

Community Development - Environmental Ideas

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Use ideas developed by these Models of Innovation chapter award winners to create new ideas for activities for your FFA chapter

Wetland Reclamation

With the mission of redeveloping the arable land, reclaiming a wetland and developing a nature trail, this chapter achieved 100% participation from their members. Currently in phase II of VI, the chapter has handled tillage and has completed plot monitoring of eight seed varieties with a 4% increase in yield. They continue to work on the drainage system and soil tilth.

- Heritage FFA Chapter, Indiana

Salmon R Us

Members gained hands-on experience in aquaculture by managing 500 Coho salmon eggs. They created a program that educated over 600 elementary students on egg harvest, hatchery management, harvest techniques and salmon anatomy and provided basic environmental education to 75 children. Members gained increased awareness of environmental concerns of the salmon as an endangered species.

- Monroe FFA Chapter, Washington

Project Halsey

This three-day activity gives students a chance to volunteer their time on federal forest lands. Projects included construction of 10 artificial fish habitat units created to give fish a refuge where they can grow bigger and construction of three benches for use around the campfire tower. After their labor was complete, students had the chance to swim, fish, canoe, tube and just enjoy the natural habitat.

- Ravenna FFA Chapter, Nebraska

Project Environmentalism

The goal of this activity was to develop more environmentally responsible individuals through the use of conservation and environmental activities. In cooperation with several other entities, the chapter presented a conservation day including 10 different topics to 262 middle school students. Print and electronic media were used to promote the event. A dozen members made over 80 presentations to local clubs. Junior high students built more than 80 birdhouses and donated them to elementary students.

- Harlan FFA Chapter, Iowa

Ornamental Pond

Upon completion of a unit on plant and animal physiology, the aquaculture, horticulture and drafting classes each wanted to apply their knowledge to a hands-on project at the school. Utilizing this blended instruction, they decided to build an ornamental pond. Students broke into teams to brainstorm the design, access materials needs and investigate sites. Students enhanced their own community and even had requests for the creation of additional ponds from members of the administration.

- Easton FFA Chapter, Maryland

Street Smart

Members worked hard to beautify the two-mile stretch of highway in this community. The community's appearance improved and members learned the value of getting involved and taking responsibility for their neighborhood.

- Olney FFA Chapter, Illinois

Renew and Recycle

All in-school FFA members were involved in a cooperative program that recycled over 30 tons of materials, with 25% of the community utilizing the facility. Changes this year included 80 recycling tubs placed in the elementary and high school classrooms and the addition of a recycling barn. The FFA chapter received a \$2,000 grant from the Waste Management firm to perform this service.

- Clinton Central FFA Chapter, Indiana

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