



Project Examples Handout

What elements of civic learning and engagement are present in these projects?

- A group of middle schoolers sees a problem with trash at local playgrounds. They interview members of the recreation department to determine the cause of the problem. During their investigation, they join forces with a local parent group and successfully petition the city council to purchase six solar-powered, compacting trash cans – one for each playground.
- Students concerned about climate change conduct research to find out how the town deals with its trash. They present their findings to a local chapter of Keep America Beautiful, which agrees to help them inform the town council about alternative energy options. As a result of the joint presentation at a meeting, the town council is now considering the purchase of a wind turbine.

