

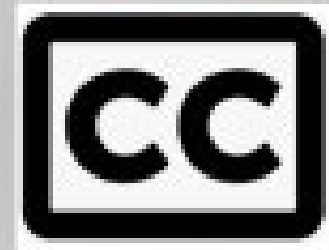


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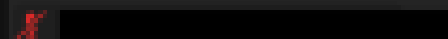
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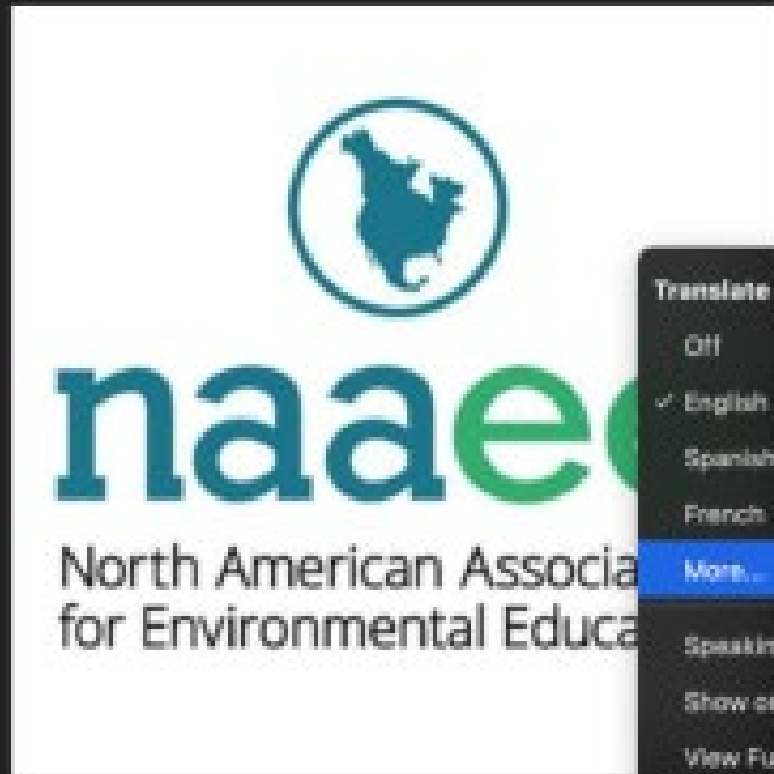
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Thanks, Carrie!



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# The State of Youth Outdoor Policy

## A Recap of 2023 & What's in Store for 2024







# YOUTH OUTDOOR POLICY PLAYBOOK

**ULTIMATE GOAL:** Help legislators and community leaders advance state policies that help kids get outside

## **THE PLAYBOOK:**

- Highlights existing policy solutions
- Celebrates & shares new ideas and innovations
- Connects leaders & communities across the country

# About the Partnership



# Policy Strategies for Advancing Youth Outdoor Engagement

State legislatures and other policy makers are passing laws and creating policies to enable, advance, establish, and fund youth outdoor engagement so more children have the opportunity to have positive experiences outdoors, regardless of where they live or their social or economic status.



## Outdoor Learning Opportunities and Environments

Sometimes, all kids need to get outside more often is access to safe green spaces and outdoor learning opportunities in schools.



## Outdoor Access and Connectivity

Kids can't play and learn outside if they can't get outside, but one in three children today does not have a safe park or green space within a ten-minute walk of their home.



## Systemic Environmental Literacy and Education

Ensuring environmental literacy and education is integrated in all forms of education ensures students will have opportunities to learn about and care for the outdoors.



# State Outdoor Policy in 2023

**210 Bills** Introduced in 42 States & Territories

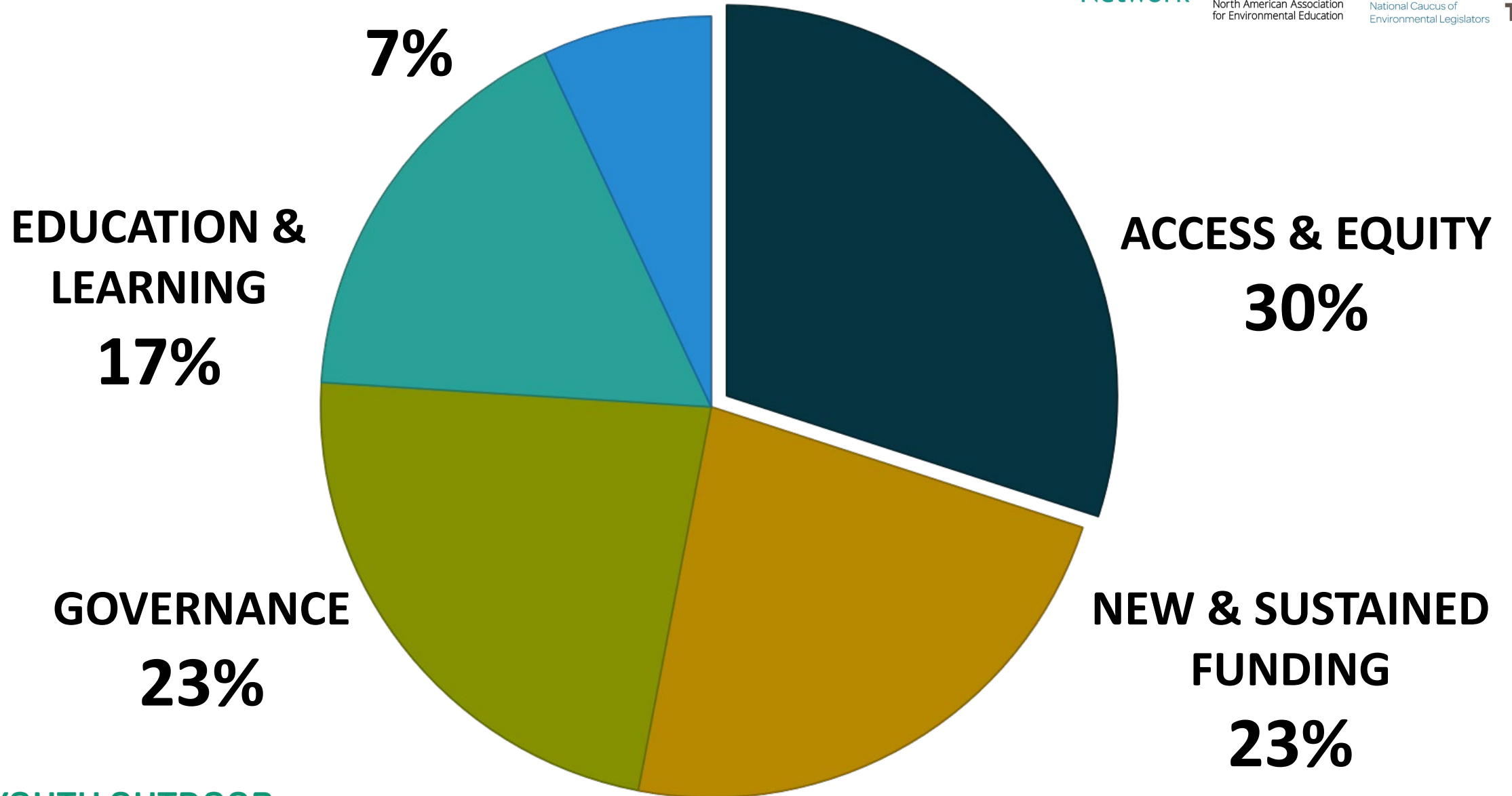
**67 Bills** Enacted in 26 States & Territories

Most Growth in Access, Equity, Learning, Health





# TRAILS & GREENWAYS





# NAAEE Federal Updates

Making the case for education as a critical tool to addressing complex environmental issues...

- No Child Left Inside Act
- Living Schoolyards Act
- Green Ribbon Act

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July 31-August 3

**Call for Proposals Deadline**  
January 26, 2024







# Children & Nature Network

Nature Everywhere Conference  
Madison, Wisconsin  
May 28-31



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CONSERVATION PROJECT







# WHO ARE WE?

**Nuestra Tierra Conservation Projects mission is to ensure that historically and deliberately excluded communities have access to the outdoors and that our people, history, and values are authentically reflected in public land and conservation management decision making.**







# OUTDOOR EQUITY FUND



# Outdoor F.U.T.U.R.E.

**Outdoor F.U.T.U.R.E. (Fund for Underrepresented Tribal, Urban and Rural Equity)** builds on the success of the **NM Outdoor Equity Fund**, and scales up to a national level.

In 2021...We focused on community trust-building.

In 2022...We gathered feedback from partners

**The OUTDOOR F.U.T.U.R.E. Finalized in 2023!**

2024 INTRODUCTION #ComingInHot

## We All Belong Outside.

Standing on stolen land and recreating on broken treaties, the Outdoor F.U.T.U.R.E. initiative seeks to build momentum for the creation of a national equity fund that will ensure long-term investments in programs to serve all youth with opportunities to explore the great outdoors.





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