

# Ways to Engage Your Students in **Environmental Justice**

If you have additional resources or ideas to add to the list, please let us know!

# **Personal and Family Actions**

- Commit to a behavior change that reduces environmental impact (e.g., reducing waste or energy use).
- Perform a family <u>water-use</u> assessment or <u>home energy audit</u> and design a plan to reduce usage.

# **Community Service and Advocacy**

- Participate in a creek clean-up or other local environmental restoration activity.
- Raise money or collect resources for a local environmental charity.
- Join or start a school club focused on environmental action.

#### **Communication and Awareness**

- Write an article about an environmental issue for the school or a community newspaper or website.
- Create a social media post or campaign to raise awareness about local environmental activities or concerns.
- Design a poster highlighting findings from the EPA's <u>EJScreen tool</u> or other environmental research.
- Run an awareness campaign at school to inform peers about an environmental issue.

## **Policy and Civic Engagement**

- Write a letter to the editor of a local newspaper or a local politician advocating for change.
- Research upcoming ballot measures related to the environment and prepare talking points to inform others.
- Draft a new policy proposal for your school to improve sustainability practices.

## **Education and Knowledge Sharing**

- Talk to peers or family members about the difference between facts and opinions in environmental discussions.
- Translate community-sourced photographs into actionable insights using a <u>photovoice</u> project.
- Engage in a <u>citizen science</u> project and contribute data to larger environmental research efforts.