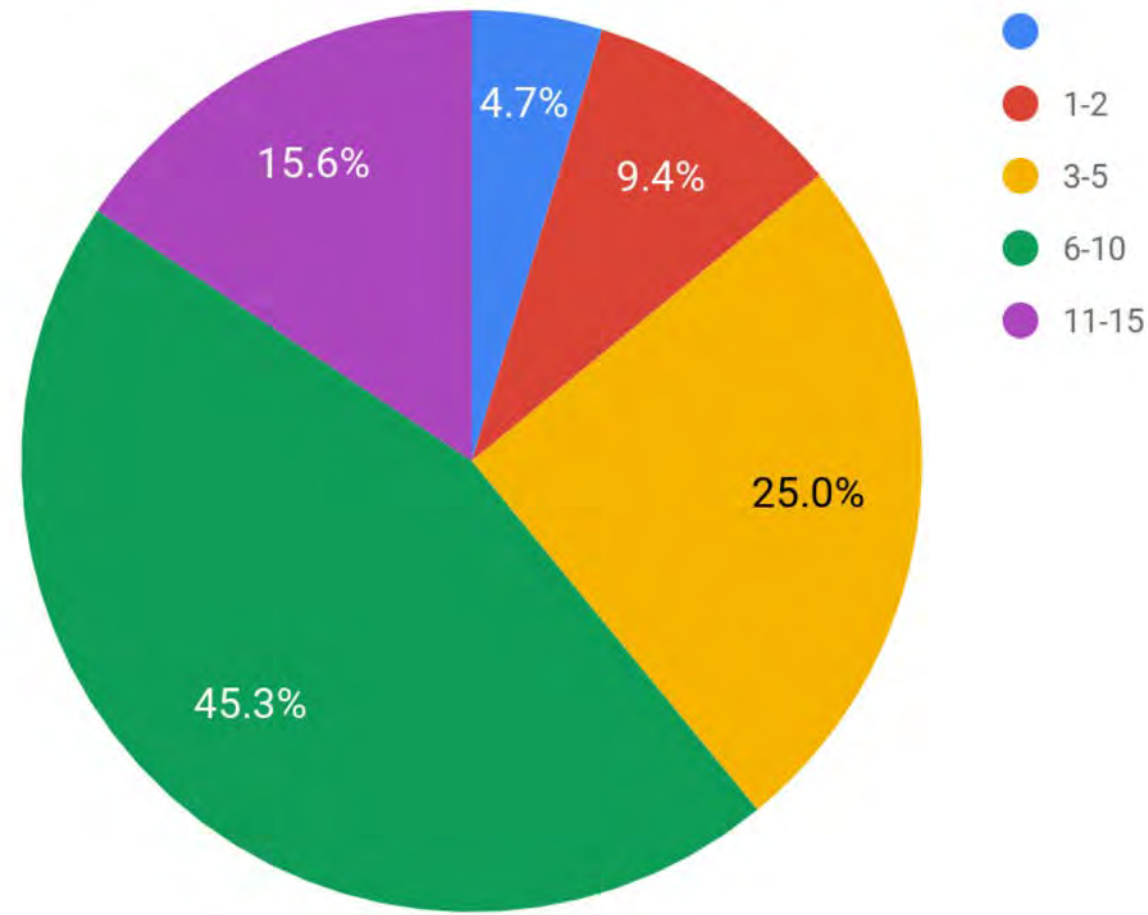
Interactive map will allow staff to easily find walkable greenspace.



Schools with Outdoor Education Partners



% Schools Served by # of Partners



[Resource guide to programming our network offers](#)



What does it take to get more kids learning outside this school year?

- Teachers are comfortable with outdoor learning
- School campuses are set up for outdoor learning



Gamble Montessori Elementary Site Assessment Crew...
masked and ready to go!

Gamble Montessori High School



Click picture for Gamble
student testimonial



Supporting learning opportunities, wherever they happen to be

- Collaborate on curriculum
 - Experiences by grade band
 - Virtual field trips
- Distance Learning website
 - CPS TV
 - Content for families
- Partnering with Direct Service Providers
- Vision for after-school and break-day outdoor programs



Cincinnati Recreation Commission and Cincinnati Parks serving CPS students at a remote learning site.

Next steps

1. Meet with school staff to conduct site assessments
2. Collaborate with Facilities Department and community to meet infrastructure needs
3. Share Professional Development opportunities through CPS' official channels
4. Promote use of interactive walkable greenspace map
5. Provide programming for students outdoors
6. Integrate aligned outdoor activities into K-12 curriculum



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