**Projects for Water Protection and Conservation**

1. Garden club meetings open to public with speakers on local water issues.
2. Create water conservation posters and place in key areas about town.
3. Produce a classroom unit of study for a specified grade level that focuses on water protection and conservation in their locale. Garden club members serve as volunteers as needed. This would include providing both teacher guides and pupil workbooks and supplies for project activities.
4. Plan and construct a rain garden in a public venue to reduce the amount of unfiltered water entering our aquatic ecosystems through storm drains.
5. Begin clean-up of a river, stream, bayou, lakes, by removing invasive species and trash. Involve others by providing educational activities for citizens: seminars, booths at events, taking the message to civic organizations, government agencies and especially schools, sponsoring fun activities highlighting the waterway.
6. Clearing invasive plants from banks of waterways and adding native plants. Involve club members and non-members at open meetings with educational activities.
7. Form partnerships with other organizations to monitor and collect data for a local aquatic ecosystem for an extended period of time.
8. Join other groups to campaign for beneficial proposals or against actions that will harm the quality of aquatic ecosystems in the surrounding area.
9. Provide educational exhibits featuring the conservation and protection of water in flower shows.
10. Partner with a school for a water project on school grounds or nearby locale.
11. Provide water conservation and protection materials to youth groups – 4-H, Girl Scouts, Boys Scouts, Cub Scouts, Brownies. Volunteer to assist with a program on water at one of their meetings.
12. Promote the NGC Poster and Essay Contests in a local school or school district.
13. Sponsor a poster contest at a school featuring local water concerns (fish habitat, bird and animal habitats, pollution)
14. Select outstanding river, lake or bayou garden on a monthly or quarterly basis that promotes beautification, riparian planting and erosion control.
15. Prepare water issue demonstration at Earth Day activities.
16. Identify and label storm drains with “no dumping” signs.
17. Plant trees on Arbor Day to landscape a lake, river, stream or bayou.
18. Create and perform a skit featuring one or more local water issues.
19. Plan monthly water conservation “As the Water Works…” 5 minute presentations for garden club meetings.
20. Plan and construct an outdoor classroom with a focus on water in partnership with a school.
21. Purchase water conservation books for school classrooms.

**Advice from a LAKE**

Be clear. Make positive ripples. Look beneath the surface. Stay calm.

Shore up friendships. Take time to reflect. Be full of life.

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