

GREENPLANSM

Action Planning Checklist

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#	Ten Types of Actions*	Church	School	Neighborhood	Office Park	Business Owner	Home Owner	Potential Methods, Tools and Resources
1. Learning, Communicating and Starting (LCS)								
1	Form a Green Team or Creation Care Team	X	X	X	X	X		
2	Learn from expert speakers	X	X	X	X	X	X	Faith-based list of Speakers, UGA, GT, Home Depot Eco-Options Program, etc.
3	Speak from the pulpit or podium	X						
4	Create or expand your library	X					X	
5	Communicate via excerpts in Newsletter or Bulletin	X	X	X	X	X		
6	Create Creation Care Video	X	X					
7	Develop Web Page	X	X		X			
8	Inform/Educate Youth and Leaders	X	X	X			X	
9	Inform/Educate individual and groups strongly-related to Creation Care work	X	X	X	X	X	X	
10	Plant a Laudato Si/ Creation Care tree	X	X	X	X	X	X	
2. Energy Conservation and Efficiency (ECE)								
1	Get an energy audit and determine current energy performance	X	X	X	X	X	X	GIPL Power Wise Energy Audit
2	Develop an Energy Action Plan (with goals)	X	X	X	X	X	X	Southface Energy Institute
3	Implement your Energy Action Plan	X	X	X	X	X	X	
4	Install CFL/LED Lighting	X	X	X	X	X	X	
5	Install programmable/WiFi thermostats	X	X	X	X	X	X	
6	Install timers/occupancy/motion sensors	X	X	X	X	X	X	
7	Install energy efficient appliances	X	X	X	X	X	X	
8	Install insulation/sealing	X	X	X	X	X	X	
9	Open windows and turn HVAC off when possible	X	X	X	X	X	X	
10	Regularly maintain your HVAC system	X	X	X	X	X	X	
11	Line dry some of your clothes in summer						X	
12	Use a push lawn mower						X	
13	Install ceiling fans	X	X	X	X	X	X	
14	Replace single paned windows with double paned windows	X	X	X	X	X	X	
15	Plant native trees to shade buildings	X	X	X	X	X	X	Trees Atlanta, UGA Extension Service
16	Install rooftop solar	X	X	X	X	X	X	Georgia Power, Georgia Solar Energy Association
17	Install rooftop solar water heater	X	X	X	X	X	X	Georgia Power, Georgia Solar Energy Association
18	Purchase a LEED-certified home or building	X	X			X	X	

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3. Purchasing and Recycling (PAR)								
1	Conduct a waste audit and determine current performance	X	X	X	X	X	X	GIPL Waste Wise Audit
2	Develop an Waste Action Plan (with goals)	X	X	X	X	X	X	
3	Implement your Waste Action Plan	X	X	X	X	X	X	
4	Reduce, Reuse and Recycle (recycle, e-recycle, compost, donate, repair)	X	X	X	X	X	X	Goodwill, Habitat for Humanity, Georgia Recycling Coalition
5	Begin recycling program: paper, plastic, Styrofoam, etc.	X	X	X	X	X	X	
6	Use china plates and stainless utensils instead of disposables for events; wash dishes	X	X	X	X	X	X	
7	Purchase supplies made from natural, recycled or recyclable materials	X	X	X	X	X	X	
8	Compost organic kitchen waste	X	X	X			X	
9	Compost yard waste	X	X	X	X		X	
10	Bring your own bags when shopping						X	
11	Before buying something, think about the before and after environmental impact	X	X	X	X	X	X	
12	Shop at thrift, consignment and used furnishings stores	X	X			X	X	
4. Transportation (TRN)								
1	Walk and encourage walking	X	X		X	X	X	
2	Encourage cycling via bike lanes, sidewalks and bike racks	X	X		X	X	X	
3	Ride your bike if possible	X	X		X	X	X	
4	Use public transportation				X	X	X	
5	Carpool	X	X	X	X	X	X	Georgia Clean Air Campaign
6	Plan car trips to coordinate trips and errands					X	X	
7	Keep your engine tuned up	X	X			X	X	
8	Make sure that your tires are properly inflated	X	X			X	X	
9	Avoid using drive thrus - save time and gas	X	X		X	X	X	
10	Provide premium parking for carpools and alternative fuel, electric and hybrid cars	X	X	X	X	X		
11	Buy an electric or hybrid car or other vehicles	X	X			X	X	
12	Install electric charging stations	X	X	X	X	X	X	
5. Water Conservation (WCN)								
1	Get n water conservation audit and determine current performance	X	X	X	X	X	X	GIPL Water Wise Audit
2	Develop a Water Conservation Action Plan (with goals)	X	X	X	X	X	X	
3	Implement your Water Conservation Action Plan	X	X	X	X	X	X	
4	Repair leaks in toilets, faucets and supply lines	X	X	X	X	X	X	
5	Reduce indoor water use by retrofitting kitchen and bathroom plumbing	X	X	X	X	X	X	Metropolitan North Georgia Water Planning District, Cobb County WaterSmart Program
6	Use the dishwasher only when full	X	X			X	X	
7	For the kitchen, consider purchasing an energy and water-efficient dishwasher	X	X			X	X	
8	Minimize outdoor water use with water-wise landscaping	X	X	X	X	X	X	
9	Use rain barrels / cisterns for outdoor watering	X	X	X	X	X	X	
10	Use drip irrigation systems if you must water	X	X	X	X	X	X	

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6. Buying and Sharing Food (BSF)								
1	Buy locally grown food	X	X			X	X	Georgia Grown Program
2	Buy organic and naturally grown food if possible	X	X	X		X	X	Georgia Organics
3	Shop carefully and use cloth bags	X	X				X	
4	Eat lower on the food chain	X	X				X	
5	Try to continue "Meatless Fridays" or begin "Meatless Mondays"	X	X			X	X	
6	Don't waste food	X	X			X	X	Second Harvest
7	Compost food scraps	X	X			X	X	
8	Avoid drinking bottled water	X	X			X	X	
9	Support the local food pantry or food bank	X	X	X		X	X	Atlanta Community Food Bank, St. Vincent de Paul, etc.
10	Grow food at home or on the facility grounds	X	X	X	X		X	University of Georgia Extension Service, Master Gardener Volunteers
11	Join the local food movement	X	X	X	X		X	Georgia Organics
12	Plant a kitchen garden with herbs, vegetables and flowers	X	X				X	
7. Creating Sustainable Landscapes (CSL)								
1	Connect the landscape with nearby urban forests	X	X	X	X		X	University of Georgia Extension Service, Master Gardener Volunteers
2	Create a water-wise landscape	X	X	X	X		X	
3	Plant native trees and drought tolerant native plants	X	X	X	X		X	
4	Reduce lawn size	X	X	X	X		X	
5	Prepare the soil well and compost	X	X	X	X		X	
6	Use correct planting procedures	X	X	X	X		X	
7	Minimize chemical use	X	X	X	X		X	
8	Create a wildlife habitat	X	X	X	X		X	
9	Plant for pollinators	X	X	X	X		X	Bee Conservation in the Southeast, circular 1164 of the UGA Cooperative Extension Service, 1998.
10	Create a community garden	X	X	X	X		X	
11	Create a meditation garden	X	X	X	X		X	
12	Create a rain garden	X	X	X	X		X	
13	Become a Master Gardener						X	
8. Assisting Climate Vulnerable Populations (AVP)								
1	Know what people and areas in your parish, school and community are most vulnerable	X	X	X		X	X	
2	Provide assistance to vulnerable people and areas in your parish, school and community	X	X	X		X	X	
3	Adopt a vulnerable population or area far from home and provide assistance	X	X	X		X	X	Red Cross, Catholic Relief Services, etc.

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9. Involving Young People (IYP)								
1	Tap into US EPA's Eco-portal for eco-activities	X	X	X				Environmental Protection Agency (EPA)
2	Join the Georgia Green and Healthy School Program	X	X					Georgia Green and Healthy Schools
3	Catch the Cycle School Recycling Program	X	X					Georgia Recycling Coalition
4	Join the Recycle Bowl Competition	X	X					Keep America Beautiful
5	Incorporate environmental lessons into school and sunday school curriculum	X	X					Catholic Climate Covenant, GIPL
6	Walk, bike and carpool to school		X					
7	Create a schoolyard wildlife habitat	X	X					National Wildlife Federation "How-To Guide" for Schoolyard Habitats
8	Cultivate a school garden	X	X					UGA Cooperative Extension School Garden Resource Center
9	Schedule field trips to 4-H outdoor environmental centers	X	X					4-H Club
10	Plant a class tree		X					
11	Offer environmentally-focussed field trips	X						
12	Celebrate St. Francis Day	X	X				X	
10. Political Action (PAC)								
1	Become informed about environmental issues	X	X	X		X	X	SoutheastGreen.com
2	Encourage people you know to lobby their elected representatives	X	X	X			X	Catholic Climate Covenant, Citizens Climate Lobby, Georgia Conservancy
3	Support products and businesses that are ethical and sustainable	X	X	X	X	X	X	
4	Support candidates who support the environment	X		X		X	X	
5	Get involved in environmental projects	X	X	X		X	X	Audubon Society, Trees Atlanta, Eco-USA.net
6	Join or support an environmental group	X	X			X	X	

* Note: This framework has been adapted from the Laudato Si' Atlanta Action Plan.