

Climate Actions in the Community

Community and sustainability are intertwined. Often, the biggest impact we can have is in our community through getting to know neighbors, volunteering with a local non-profit organization, or getting involved in city initiatives. The effects of action taken at a local level are easily recognized within a neighborhood. And people who know and trust each other are more likely to share and to raise a collective voice or take collective action to address issues.

Here are some actions you can take in your community:

Connect



- Meet your neighbor
- Get to know your neighborhood and local community

Volunteer



- Volunteer locally and virtually

Support



- Support local, national, and global environmental groups

Find details on easy and creative ways to get started on the following pages.

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CONNECT

Meet your neighbor

Get started:

- Invite a neighbor to take a walk in a local park
- Establish a neighborhood tradition – backyard camping night, star gazing, block party, tea party
- Learn about tool libraries and consider starting one in your neighborhood
- Count how many neighbors you know in your street or building. Set a goal for how many you would like to know by the end of the year and work to close any gap
- Pick up trash
- Share with a neighbor when you buy excess food or have an abundant garden
- Fix something in your neighborhood, even if you didn't break it
- When you move into a new neighborhood invite those nearby for a simple gathering rather than waiting for them to invite you. Do it informally and fast by placing a note on their front door.

Why: *Knowing your neighbor is the start of being part of a community and are relationships from which sustainability can flow. People who know and trust each other are more likely to share and to raise a collective voice or take collective action to address issues.*

Get to know your neighborhood and local community

Get started:

- Take your family or friends to a local, regional, and national park in your region
- Visit your local recycling or composting facility – ask your local schools about including it as a field trip for kids
- Join a community garden and help nurture the growing plants/vegetables
- Participate in city beautification projects
- Get involved with a local Earth Month celebration.

Why: *Explore what your neighborhood or community has to offer, whether that's visiting a park or a local recycling facility. What you know and love you will fight to protect.*

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VOLUNTEER

Volunteer locally and virtually

Get started:

- Find a local environmental non-profit with which to volunteer
- Get involved in a sustainability initiative or committee through your city or town
- Go plogging – jogging and picking up garbage – or pick up waste on a hike
- Get your family and friends together to participate in a citizen science project. Example projects include counting birds, sampling water quality, identifying insects. Visit web sites like National Geographic, Zooniverse, and WWF for opportunities. This is great fun for kids
- For Deloitte Professionals Only:* Check in with your member firm's [WorldClimate team](#) for local or regional volunteer opportunities.

Why: Active local communities have tremendous sway over important environmental decisions such as the availability of composting or best uses for an old plot of land. Volunteer locally or even virtually to give back to our planet.

SUPPORT

Support local, national, and global environmental groups

Get started:

- Look for nature conservancies, animal or bird sanctuaries, botanical gardens, and action groups that operate in your area and make a contribution
- Take it to the next level and join the group as a member
- When donating to political causes, take your sustainability perspective into consideration.

Why: Find an environmental group whose advocacy mission speaks to you and support their cause. Dollars can go a long way if properly directed.

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