One day during recess at Good Neighbor Elementary, students noticed workers at the painting company next door cleaning their trays and brushes by washing them out in their parking lot. The students could see the water carrying the paint to the edge of the parking lot, toward the school’s newly planted Ethnobotanical Garden. The school had planned to harvest herbs from the garden for a student-parent spaghetti dinner later that fall.

What is the main problem facing this school site?

How does this problem affect school site workers such as beetles, worms and plants?

How do you think this has affected the school site soil?

What about the food grown from this site – for people and for school site workers?

Can you list some things that kids, teachers and parents could do to help the site at this school?

Choose one of the above ideas.

If Good Neighbor Elementary implemented this idea, what would be two good effects on the school site and the creatures who live there?

If Good Neighbor Elementary implemented this idea, would there be any bad affects?

Draw a diagram of the effects.