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Conservation Action
Walk to School

Encourage physical activity among children. Identify and map safe biking and walking routes to schools and other places. Adults also benefit as they accompany the children. Walk to work. If distance allows... walk. Find opportunities to leave the car and walk. Ask others to walk with you. Take a bus or train.

Conservation Action
Create a Green Space

Create a greenway. Save an area at a municipal or state park or by a stream. Develop plans to plant trees or a butterfly garden. Check with Master Gardeners for help. Plant native plants. Develop maintenance plans for watering, fertilizing. Organize volunteers and a volunteer schedule. Check the garden at Kings Gap Environmental Ed. Center

Conservation Action
Happy Trails to You

Do you walk on a trail? Do you canoe on a water trail? Take an interest in helping to maintain the trail. Pick up litter. Help trim branches and manage erosion. Construct signs. Develop a map at the trailhead. Connect trails to towns and other resources. Join an Appalachian Trail Club or check on the web for rails-to-trails initiatives.

Conservation Action
Save a Stream

Check the water quality of a local stream. Map the stream and locate all the factors that could impact the stream. Determine causes of pollution. Develop action plans to improve the stream.

Plant along the stream. Stabilize bank erosion. Protect lands along the stream. Protect headwaters.

Conservation Action
For the Birds

Protect quality habitat for nesting species of birds and food sources for migrating species of birds.

Monitor birds. Set up nesting boxes for birds like Bluebirds, Kestrels, Barn Owls. Set up winter feeders. Join Cornell's Feeder Watch. Join a birding group. Contact a state park for programs.

Conservation Action
Precycle, Recycle, Compost

Find ways to reduce waste right from the start. Use cloth bags. Use glass to refill water bottles. Try to refill instead of buying new. Reuse appliances and other goods. Develop recycling programs and see that it is promoted and "enforced." Compost organics and enrich garden soil.

Conservation Action
Map your Community

Make a green map of your community and label all the green places and all the hazards. Develop a quest to encourage visitors to find out more about your community. Create or join an Environmental Advisory Council.

Conservation Action
Plant a Tree

Any day is a good day for trees. Arbor Day (last Friday in April) is a good time to plan your project and realize how important trees are. Do a tree assessment of the health of each tree in your community. Encourage tree ordinances. Check with an urban forester.

Conservation Action
Water Runoff, Water Conservation

Find ways to curtail storm water management, reducing the force of runoff from paved surfaces and roof tops. Encourage developers to use pervious surfaces. Plant wetland plants in drainage areas. Plant trees in islands at parking lots.