NEEDED: A HOME!

If plants and animals could choose their homes like people do, what would they look for? Each would have its own requirements.

Pretend that you are a particular plant or animal that can live on your school site. Use the following checklist to make notes on what you would like in a home. As you will see, plant concerns are really not so different from people's concerns!

1. **CHOOSE THE RIGHT HABITAT.** It must suit your particular needs. For example, one house or place may fit the needs of one human family, but not another.

I, ____________________, like to live in or on _____________________________.

*Name of plant or animal* describe home or habitat, such as pine forest

My habitat must have ______________________________________________________

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2. **CHECK OUT THE NEIGHBORS.** Some neighbors you wouldn't want. Would a carrot, for example, want to settle next to a bunch of rabbits? And some plants are very pushy. On the other hand, you may need helpful neighbors – like pollinators or seed dispersers.

For neighbors, I would like ________________________________________________

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I do not want to live near _____________________________________________

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3. **CHECK OUT THE SERVICES.** People check out the community services – such as schools, roads, and parks – when they choose homes. But having good eco-services is important to everyone.

Eco-services I need are:

_____ Continued supply of minerals  _____ Carbon dioxide making

_____ Climate control  _____ Control of pests

_____ Air and water cleaning  _____ Soil protection

_____ Recycling of dead matter  _____ Other ______________________