

Plan a Community Project

Explore Environments

Communities work together to plan and create environments that enrich our lives and make life more enjoyable. Their plans might include:

- creating a new playground
- beautifying a community park
- landscaping an open space
- installing art in a town square
- and much more.



Students can contribute imaginative ideas to the community planning process.

Organize your thoughts and create a project presentation to share with decision makers.



CONNECT favorite activities to community spaces where they might be enjoyed. You might include bird watching, listening to a concert, sliding and swinging, or hiking. What would you like to see built in your community to make living there more enjoyable?

I like to...

EXAMPLE:
Make chalk drawings on sidewalks

What could encourage this activity? Where?

Create a collaborative "chalk walk" where people can sketch.
The chalk would be kept in a weather-proof box.



RESPOND to projects community leaders are planning for the future. Check out the city or township websites. Read local newspapers. Send questions to the city planners' offices or local community center.



CREATE a sketch of your ideas for a community space. Choose a project name. How will this improve your community?

DISCUSS EACH TEAM MEMBER'S IDEAS AND COLLABORATIVELY DECIDE ON A NAME, KEY BENEFITS, AND SKETCHES TO PRESENT.



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PRESENT your team's ideas and sketches to the community leaders responsible for that community space. Practice explaining the benefits and include quotes from others that show support for this idea. Identify ways you can help implement the suggested project. Thank the community leaders for their time and willingness to listen.