



Environmental Sustainability Proposal

The goal of the iYES program is to help young people develop environmentally sustainable action programs in their schools and home communities.

You already completed a **Local Environment Assessment Survey**. This has helped you think more critically about the issues in your community and imagine possible areas where you can make a big difference in the health of your community.

The **Environmental Sustainability Proposal** asks you to think deeply about the issues in your community and concentrate on where you would like your social action project to make changes. Your interest should link to one of the **Environmental Sustainability Topics** as outlined in the **Background Guide**. In a written proposal you will include the following:

1. State the Problem
2. Report on the Problem
3. List Your Goals
4. Highlight Resources
5. Research Local Partners
6. Bibliography

Proposal Components

Your proposal will consist of six parts:

Section	What do I Include?
1. Statement of the Problem	<ul style="list-style-type: none">✓ What is the environmental problem in your community?✓ How is it connected to one of the Environmental Sustainability Topics?✓ Why is this a problem? (What are the factors?)✓ Why is this an important issue to fix?

2. Report on the Problem	<ul style="list-style-type: none">✓ What has been done in the past to fix this problem?✓ How successful were these attempts to fix the problem?✓ What are some solutions other groups are suggesting?
3. List Your Goals	<ul style="list-style-type: none">✓ What do you want to accomplish?✓ Why do you want to accomplish this?✓ How will you know if you have been successful?
4. Highlight Resources	<ul style="list-style-type: none">✓ How can government programs support you to solve this problem?✓ How can people in your community help you solve this problem?✓ What resources do you have that will help you solve this problem?
5. Research Local Partners	<ul style="list-style-type: none">✓ How can NGOs in your community help support you meet your goals?✓ How can community organizations help you meet your goals?✓ Can local experts (researchers, professors, etc.) lend support to your cause?
6. Bibliography	<ul style="list-style-type: none">✓ What books / articles did you read to understand your topic on a deeper level?✓ Who did you talk to in order to learn more about the situation?✓ What other resources did you use to learn about this topic?

*On the following page is a rubric that you can use in order to help guide your research and writing. If you should have any questions about writing your **Environmental Sustainability Proposal** please do not hesitate to contact MMUN at **iyes@montessori-mun.org***
