

Lesson 28

Water Protection

What organization(s) help protect the watershed?
What can you do to help with conservation and protection measures?

GOAL To understand that organizations help monitor and protect resources in the watershed

OBJECTIVES Students will:

- ✓ conduct research about organizations that help protect watershed
- ✓ discuss their roles protection of water

MATERIALS papers, pencils

CORE CURRICULUM CONTENT STANDARDS

- Language Arts 2(1)
- Science 8(7,8), 14(7,8)
- Social Studies 13(1,3,5)

VOCABULARY organization, protection

PROCEDURES

1. Have students learn about water protection organizations, such as the Farmington River Watershed Association (www.frwa.org or 860-658-4442). Have students learn about other organizations at www.rivernetwork.org.
2. Discuss mission statements, accomplishments and goals of organization(s).
3. Discuss their role as protecting the natural resources of the river and watershed.
4. Research accomplishments including the designation of wild and scenic river, salmon restoration, protection of wildlife, clean-up river events, recreational activities, such as canoeing, kayaking, swimming, and fishing, and biodiversity studies.
5. Present information to class. Have students discuss the importance of having organizations and people that are concerned about our watersheds (help maintain water quality, protect land, be a watch dog for the watershed).
6. Have students think about and discuss how they can be part of protecting our resources.
7. Discuss if their attitudes have changed about drinking water.

GLOSSARY

organization - something that has been organized or made into an ordered whole

protection - the act of protecting