

Natural Learning Initiative NEWSLETTER

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Creating environments for healthy human development
and a healthy biosphere for generations to come.

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The Importance of Hands-on Gardening

is boosted by the publication of a third USDA-supported Childcare Outdoor Learning Environments as Active Food Systems (COLEAFS) research article. Results presented in this article link preschool gardening to increased physical activity and reduced sedentary time among children 3–5 years old living in disadvantaged communities in North Carolina. The first article describes... [read more](#)

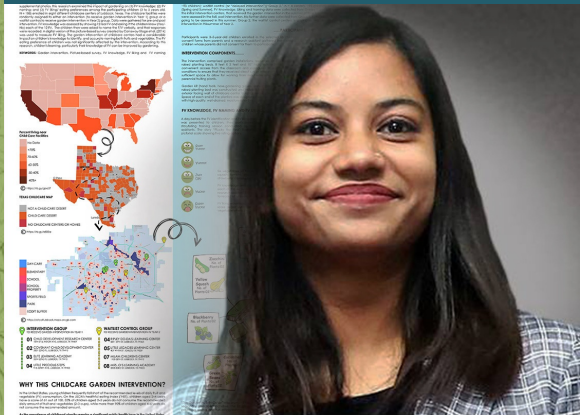


Acknowledging Ancestral Lands Statement Released

The Natural Learning Initiative (NLI) recognizes tribal sovereignty and acknowledges with deep gratitude First Nations as ancestral stewards of the land upon which North Carolina State University sits. Also acknowledged are state-wide ancestral land locations, where NLI engages with local communities... [read more](#)

Introducing the Green Desk Tabbing System

The NLI Green Desk has a new tabbing system that makes it easier to find and sort through what questions you'd like to see answered. The Green Desk is a place where common questions people ask about outdoor learning environments and activities are answered in short, tailored posts. [learn more](#)



Texas Tech Colleague Wins Poster Competition

Nazia Afrin Trina, an international student at Texas Tech University's Department of Landscape Architecture, has placed first in the Texas Tech University Obesity Research Institute's Graduate Student Poster Competition... [read more](#)

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