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CITY CREEKS

Watershed Education for Secondary Students

City Creeks introduces riparian communities as complex systems of great beauty with significant value to wildlife.

A collaboration between LifeGarden* and Diablo Nature Adventures*, the program was piloted with seventh grade students from Walnut Creek Middle School over a two-year period. City Creeks introduces important ecological concepts and focuses on the relationship between humans and the natural systems that exist in urban areas. Science, social science and art are integrated into the program. Watershed management issues and individual opportunities for participation in keeping ecosystems healthy are presented.

A handy guidebook accompanies the program. The exciting new edition of the City Creeks Guide, funded by a Walnut Creek Civic Pride Grant, will be available in October. It will be the most comprehensive guide available on the natural and cultural history of the Walnut Creek watershed.

**To schedule a field trip and/or purchase field guides
contact Judy Adler at
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LifeGarden is a Contra Costa based 501c3 nonprofit organization founded in 1999. It promotes sustainable land use through its publications, classes, tours, and community projects. **Diablo Nature Adventures** offers unique outdoor education trips for students in grades 2-12 which enhance classroom instruction in a variety of curriculum areas.