

Place-Based Education

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Why Place-Based Education?

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Huron Pines is a proud leadership partner of the Northeast Michigan Great Lakes Stewardship Initiative (NEMIGLSI) network. This network is part of a statewide partnership, the Great Lakes Stewardship Initiative (GLSI). Established in 2007 with funding from the Great Lakes Fishery Trust, the GLSI supports place-based education (PBE) in schools and communities across Michigan. Our regional NEMIGLSI network of education and community partners collaborates to protect our Great Lakes and natural resources of Northeast Michigan through hands-on PBE in and with the community.

PBE is a proven method for developing active stewards of the environment. Not just a project, this is a process that gets students outdoors while applying classroom learning goals. Students use hands-on learning to connect to careers, have fun and make a difference in their community.

The NEMIGLSI network fosters PBE through quality professional development and strong school-community partnerships for on-the-ground support. It demonstrates the power of collaborative impact as many different agencies and schools work together to protect local natural resources.

During the 2015-2016 school year, our network supported 94 educators in 32 schools across eight counties, involving more than 4,000 youth in stewardship projects! Recently, the NEMIGLSI network was selected as a winner of the second annual UL (Underwriters Laboratories, Inc.) Innovation Education Award for Environmental-STEM learning.

As the NEMIGLSI network coordinator and a Huron Pines Board member, I look forward to expanding PBE partnerships to further support more inland schools as part of our network. Huron Pines is a critical community partner in connecting these new and existing schools to better protect our forests, lakes and streams of Northeast Michigan.

