

Lesson 30

Water Actions

What are ways to help protect the watershed?

GOAL To understand that they can become proactive and formulate a water conservation plan

OBJECTIVES Students will:

- ✓ list ways they can help with water protection and conservation
- ✓ devise a plan of action

MATERIALS paper, pencils

CORE CURRICULUM CONTENT STANDARDS

- Science 7(8), 8(2),14(1,2)
- Social Studies 12(8), 13(5)

VOCABULARY organization, involvement

PROCEDURES

1. Break students into groups.
2. Have them think of ways they can protect and conserve their watershed.
3. Have students devise a plan of action.
4. The following are few suggestions for the students:
 - Adopt-a-Stream
 - Help with a clean-up day
 - Monitor water quality in a local river or stream
 - Educate the community about dumping toxic substances down the storm drains
 - Help others learn about endangered or threatened species
 - Help protect habitats by supporting organizations that do
 - Encourage the community to recycle, re-use and reduce waste
 - Help prevent erosion by planting vegetation on stream banks (would need to check with local authorities)
 - Create a native habitat in your own backyard
 - Learn about your watershed
 - Become involved with Farmington River Watershed Association and organizations that help manage and protect watersheds

GLOSSARY

involvement - the act of engaging or including a participant

organization - a group of persons organized for a particular purpose; an association