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

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NLI Shorts! Broccoli-Trees You Can Eat!

"Broccoli-Trees You Can Eat!" is part of a series of 2-3-min YouTube videos illustrating children's interactions with early childhood outdoor play and learning spaces (ECOPALS) – in this example, examining & sprouting seeds. The two initial series focus on physical activity and healthy eating. Cool season gardening is already launched. Watch out for shorts that follow warm-season gardening, beginning with examining seeds and ending with preparing and eating the produce! A third series will focus on social-emotional development. A fourth will include all kinds of other serendipitous, unpredictable outdoor happenings. Please stay tuned!



Early Childhood Outdoor Learning Environments Certificate Course

Register for the online certificate course, August 28 - November 12. Targeted towards early childhood professionals and others interested in improving early childhood outdoor play and learning environments. This course offers 2.4 continuing education credits (CEUs). [read more](#)

Washington Post Article: The future is a playground

NLI's Robin Moore was recently cited in an article on the future of playgrounds. He describes the philosophy of designing play spaces with nature and how those spaces promote freedom, adventure, and imagination in future generations. [read more](#)



Design interventions at Washington Terrace (WT)

a 23-acre, rebuilt neighborhood in East Raleigh's historic African American community, aimed at creating an active, healthy neighborhood, began in 2016 when NLI collaborated with DHIC, Inc., a non-profit developer of high-quality, affordable housing, and WT architects, JDavis. NLI contributed outdoor design expertise... [read more](#)

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