



**Tampa Garden Club  
In conjunction with  
Florida Federation of Garden Clubs, Inc.  
Presents  
National Garden Clubs, Inc. (NGC)  
Environmental School  
Series XII, Course 2 -- Hybrid  
November 7 & 8, 2023**

**NGC Environmental School Series Mission Statement:** To teach Environmental Literacy; to cherish, protect and conserve the living earth.

**School Description:** The Living Earth Environmental School is composed of a minimum of 40 hours of study divided into four courses of ten hours each, which includes a two-hour field trip. The courses investigate AIR, LAND and WATER. A multiple-choice (open book/open note) exam on the lectures is optional.

Anyone wishing to become an NGC Accredited Environmental Consultants must take the optional exams, and complete the four courses within seven years. After passing two courses, a student may become a Provisional Consultant and join an Environmental Consultants Council\*. Once the student becomes a Consultant, they must attend an ES Refresher or ES Course every five years to remain in Good Standing. No exam is required when refreshing.

\*Florida has a Tri-Council serving Environmental, Gardening & Landscape Design Schools.

**NGC Environmental School Goals and Objectives:**

- A. Develop a citizenry that is aware of, and concerned about, the total environment and its associated problems, and which has the knowledge, attitude, motivation, skill and commitment to work individually and collectively toward solutions of current problems and the prevention of new ones.
- B. Promote NGC Environmental School.
- C. Foster value systems that preserve the biotic community.
- D. Increase awareness of the interdependence of life on earth.
- E. Prevent pollution to protect public health and heal the planet.
- F. Help citizens become involved with their communities and natural world.
- G. Network and reach out to all segments of the community to achieve goals.
- H. Encourage conservation education.
- I. Promote inclusion of environmental education in classrooms and youth organizations throughout the country.
- J. Establish Environmental Councils to provide opportunity for personal growth and community service for NGC, Inc. Environmental Consultants and Provisionals.

**Required Reading:** • *The National Gardener* - 4 issues per year  
• *Guide for Students and Consultants* (provided in student packets with course outlines.)

**Recommended Reading:**• Darke, Rick and Tallamy, Douglas W., *The Living Landscape: Designing For Beauty And Biodiversity In The Home Garden*; Timber Press, (2014) • Miller, Tyler G. Jr., *Living in the Environment: Principles, Connections and Solutions*; Books/Cole Publishing CO. (Recommended reading varies with the edition. A list can be provided for your edition by your Local Chairman.) • Tallamy, Douglas W., *Bringing Nature Home; How You Can Sustain Wildlife with Native Plants*. Updated and Expanded; Timber Press, (2009) for Course 1 • Tallamy, Douglas W., *Nature's Best Hope: A New Approach to Conservation That Starts in Your Yard*; Doug Tallamy, 2020

## Tampa Garde Club Specifics for NGC's Environmental School Series

Tampa Garden Club has engaged a highly qualified & professional group of instructors from our local universities' Environmental Program, Hillsborough County Extension Service & Hillsborough Community College

For questions or more information, Please contact: Kitty Wallace, [kittwal@aol.com](mailto:kittwal@aol.com) 813-992-0940

### Course 2: Land & Related Issues, Tuesday, Wednesday November 7 & 8, 2023, 9:00\* am – 4 pm

Course 2: Land and Related Issues, Fall 2023 date 11/7-8/23

Course 3: Air and Related Issues, Spring 2024 date TBD

Course 4: Water and Related Issues, Fall 2024 date TBD

**Classes open to all Garden Club members, Master Gardeners and the general public!**

**All Classes will take place either in person at the Tampa Garden Club or via Zoom**

**Tampa GC, 2629 Bayshore Blvd., Tampa, FL 33629**

**ALL VIRTUAL STUDENTS NEW TO ZOOM MUST ATTEND ZOOM TRAINING: INFO TO FOLLOW**

**\*ZOOM ATTENDEES TO LOG ON AT 8:30 AM**

Each class will also include a mandatory 2-hour field trip in addition to class time. Specific details will be provided closer to class date. Be sure to dress accordingly, if attending in person. Virtual option is provided.

In person: Lunch, Coffee, Tea, Water, Juice will be provided.

-Each Garden Club attendee taking the course for credit **must** provide either: Form 6 if completing the first four courses; or Form 7 if a Consultant or Master. **Forms must be provided in PDF fillable format via email.** Blank forms may be downloaded from <https://www.gardenclub.org/school/schools-resources>; or

contact your State Chairman to approve and submit the form for you to the registrar.

-Master Gardeners may receive CEUs for NGC School Courses. Master Gardeners should speak with their agent or MGV Coordinator.

## Registration Form

Register by November 1, 2023

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

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Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

Garden Club \_\_\_\_\_

I have completed Course 1\_\_\_\_, 2\_\_\_\_, 3\_\_\_\_ or I am a Consultant or Master \_\_\_\_

**Fees for everyone: Virtual format (\$50)\* or In person (\$70)\***

**\*Add \$25 Late fee, if after November 1**

Send Registration form with check made out to Tampa Garden Club to: **Registrar, Pamela Slagg, 4315 W San Pedro Street Tampa, FL 33629**