

# School News & Notes

## Free Educational Resource

(NAPSA)—Teachers and guidance counselors around the country now have a delightful way to enrich the classroom experience with the science of environmental sustainability, design and community planning.

### How It Works

Animations showing plants that digest toxic waste, parks built from old building materials, trees that lower utility bills and many other sustainable concepts are part of the new, free resource. It was created by the American Society of Landscape Architects (ASLA), the national professional association for landscape architects, to serve as Sustainable Design 101 for students and teachers by explaining complex environmental systems in a clear, understandable format.

Made possible by a grant from the National Endowment for the Arts, the site includes seven animations to view at home or in the classroom; more than 60 different classroom activities, videos, games and lesson plans that cover grades kindergarten through 12; plus 20 examples of real-world projects from around the world.

Each animation includes an accompanying educational resource with classroom activities and interactive case studies.



**Three-dimensional landscape animations demonstrate how smart design and planning with green walls can help save money on utility bills.**

In addition, there are 20 case studies of sustainable projects of all sizes, including master plans, university campuses, urban farms, green roofs and backyards. Each case study lists the project's environmental benefits and includes a slide show with images and descriptions, project facts and a downloadable one-page brief.

"Few outside of the landscape architecture profession fully understand the benefits of sustainable landscape design and even less know how these design techniques actually work," said ASLA President Jonathan Mueller, FASLA.

### To View the Animations

You can see them online and learn more at [www.asla.org/animations](http://www.asla.org/animations) and (202) 898-2444.