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Lesson 9: Action in Urban Ecology

Action requires some planning. One way to bring about change in urban ecology is to create an action plan following a set of steps. Below is a figure of the components that make up an action plan.

♦ Science Knowledge- the scientific information needed to make changes

♦ Investigate Site and Envision Possibilities- goals for the site changes

♦ Identify Stakeholders- the people involved in the changes

♦ Identify Resources- materials needed to make changes

♦ Construct Actionable Steps- the process to make your planned changes

♦ Motivate and Implement Plan- making the changes happen

For this lesson, you will be focusing on the second step of action planning, investigate the site and envisions possibilities. You should refer information you collected in lesson 2 and the science concepts you learned throughout the module.
Planning Urban Land Use

Module 2 Lesson 9

The Action Plan Process

1. Understand Urban Ecology
   What do I need to know?
   - What scientific concepts do I need to understand?
   - What scientific facts do I need to know?

2. Investigate Site and Envision Possibilities
   What is the site like now?
   - What are my research questions?
   - What data do I need to collect?
   - How can the site be in the future?

3. Identify Stakeholders
   Who is involved?
   - Who is impacted?
   - Who needs to give approval?

4. Identify Resources
   What do you need?
   - What supplies and tools do I need?
   - With which individuals or groups can I work?
   - What agencies, organizations, or companies can help?

5. Construct Actionable Steps
   How am I going to do it?
   - What steps need to be taken?
   - When am I going to do it?
   - How will I know I'm doing it right?

6. Implement the Plan
   Follow the steps.
   Evaluate your progress.

Do It!

Motivate the community:

Reflect and Learn
Question: What is the present state of my field site? How can it be improved?

**Science Knowledge:**
What scientific facts will help me improve my site?

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**Focus of this Lesson**

**Investigate Site and Envision Possibilities:** (Refer back to Lesson 2 to help you address this part of the plan)
- What is the site like now?
- What are my research questions?
- What data do I need to collect?
- How can the site be in the future?
**Identify Stakeholders:**
*Who is involved?*

**Identify Resources:**
*What do you need?*

**Construct Actionable Steps:**
*How are you going to do it?*