Record Nr. UNINA9910460098203321 Autore Saylan Charles Titolo The Failure of Environmental Education (And How We Can Fix It) // Charles Saylan, Daniel Blumstein Pubbl/distr/stampa Berkeley, CA:,: University of California Press,, [2011] ©2011 **ISBN** 1-283-27783-2 9786613277831 0-520-94872-6 Descrizione fisica 1 online resource (255 p.) Classificazione AR 14600 Disciplina 333,7071 Soggetti Environmental education Environmental education - Public opinion Earth & Environmental Sciences **Environmental Sciences** Electronic books. Lingua di pubblicazione Inglese **Formato** Materiale a stampa Monografia Livello bibliografico Description based upon print version of record. Note generali Nota di contenuto Frontmatter -- Contents -- Preface -- 1. The Problem(s) -- 2. Foundations -- 3. What Went Wrong -- 4. Accountability and Institutional Mind-Set -- 5. The Needs of Environmentally Active Citizens -- 6. Between Awareness and Action -- 7. A Political Primer --8. Consumption, Conservation, and Change -- 9. An Evolving Metric --10. And How We Can Fix It -- Appendix: Greening Schools for Alternative Education -- Notes -- Selected Bibliography --Acknowledgments -- Index Sommario/riassunto At a time when wild places everywhere are vanishing before our eyes, Charles Saylan and Daniel T. Blumstein offer this passionate indictment of environmental education-along with a new vision for the future. Writing for general readers and educators alike, Saylan and Blumstein boldly argue that education today has failed to reach its potential in fighting climate change, biodiversity loss, and environmental degradation. In this forward-looking book, they assess the current

political climate, including the No Child Left Behind Act, a disaster for

environmental education, and discuss how education can stimulate action-including decreasing consumption and demand, developing sustainable food and energy sources, and addressing poverty. Their multidisciplinary perspective encompasses such approaches as school gardens, using school buildings as teaching tools, and the greening of schoolyards. Arguing for a paradigm shift in the way we view education as a whole, The Failure of Environmental Education demonstrates how our education system can create new levels of awareness and work toward a sustainable future.