

Ideas for Environmental Community Projects

Neighborhood Environmental Partners Program

Environmental Improvement Activities	Environmental Education Activities	Environmental Mentoring
Work with the community to collect and recycle abandoned tires in the neighborhood. Set up collection stations at your facility and other neighborhood areas. Arrange for transport and appropriate recycling.	Host or sponsor a neighborhood tour of a local business that explains environmental impacts, EMS's, and other issues of environmental significance.	Make a presentation to trade association or local Chamber on community environmental activities, EMS benefits or implementation, and/or pollution prevention.
Hold an e-waste (electronic components) collection and recycling day. Recycle e-waste to a re-use facility.	Participate in exchange and recycling programs with area schools	Organize a Community Advisory Panel in the community to discuss environmental and health and safety issues at your facility.
Fund a local contest to develop community environmental projects. Award equipment or environmental expertise from your business to help with implementation.	Provide environmental focused tours of your operations on Earth Day, P2 Week, MI Manufacturers Week, etc.	Institute an environmental audit program with the local government (city, township or county)
Sponsor a neighborhood beautification project. Plant trees and flowers and pick-up trash. Coordinate and work with community or local non-profit volunteers to get the job done.	Partner with high schools to offer science majors the opportunity to job-shadow with environmental staff at your facility.	Attend County Commission meetings and provide updates or lead discussions regarding community environmental activities.
Sponsor the beautification of a local park with a local community group. Organize a picnic and promote activities that cleanup and beautify the park.	Provide educational information on the value of wetlands. Setup and sponsor tours of the local wetland to the community and school kids.	Provide environmental assistance to local government officials. Provide assistance with environmental regulation and applying for grants.
Station satellite dumpsters or waste containers at various locations in the project area, and coordinate/fund trash pickup. Work with the community to determine container location.	Hold an environmental seminar on pollution prevention, water protection, and air or water quality standards for science teachers from local schools.	Hold an open house for neighbors and neighboring businesses to demonstrate processes and environmental systems.
Purchase and donate recycling equipment (i.e., shredder) to a non-profit agency working with physically or mentally-challenged individuals. Transport appropriate recyclables to Agency, providing employment for clients and income for the Agency.	Work with local businesses or neighborhood environmental group(s) to hold an environmental awareness day at a local school.	Provide tours to local businesses or non-profit organizations to highlight innovative/advance P2 equipment/technology at your facility.
Sponsor and conduct a water-sampling event with local middle school students. Work together to craft a plan for water improvements for the community.	Host a tour and presentation for university environmental graduates on EMS, P2, and environmental operations.	Donate your location for an informal get-together for local businesses interested in learning more about environmental audits.

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Work with a local business or neighborhood group to build a public greenway. Construction might include reconstruction of wetlands and wildlife habitat.	Hold an expo event where local businesses share information about their environmental impacts and procedures, and answer questions for citizens.	Provide voluntary direct assistance to a local business to help them achieve compliance regarding specific processes or permits, and reduce environmental impacts.
Work with a local business or neighborhood group to develop and implement a new environmental waste reduction program for the neighborhood.	Work with local business or neighborhood group to hold an annual summer environmental awareness camp for local kids	Commit staff and/or funding to mentor another business through the process of developing and implementing an EMS, or maintain an on-going environmental mentoring program.
Host an annual riverfront clean-up with community or non-profit group. Sponsor event posters by partnering with an environmentally-conscious local printer.	Sponsor an environmental education workshop for area teachers. Provide environmental speakers and publications. Area businesses could setup displays and provide information on their business.	Work with local business or neighborhood group to write environmental goals/objectives that commit to a date for implementing an EMS, commit to environmental purchasing, or commit to a level of waste reduction.
Conduct a household waste collection day for paints, automotive fluids, batteries, aerosol cans, cardboard, etc.	Sponsor a wetland restoration project and case study. Hold an informational meeting to present to the community.	Form a Citizens' Advisory Panel of local neighbors and businesses who meet regularly to discuss and address facility-specific or local environmental issues.
Establish a wildlife habitat program (raptor breeding; purple loosestrife control) that includes employees and local groups.	Sponsor and hold annual environmental /science scholarship competition for graduates of local high school.	Sponsor representatives from neighborhood groups or local environmental groups at a regional environmental roundtable, waste reduction conference, or energy efficiency workshop.
Annually, recycle Christmas trees collected by employees, the community, Scout troops. Use to construct brush pile wildlife shelters on facility grounds.	Sponsor and hold an annual Environmental Art Contest, working with lower, middle, or upper grades in local school.	Schedule and hold a monthly environmental roundtable at your facility for neighborhood businesses, with a featured speaker and agenda of shared environmental issues
Participate with local birding association on an annual beach cleanup. Provide equipment, safety review, meal, and disposal of collected trash.	Create a Summer Student on-site program for college-age children of facility employees. Place Summer Students in environmental improvement projects (i.e., environmental lab; ISO 14001 team).	Work with local conservation groups to develop/maintain critical habitat sources based on your EMS. Examples: Nature Conservancy; Garden Club; Pheasants Forever.
Participate in environmental clean-up projects in the community, involving employees, employee families, and other members of the community. (e.g., Scout troops, 4-H, etc.)	Partner with wildlife group(s) and local non-profits to construct, stock, and maintain a fish rearing pond on accessible land. Use to educate community on water protection and ecosystems.	Volunteer staff to serve on or establish a standing or ad hoc environmental subcommittee for your city, village, or township government.