



ENVIRONMENT COMMUNITY SERVICE PROGRAM



The GFWC Environment Community Service Program encourages us to become stewards of the earth by working to preserve the world's resources, protect wildlife and domesticated animals, live sustainably, and beautify our communities and enjoy nature.



**CHALLENGE
PROJECT**
Reduce Plastics Use
Refuse, Reuse,
Repurpose, and
Recycle

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Resource Organizations



Be Inspired and Get Creative!

- Join the Arbor Day Foundation and receive ten free trees to plant or donate ten trees to be planted in a threatened rain forest or one of our National Forests. Visit the website to learn about Celebrate Arbor Day (last Friday of April), Tree City USA, Rain Forest Rescue.
- Save trees by initiating a "Go Paperless" campaign.
- Educate members on the dangers of poor air quality, which is the number one cause of premature death around the world.
- Support wetland conservation and learn how wetlands are a deterrent to both flooding and drought.
- Organize a household hazardous waste collection with your local services, to ensure these dangerous materials are disposed of properly.
- Educate club and community members about the importance of pollinators and how to create healthy habitats where they can thrive.
- Provide a program for club and community members that highlights the best native plants for food and cover.
- Advocate for and support regulations that limit light pollution, which is dangerous to nocturnal wildlife and disruptive to ecosystems.
- Learn about ocean wildlife in peril, such as sea turtles and manatees, and organize volunteer or fundraising opportunities to help protect these species.
- Offer a workshop on building birdhouses and provide information on bird species, their characteristics and behaviors, and their varying habitat requirements.
- Commemorate America Recycles Day (November 15), a program of Keep America Beautiful, by organizing a special event or on-line awareness campaign. Visit the website for toolkits, event activities, promotion ideas, and more!
- Coordinate a children's poster contest on recycling.
- Hold a community workshop on sustainable gardening.
- Hold a club yard sale to re-purpose gently used items and donate the proceeds to various environmental charities.
- Plan a clean-up day in the community by coordinating groups of volunteers to clean eyesore areas and properly discard the waste.
- Sponsor a "Yard of the Month" or other monthly beautification contest that recognizes community enhancement.
- Establish a social distanced walk or hike in the community.
- Maintain an existing hiking or biking trail, encouraging people to learn more about nature and enjoy the outdoors.

Please sign up for the Member Portal at WWW.GFWC.ORG for access to the Club Manual for additional project ideas, Resource Organizations information and the list of GFWC Affiliate Organizations.