

REGISTRATION INFORMATION

Environmental School – Course 1

January 29-30, 2026

Course #GA100, Series 1

Registration for this class is online only.

Options for registration are:

1. Two-Day Course Registration Fee of \$60

for GCG or other NGC member; Includes all classes, course review, and exam

Exam will be an online exam. Technology required to access the exam questions a laptop computer, tablet or iPad.

2. Two-Day Course Registration Fee of \$55

for GCG or other NGC Member Refresher Includes all classes and no exam

3. Two Day Course Registration Fee of \$65

for non-GCG or any non-NGC members; Includes all classes and no exam.

Note: Students earning credit towards a Environmental Consultants Certificate must complete NGC Form 6, submit it electronically to the state chairman prior to the course, attend the full course, and pass the exam (score of 70 or higher)

Refreshing Consultants must complete NCG Form 7, submit it electronically to the state chairman prior to the course, and attend the full course.

Online registration only at this link:

<https://forms.gle/VavvZdPnQDAuEKiq7>

During the online registration, please follow instructions for sending payment via Zelle or mailing a check.

Registration deadline is January 23, 2026.

Registration is not complete until your check or Zelle payment is received.

Permitted Technology Equipment

Desktop or Laptop computer

Tablet or iPad

Operating systems*

Microsoft Windows, Apple MacOS, Apple iOS on iPad, Android on Tablet.

Smartphones **not** permitted for course participation (may be used as a "Hotspot" for WiFi

Connectivity)

Zoom 5.4 or higher

*Meets Zoom.com System Requirements

PARTICIPANTS NEW TO NGC ZOOM COURSES MUST ATTEND A TEST/PRACTICE SESSION TO TEST THEIR ABILITY TO USE ZOOM AND DO A TECH CHECK THE WEEK BEFORE THE CLASS ON A DATE TO BE ANNOUNCED. *NOTE: ATTENDANCE IS OPTIONAL IF YOU HAVE PREVIOUSLY PARTICIPATED IN A NGC SCHOOL COURSE USING ZOOM AND MASTERED REQUIRED FUNCTIONS.*

National Garden Clubs, Inc. Environmental School



Course 1

Thursday, January 29, 2026

Friday January 30, 2026

Presented Virtually via Zoom

Sponsored by

NGC Consultants Council of Georgia



**The Garden Club of Georgia, Inc.
Diane Hunter, President**

ENVIRONMENTAL SCHOOL DESCRIPTION

The Living Earth Environmental School is composed of a minimum of forty hours of study of specific units divided into four courses of ten hours each that includes a two-hour field trip. The courses investigate AIR, LAND, and WATER. The units are divided into Ecology and Environmental Science, Life on Earth and Earth Stewardship.

A multiple-choice examination (open book/open note) on the lectures and recommended reading is optional. Exams must be taken by those who want to be certified as an Environmental Consultant.

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 the NGC, Inc. Environmental School.
- C. Foster value systems that preserve the biotic community.
- D. Increase awareness of the interdependencies of life on earth.
- E. Prevent pollution to protect public health and heal the planet.
- F. Help citizens become involved with their communities and the natural world.

G. Network and reach out to all segments of the community to achieve common goals.

H. Encourage conservation education programs in all levels of garden club activity.

I. Promote the 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.

Environmental School Course I Topics

ECOLOGY
PLANTS – BIODIVERSITY
ENVIRONMENTAL SCIENCE
ENVIRONMENTAL ISSUES
BACKYARD WILDLIFE HABITAT
NETWORKING AND OUTREACH
HISTORIC ENVIRONMENTAL ACTIONS AND
LEADERS
VIRTUAL NATURE DISCOVERY FIELD TRIP

Questions/Information

Contact

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Future NGC Consultants Council of Georgia Sponsored Classes To Be Announced:

Environmental School Course 2

Land and Related Issues

Environmental School Course 3

Air and Related Issues

Environmental School Course 4

Water and Related Issues

Please check the NGC (gardenclub.org) and the GCG (gardenclubofgeorgia.org) websites for information about upcoming courses.