



U.S. Environmental Protection Agency

National Environmental Education Advisory Council  
Charge | 2024 – 2026

## **BACKGROUND**

The National Environmental Education Advisory Council (NEE-AC) was established November 16, 1990, and was created by Congress to advise, consult with, and make recommendations to the Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) on matters related to activities, functions, and policies of EPA under the National Environmental Education Act (or the Act).

The NEE-AC will provide advice and recommendations to the Administrator on environmental education matters as required by the Act, including preparation of a biennial report to Congress assessing environmental education in the United States. With respect to such matters, the Council shall be the exclusive advisory entity for the Administrator. The Council may exchange information with other Advisory Councils established by the Administrator.

## **CHARGE**

EPA is working to protect public health and the environment, and the historic appropriations of the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law and Inflation Reduction Act have allowed the agency to support climate resilient communities, address environmental justice concerns, transform infrastructure, and support the transition of communities to clean energy economies, all while supporting good-paying jobs.

Within the scope of the description and assessment of environmental education in the nation, where possible, please include a robust discussion of issues such as environmental justice, addressing climate change and building resilience, as well as clean energy, clean transportation, and clean water related topics.

The NEE-AC, where possible, will summarize major obstacles to improving environmental education in these issue areas and make recommendations for addressing such obstacles.

And where possible, the NEE-AC will identify personnel skills, education, and/ or training needed to respond to current and anticipated environmental problems related to these issue areas and make recommendations for actions to assure enough educational and training opportunities in related professions.