

Table A Wood Education and Resource Center, USDA Electronic Commons Program Project Descriptions.			
Primary agency	Primary contact	Brief project summary	Topic
			Target Audience
			Delivery Mechanism
Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University Department of Forestry	Dr. Jeff Kirwan540-231-7265	www.AugustaSprings.orgThe objective of this project was to develop an interactive Web site to educate visitors of the Augusta Springs center. The Web site is meant to facilitate on-line scheduling and communication with local school groups and enable school groups to prepare volunteers who lead groups through the center. The site also allows approved users (educators, teachers, etc.) to add their own content to share through this Web site.	Wetland conservation
			K-12
			Web site
The Nature Conservancy, Indiana	Katherine Howe317 951 8818 Ms. Ellen Jacquart	Cooperative Weed Management Area (CWMA) Training for Eastern United States The objective of this project was to develop informational and training materials to be used for remote CWMA training workshops in Eastern US through two on-line training sessions and one teleconference.	Invasive Plant Management
			Practitioners
			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> In class training workshops On – line training sessions teleconferences
Northeast Minnesota Forestry Industry	Brian Brashaw218-720-4248	Demonstration of a Community of Practice to Enhance Economic Development The objective of this project was to develop a community of practice for the NE MN Forest Products Action Team and the regional wood products industry using Web-pages, on-line plant visit reporting forms, Web-based seminars, chat rooms, e-newsletters, and archives as tools to accomplish sustainable economic development of the wood products industry in NE MN.	Economic development of wood product industry
			Practitioners
			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Webinars Meeting software

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Chequamegon-Nicolet National Forest, Wisconsin	Michele Nickels715 365 4685	Forest Resources and Ecology: A Distance Education Network Model The primary objective of this project was to develop an interactive educational program using the Interactive Television (ITV) technology for seven Nicolet Distance Education Network (NDEN) school districts to inform teachers, students and parents about the issues facing the Chequamegon-Nicolet National Forest. The goal was to prepare students and teachers for hands-on conservation education projects by developing their skills to address forest issues and enabling them to share their knowledge and lessons learned through ITV and NDEN Web site.	Conservation Education
			K-12
			ITV
The Nature Conservancy, Michigan	Randy Swaty906 225 0399 Lisa NiemiStewardship Network	Native Plants Learning Network: Propagating restoration through technology The objective of this project was to develop a multimedia online learning network focused on native plant conservation and restoration. The goal was to maximize relevant information sharing while minimizing time and travel by using interactive information technology such as video-conferences, Web sites and Web chats	Native plants
			Practitioners
			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Webinar • Video Conference • Web site
Shelburne Farms and Green Mountain National Forest	Megan Camp802 985 8686 Ms. Kathleen DiehlPublic Affairs OfficerGreen Mountain National Forest	Promise of Place Interactive Web site The objective of this project was to develop an interactive Web site, Promise of Place, to serve as a forum for sharing curriculum, best practices and other information regarding place-based education models that address natural resource related issues in the northeast.	Natural resources and conservation
			K-12 and educational community based programs
			Web site

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University of Georgia Cooperative Extension	Dr. William Hubbard706 542 7813 Mr. Matthew HowellIT Senior Manager Ms. Laurie Schoonhoven	Sustaining White-tailed Deer and Forests: An Electronic Resource Center A year-long effort to develop and market a single web site that would help communities around national forests facing deer overabundance to carry on informed dialog and develop solutions.	Population Control of White-Tail
			Practitioners
			Web site
University of Minnesota Natural Resource Research Institute	Brian Brashaw218-720-4248	Web-based Learning and Technology Transfer of Inspection Methods for Historic Wood Structures The objective of this project was to develop a community of practice for the historic inspection of wood structures using Web pages, Web-based seminars, video-streaming, chat rooms, e-newsletters, a marketplace and archives to provide direct assistance to owners of historic wood structures enabling better inspections, maintenance and safety of these structures. As a subset of this project, the project team conducted a Webinar for the City of New Orleans after hurricane Katrina. The City of New Orleans contacted Forest Products Laboratory (FPL) and NRRI for information that could be used to train building inspectors about the specific problems associated with flooded wood-frame homes and other buildings. The FPL and U of MN prepared and completed a Web-based seminar that New Orleans inspectors accessed via computer.	Inspection of historic wood structures
			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Owners of historic wood structures • Inspectors of historic wood structures • Practitioners
			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Webinar • Web site