

Our “Ecoplan” Choosing a plan

- 1) In your groups, choose (or you will be assigned) an area of your footprint you would like to see change. Write this area down.

- 2) Brainstorm a list of 5 -10 projects your school, your family, or your community could do to reduce their individual footprints in this area. (The internet is a rich resource for this.) Record your ideas.
- 3) For each project, ask yourselves the following questions:
 - a) Whose footprint will be reduced after we do this project? (ours, our families', our school's, our community's) Projects that reach out to the school and to the community may be more complicated, but they can help more people and have a greater environmental impact.
 - b) Which projects are the most interesting to your group? If the project is interesting to you, it will likely be more successful.
 - c) How long will each project take? Figure out how much time you have to do your ecoplan and which ideas will work within that time frame. *Note* Projects often take longer than expected.
 - d) How complicated would each project be? It is better to work with a smaller chunk of a project than something that is too complicated.
 - e) What is the goal of each project? How will you know if you have affected the footprint? You should be able to measure the change in your footprint at the end of the project.
 - f) Will you be able to easily get the information and resources needed?
 - g) Will you be able to get the help you need to do each project? Think about all the people you will need to complete the project.
 - h) Who might resist your plan? Why? How can you include these people?
- 4) Now that you have gone through each project, list the top three. Discuss these with your group and teacher.

- 5) From your discussion, choose the best Ecoplan and complete the following:
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