



ENVIRONMENT COMMUNITY SERVICE PROGRAM



The GFWC Environment Community Service Program encourages us to become stewards of the earth by working to; 1) Preserve the World’s Resources, Protect wildlife and Domesticated Animals, 2) Live Sustainably, and 3) 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 to be planted in a threatened rain forest or a national forest. Visit the website to learn about Celebrate Arbor Day (last Friday of April), Tree City USA, and 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 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. Provide information on bird species, their characteristics and behaviors, and their habitats.
- Support legislation that protects our National Parks and other protected areas.
- 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 and ideas.
- 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 socially distanced walk or hike in the community for fun or to raise funds!
- Maintain an existing hiking or biking trail, encouraging people to learn more about nature and enjoy the outdoors.
- Support GFWC-NC past and current projects: Blue Ridge Parkway, Charlotte Hawkins Brown Museum, NC Aquarium Society, NC State Museum of Natural Resources and NC Zoological Park.

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.