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The GFWC Environment Community Service Program encourages us to become caregivers of the earth and influence the continual changes of the natural ecological process with our actions. By working to preserve the world's resources, protecting wildlife and domesticated animals, living sustainably, beautifying our communities, and enjoying nature we must take care of our most precious resource ~ our environment.

- Get your members familiar with the **Mass Audubon** by visiting <https://www.massaudubon.org/> and learn about saving birds and other local wildlife. A wide variety of suggestions and opportunities are listed on the website. Invite a speaker to your next club meeting.
- Enjoy **Memorial Forest**, the GFWC Massachusetts gem. Take an opportunity to walk the grounds and learn about the history of the GFWC MA Headquarters and 60+ acre property. Visit the Sudbury Valley Trustees website <https://www.svtweb.org/> and learn about protecting natural areas and farmland around the Sudbury, Assabet, and Concord Rivers.
- A great way to conserve water is to use **rain barrels** to collect rainwater from your roof. This water can be used to water gardens or lawns, wash cars, fill swimming pools or any outdoor cleaning. Share information with your clubs and communities on how to set up a rain barrel collection system.
- **Recycling** is the norm. Create a flyer for your community of where and how to recycle items that are not collected on the regular trash collection. Used items like: batteries, computers, air conditioners, mattresses, paint cans, and appliances all have special instructions – find out the answers and share them locally. Massachusetts info: <https://www.mass.gov/guides/rain-barrels-and-other-water-conservation-tools>
- Find a corner in your town and take care of it! Most communities give organizations an opportunity to "**Beautify**", it can be a traffic circle, bike or walking trail rest stop, or a town common bench area. Many times, a signage comes with your club taking on the responsibility. This is a great way to get your club recognition while making a common area pleasing to the public.
- A Massachusetts favorite is to **recycle** by donating **gently used items**, such as: clothing, accessories, shoes, household items, toys and more. Each community has many choices of who can use these items. Pick the organization that needs your support, domestic violence shelters, after school programs, church thrift shops, or international organizations.

For many more ideas check out the 2022-2024 GFWC Club Manual pages on the GFWC Massachusetts website by going to the **ABOUT** tab and click on **What Do We Do?**