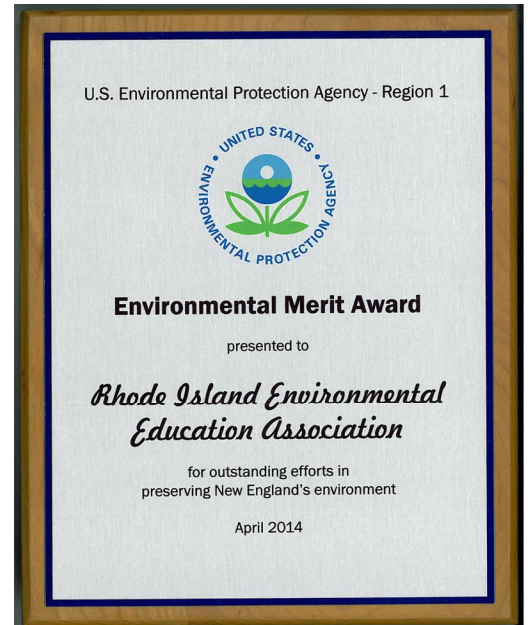


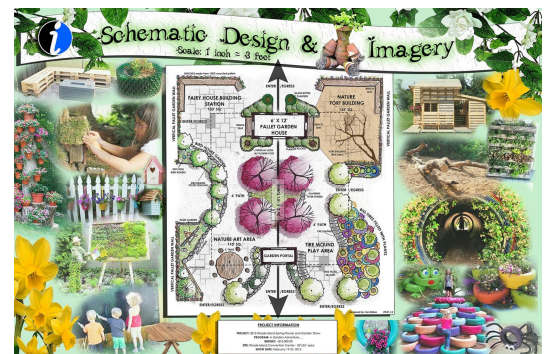
RIEEA's Accomplishments in 2014:

- RIEEA was presented with an Environmental Merit Award from the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency - Region 1 on April 22, 2014 for their work promoting environmental literacy.
- On May 8, 2014 RIEEA obtained official 501c3 status from the U.S. Internal Revenue Service!
- 2014 represented RIEEA's third year of its five-year strategic plan. The year kicked off with a successful annual meeting at the Roger Williams Park Zoo. The meeting included a forum on "Next Generation Science Standards & Environmental Education: *How Environmental Education Can Help Schools Meet The Next Generation Science Standards*".
- RIEEA continues to work with the Rhode Island Department of Education's School Construction team on the Green Ribbon schools initiative. As a result of RIEEA's work on the *School as a Teaching Tool* RFP, three organizations were selected as approved vendors to assist schools with incorporating environmental education into their curriculum.
- Through funding obtained from the NEEEA Conference and Sustainable Schools summit in 2013, RIEEA committed to keeping Jeanine Silversmith on as a paid part-time coordinator ensuring the website and environmental literacy projects move forward in a much more efficient manner than is possible with an all-volunteer board.
- Planning and fundraising began in 2014 to support RIEEA's partnership with the Rhode Island Spring Flower and Garden Show. RIEEA will have a display garden titled "*A Garden Adventure*" and is coordinating all the activities in the Kids Adventure Zone through our members. To support this project, RIEEA raised \$3,189 through a successful Kick-starter campaign and another \$1,000 through the "*Gateways to Education*" contest.



Mission:

RIEEA promotes high quality environmental education throughout the state to increase the environmental literacy of all children and adults.



Achieving Strategic Goals

A 'go-to' website, which includes a resource database, and a robust social media presence.

- The Website and Social Media Committee continues to ensure our website and social media venues remain fresh and relevant.
- Our EE resource database has 75+ organizations listed.
- RIEEA members can join/renew as well as donate online.
- Our social media presence has grown with Facebook, Twitter, and Instagram. Thanks to dedicated committee members our activity on social media has significantly increased.

High quality professional development opportunities for educators.

- The Professional Development Committee was active planning professional development program ideas.
- On December 14 people attended RIEEA's *Engaging Girls in STEM* workshop facilitated by Lauren Parmelee, Program Manager with Girl Scouts of Southeastern New England.
- One professional development scholarship was awarded in 2014. RIEEA is committed to providing scholarships to support environmental educators in our state.

Continued pursuit of the authorization and implementation of the Environmental Literacy Plan.

- RIEEA's Environmental Literacy Planning (ELP) Committee has taken an innovative approach in promoting environmental literacy in Rhode Island. The committee has been working in cooperation with RIDE's School Construction team to incorporate environmental education directly into the high performance protocols for new school construction and renovations.
- In 2013, the committee drafted the *School as a Tool* guidelines and commitment letter that school districts sign when applying to the state for CHPS reimbursement for new or renovated buildings. In 2014, one school has signed the letter, committing to incorporating high quality EE into their curriculum.
- Three organizations have been selected, through the *School as a Teaching Tool* RFP, as state approved vendors to help school districts incorporate EE into their curriculum.
- RIEEA continues to promote the *Green Ribbon Schools* initiative in cooperation with RIDE by reaching out to public and private schools to explain the GRS process and application and to encourage and support the applications.

Grow as an organization with a financial plan and Executive Director.

- The NEEEA Conference and Sustainable Schools Summit provided RIEEA with \$6,924 in revenue. This supplied the necessary funds to maintain RIEEA's part-time Coordinator position.
- RIEEA obtained 501c3 status with the IRS and filed required returns.
- A Budget was established and approved by the board.
- A successful Kickstarter campaign raised \$3,190 for RIEEA's *Garden Edventure* project.

