

Garden Earth's Helping Hand

Essential Question(s):

What can we do to help Garden Earth?

At a Glance:

Learners set goals to keep Garden Earth healthy while completing a quick and easy craft.

Background Information:

This activity may be used as a kick-off for your service learning project or anytime to set goals on how students can make changes to help improve the conditions of Garden Earth.

Procedure:

1. Discuss your service learning project and how even small actions can help improve Garden Earth.
2. Help students set goals for the service learning project and discuss the positive effects that it will have. What specific actions can they take at school and at home to help Garden Earth?
3. Have students trace their hand on a piece of paper and decorate it.
4. Write the service learning goal or environmentally-friendly action on the palm of the hand. Write five 'tools' you will need to achieve the goal on the fingers. 'Tools' could include physical tools, attitudes, volunteers, etc.
5. Cut the 'helping hand' out and tape it on the wall or hang it from the ceiling as a reminder of the goals made and commitment to help Garden Earth.
6. Later on in the club year, revisit the hands and discuss how they have met their goals or kept their 'helping hand' commitments.



Discussion/Assessment:

How will our service learning project improve Garden Earth and its ecosystems?
What can we do at school and at home that will help Garden Earth stay healthy?

Location: Indoors

Objectives: Learners will:

- 1) state their service learning project goals or specific actions that will help Garden Earth.
- 2) relate their personal actions to its affect on the environment.

Skills: cause and effect, goal-setting, service learning

Supplies:

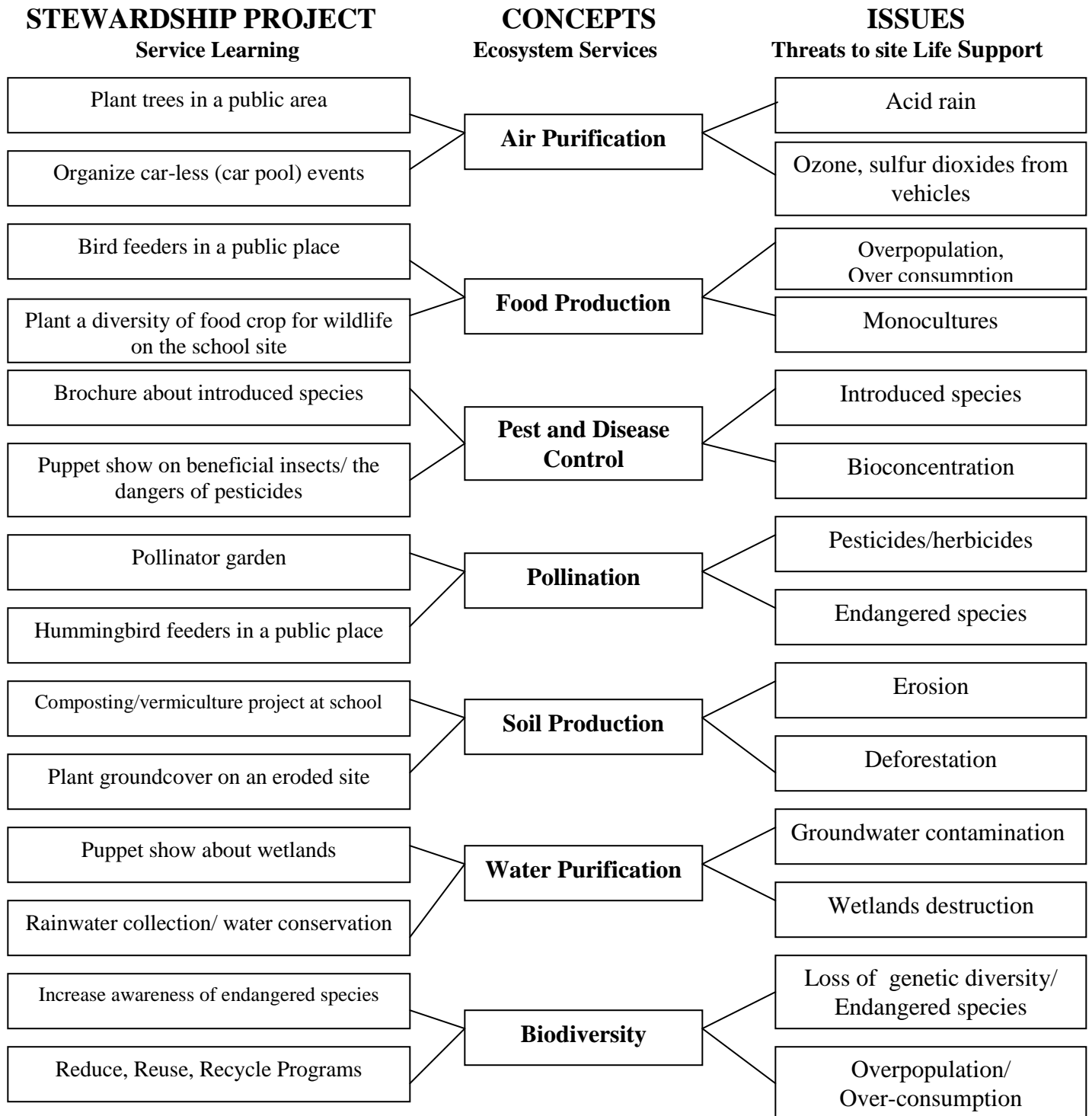
- paper
- markers, crayons, or colored pencils
- scissors
- tape or string

Subjects: science, art

Time: 10 minutes

Garden Earth Naturalist Conceptual Framework

SAMPLE FLOWCHART



Garden Earth Conceptual Framework SCHOOL SITE WORKSHEET

Complete the following worksheet with issues and stewardship projects specific to your site.

