

FEDA-R School Yard Habitat Protection

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GSBA Reference: FEDA (Site Plans and Specifications)

RATIONALE/OBJECTIVE:

The Cobb County School District (District) recognizes the educational enrichment that school yard habitats provide to students of the District.

RULE:**A. RECORD KEEPING:**

A list of school yard habitats certified by the National Wildlife Federation located on system property shall be maintained by the SPLOST Department.

B. CONSTRUCTION IMPACT MANAGEMENT:

During construction projects, the following procedures concerning school yard habitats shall apply:

1. Prior to the adoption of approval of a construction project by the District or the Board of Education, all architect or site drawings must identify all habitats certified by the National Wildlife Federation.
2. When any new development, construction, clearing or any action on a school campus will result in the issuance of a land disturbance permit or will encroach upon or demise a certified habitat, the District shall prominently post a notice of this action at the school so as to be visible from the public street in the same manner as required for zoning action for a period of not less than 60 days prior to the initial construction. The notice shall specify the date of construction and the effect it will have on the certified habitat.
3. The District shall notify the Georgia Wildlife Federation and the National Wildlife Federation at the time the notice is posted.
4. During the notice period the site plan and details of the construction program shall be maintained in the office of the Principal of the affected school and shall be available for review and copying by the public during normal school hours.
5. During the 60-day posting period, the local school administration shall advise its School Council and the PTA in a general meeting of its intent to create a land disturbance that might adversely affect the certified habitat.
6. Community concerns regarding the effect of a land disturbance on a certified habitat may be presented to the Board of Education at its regularly scheduled meeting as part of the Public Presentation.
7. In response to community concerns, the Board, through its staff, will consider remedies, options and costs in its final deliberations.

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