Unpacking the EcoRise Journey:
From Environmental Education to Environmental Justice

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Introductions

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Objectives

01 Share history, best practices, and challenges from EcoRise’s journey of working towards becoming an anti-racist organization.

02 Provide an overview of EcoRise’s Environmental Justice curriculum and how it relates their equity journey.
EcoRise mobilizes a new generation of leaders to design healthy, just, and thriving communities for all.

We work at the intersection of sustainability education, climate resilience, and environmental justice by elevating youth voices and advancing student-led solutions to real-world challenges.
History of Race Equity at EcoRise

- Hiring: Staff & Board
- Equity Working Group
- Reimagined Strategy & Budget Allocation
- Ongoing Staff Development
- Environmental Justice Curriculum & Professional Dev
- Youth Programs & Paid Internships
Dear EcoRise Community,

We are devastated by the murders of Tony McDade, George Floyd, Breonna Taylor, Ahmaud Arbery, and the countless others who were victims of racist police brutality before them. Over the last week, we have witnessed a national response to systemic racism and racial violence, and we want to be clear that we stand in solidarity with Black Americans.
Environmental Justice Curriculum

Elementary
- Actions & Behaviors
- Role Models

Middle School
- Resource Allocation
- Community Action

High School
- Town Hall Scenarios
- Policy & Regulations
Preparing Your Mindset

Who am I? What has informed my experiences and why does this work matter to me?
Professional Development
Just and Unjust Discussion Cards
Environmental Justice Heroes
It’s a Journey
Community Agreements

We are committed to –

Creating and maintaining a culture where equity, curiosity, vulnerability, and growth are fostered.

Challenging ourselves and others to exist in the space of discomfort in order to be openly authentic, uncover our biases and to give and receive feedback.
Questions?
“If we strive to eliminate racism and classism, as well as pollution and environmental degradation, then we are doing what we can to make sure communities are sustainable and livable. It takes a lot of work; it’s not a sprint. But it’s achievable if we view it as important.”

-Robert Bullard
Thank you!

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