

The Field Museum

Environmental Inventory



This activity will help you assess your community's environment issues and strengths. The questions below are meant to provide areas to consider while completing your environmental inventory.

- **Air** – Can you breathe it? Are there any smells? What do you see in the air?
- **Water** – Is there any? Does it look clean? Would you want to swim in it? Would you want to drink it? Does it smell? What flows into the water from the pipes, drains, roads and banks?
- **Land** – Are there trees or plants? Are they native? Are there any wetlands? What manmade things do you see – buildings, roads, etc.? Do you see wildlife or pets?
- **Energy** – What kinds of energy do you see being used – sun, water, fossil fuels?
- **Sounds** – What kind of sounds do you hear? What is making the sounds? Are they healthy sounds or noise?
- **People** – Are they doing things to help the environment? Are they hurting the environment? How do they handle their trash? Are they recycling, composting?

| What environmental issues do you observe? | What community strengths, assets or resources do you observe? |
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