



Step 3: Create an Eco-Action Plan

Come up with ideas for what to do based on the results of the audit(s)

Critical Thinking | Planning | Creativity | Time Management | Teamwork | Reflection | Goal Setting

What is it?

The Eco-Action Plan follows from the results of your **Environmental Audit** and sets forth a series of goals and a structured timetable for achieving environmental improvements.

How Does it Work?

The Environmental Audit will have sparked a lot of ideas for potential projects. The Eco-Action Team now needs to draw up a workable plan with details of the projects they want to take action on. It will include lists of tasks, supplies/equipment needed, people to involve for each project and who is responsible for each action. The Eco-Action Team will also outline a time table and a budget if there are costs associated with implementation. Copies of the Eco-Action plan should be made available for the whole school to see; the more people are aware of what the Eco-Action Team is trying to do, the more likely they are to get involved and take action. Click here for an example of a [sample Biodiversity Eco-Action Plan](#). You'll find samples and a blank Eco-Action Plan worksheet on the Resource page for each pathway.

Award Criteria



Create a basic action plan based on the results of the Environmental Audit focused on one Eco-Schools USA Pathway | Share the Action Plan with the whole school community | Schoolwide action is taken to mitigate environmental problems, focusing on the selected pathway



Create a detailed action plan that addresses at least two Eco-Schools USA Pathways | Include specific quantifiable targets along with a timeframe for completion | Plan a range of actions covering more than one aspect of environmental management | Results are shared with whole school along with the wider community



Create a detailed action plan based on the results of a formal comprehensive Environmental Audit | Include specific quantifiable targets along with a timeframe for completion | Plan a range of actions which addresses at least three Eco-Schools USA Pathways | Action plan prioritizes targets | Action plan provides cost-benefit information for each action

How can you help?

Give advice on how to break down a big goal into smaller, more manageable goals. Share examples of Action Plans that you have worked on in the past. Help students think systematically about the broader impacts their projects might have at a local, national, and global level.