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Grow a classroom project to expand urban canopy in public schools in Kenya

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Who is AAK?

- ❑ Built environment umbrella body
- ❑ Represents 8 professions,
- ❑ Policy Advocacy
- ❑ Collaboration
- ❑ Mentorship
- ❑ Capacity Building



Genesis of grow a classroom

- ❑ Tree planting drive
- ❑ State of public schools
 - Dilapidated classrooms
 - Compromised infrastructure
 - Land encroachment.
 - Poor spatial planning
 - Inadequate greenery



Challenges



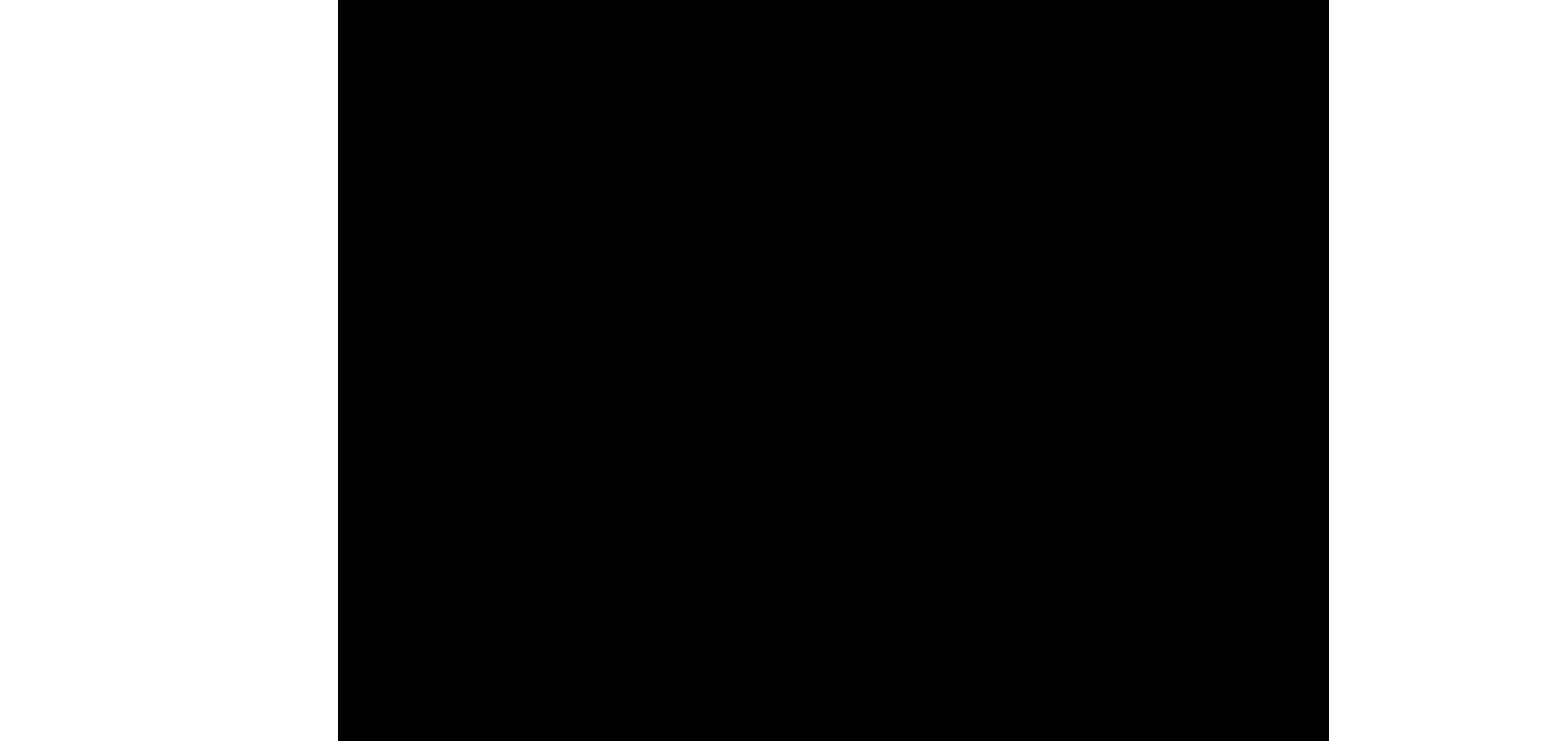
Re-imagining the classroom



Grow a classroom- enhance learning environments.

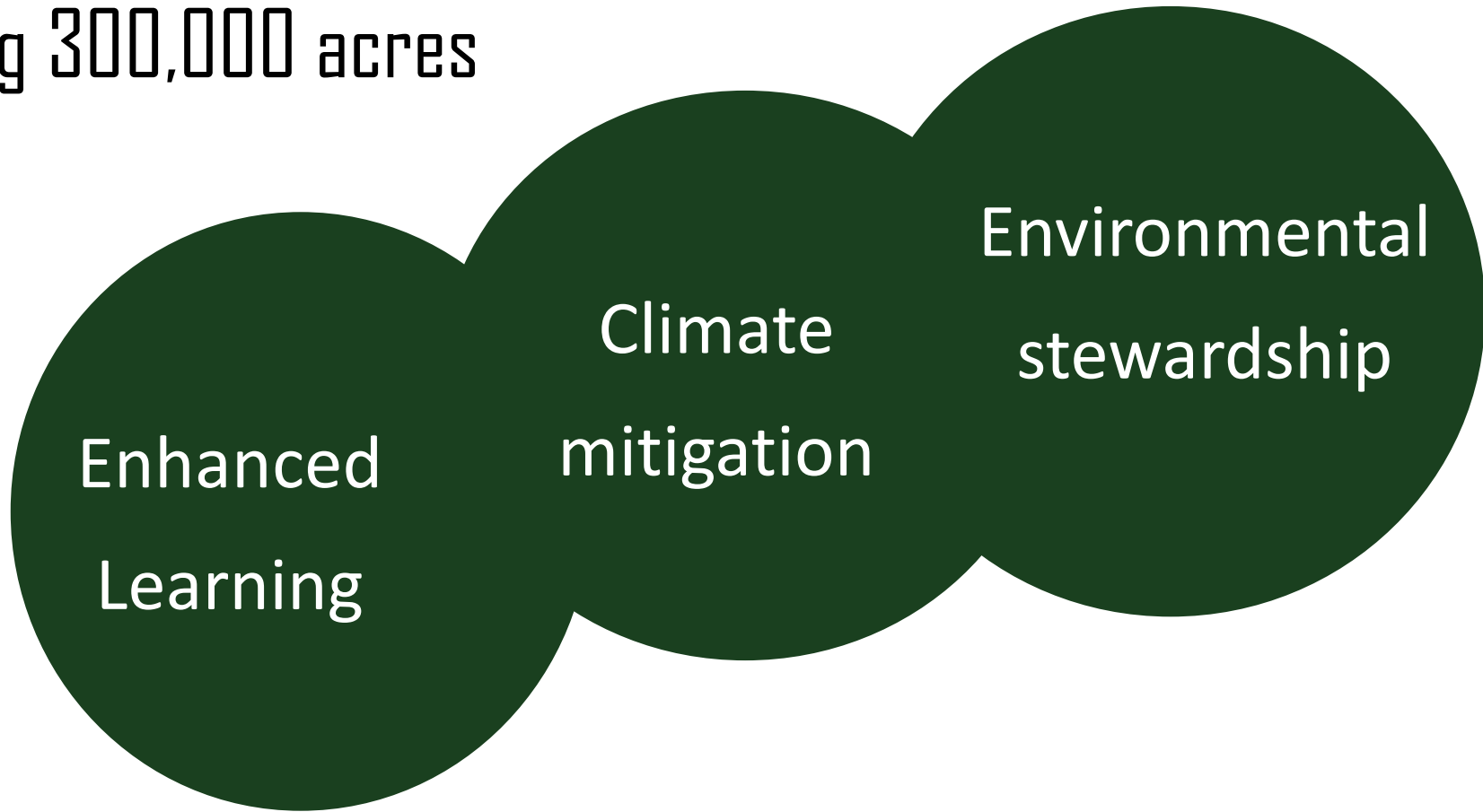
- Master Planning
- Participatory planning
- Landscape planning
 - Outdoor learning & Recreation sports
 - Edible landscapes
- Sustainable Timber





Outcomes

- ❑ Scaling the model across Kenya's 55,000 schools.
- ❑ Greening 300,000 acres



This ambitious project focuses on building partnerships with local businesses and organizations to undertake the activities to expand this initiative across the country.

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Grow A Classroom
Project



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