

The Association for the Preservation of the Eno River Valley, Inc.

The Ribbon of Hope grant expanded ***iWalk the Eno Science and Nature Camp*** and its ***Community Learning Center Outdoor Science Program*** in partnership with two local districts: Orange County Schools and Durham Public Schools.

iWalk the Eno Science and Nature Camp

The iWalk the Eno Science and Nature Camp (iWalk) was expanded from a single week to three one-week sessions, and was available to all rising 6th graders (i.e., students entering 6th grade) in the Eno River Basin. The Eno River State Park was used as an outdoor classroom for the iWalk. Students learned field study techniques, live specimen sampling and identification, data collection and interpretation techniques, and how to record their findings in personal science journals. Students also participated in art activities, songs, and skits that supported their science learning. Teachers and high school students serving as mentors received training in using inquiry science methodologies.

Community Learning Center Outdoor Science Program

This program served students and was held weekly from January 2012 to May 2012 in outdoor science labs at each of the three Title I elementary schools in Orange County Schools or in nearby partner agencies. The gardening, nutrition, and environmental science curriculum was intended to develop students' science process skills and enhance students' understanding of basic science concepts in an outdoor setting.

