



BLUEGRASS  
GREENSOURCE

## *small changes* **BIG IMPACT**

At Bluegrass Greensource, we believe small, every day changes make a big impact on our shared environment. Our goal is to empower you with the knowledge and resources you need to make a difference.

**2018**  
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AT A GLANCE...

113,218

DIRECT  
ENGAGEMENTS

\$5,760

IN ENERGY  
EFFICIENCY KITS  
DISTRIBUTED

\$66,905

INVESTED IN  
CLEAN WATER



20 COUNTIES  
SERVED





104,097

STUDENTS  
ENGAGED

62

FIELD TRIPS

3,991

CLASSES  
TAUGHT

## EDUCATION SPOTLIGHT: DUPREE OUTDOOR DAYS

Bluegrass Greensource educators turn the outdoors into a classroom at Dupree Outdoor Days, a series of field trips that help elementary students from Jessamine and Garrard counties explore and learn about the wildlife and natural areas of Central Kentucky. Students rotate between stations throughout the day, where they build rafts from found materials, create models of watersheds, explore the preserve on a guided nature walk, and learn how animals adapt to their surroundings by studying their pelts and skulls.

Dupree Outdoor Days allow students to apply and expand the knowledge they've gained in the classroom and the change of pace encourages students to learn about their surroundings. In 2018, Greensource educators led 62 different field trips to places like Dupree Nature Preserve, the Lexington Recycling Center, and McConnell Springs. Field trips are just one of the many ways our educators work with Central Kentucky schools to provide environmental education that enhances existing classroom lessons. In 2018, our educators worked with 104,097 students!



## OUTREACH SPOTLIGHT: COMMUNITY FORUMS

In October of 2018, Bluegrass Greensource debuted its first-ever community forum about recycling in Central Kentucky. Panelists from the Lexington Division of Waste Management, Republic Services, the University of Kentucky, Fayette County Public Schools, and Live Green Lexington discussed how national and international changes to the recycling markets have affected our local recycling efforts and addressed audience questions and concerns about recycling.

At our second forum, representatives from the City of Lexington, Seedleaf, the University of Kentucky, GleanKY, and the Franklin County Fiscal Court discussed some of the composting initiatives they have in place, such as animal composting in Franklin County and UK's new composting program, as well as the challenges associated with starting up large-scale composting programs.

Both forums gave panelists and community members the opportunity to listen, ask questions, and learn from one another. Greensource looks forward to hosting more of these important community conversations in the future.





# BLUEGRASS GREENSOURCE



## NEW IN 2018: KEEP THE BLUEGRASS BEAUTIFUL

As part of Bluegrass Greensource's litter reduction efforts, we created an affiliate of Keep America Beautiful known as Keep the Bluegrass Beautiful (KBB) in the fall of 2018. KBB allows participating counties to access the vast network of resources and expertise that are offered by the national program. Member counties are also able to learn from each other and join forces to reduce litter throughout the region. To date, seven counties (Garrard, Lincoln, Clark, Shelby, Scott, Franklin, and Woodford) have become members of KBB.

Keep America Beautiful partners with more than 600 affiliated, community-based organizations and engages more than 5 million volunteers that work to beautify their communities through efforts to end littering and improve local recycling. They facilitate community clean ups, native species plantings and educational programs to achieve their mission. As a partner, KBB will have access to tools, trainings, grants, and more. Keep Lexington Beautiful was established in 2010 and will partner with KBB when possible.

Bluegrass Greensource staff Noel Osborn and Maxine Rudder serve as Keep the Bluegrass Beautiful's Executive Director and Garrard & Lincoln Counties' Representative, respectively.

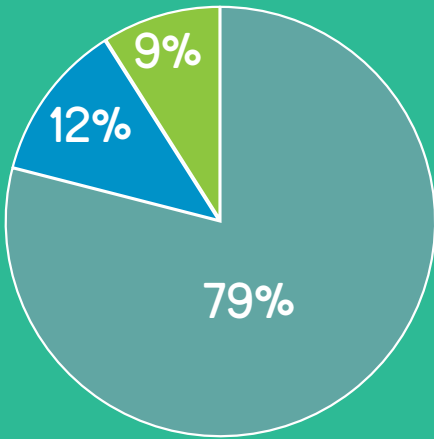


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### BLUEGRASS SUSTAINABILITY SUMMIT – FEBRUARY

Join us to learn about sustainability initiatives being taken in our region to address and support local food, energy efficiency, climate change, waste reduction, and water quality.

### MAIN ST. CLEAN SWEEP – APRIL

Celebrate Earth Month by getting out into your community and cleaning up litter!

### GREENFEST – MAY

Attend sustainable living workshops all day, shop eco-conscious vendors, while enjoying local foods.

### TACOS N TEQUILA – MAY

Enjoy craft cocktails, signature tacos, and live music at our biggest fundraiser of the year!

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