



### **Goals**

- To develop environmental awareness and appreciation for our natural resources through Ohio FCCLA involvement
- To actively engage students in projects dealing with preservation of the environment
- To promote environmentally sound practices in the home, school, and community
- To promote the Ohio FCCLA organization through visible home, school, and community projects

### **Basis**

• POWER (Preserving Our World's Environmental Resources) is a state project designed by the State Executive Council and was created to give YOU the opportunity to make a difference in the preservation of our environment. It is your responsibility to actively demonstrate ways to help a cleaner future for our society. How will you make a difference?

### **Project Ideas**

#### **At Home**

- Form car pools
- Find Travel Smart Methods of Traveling
- Have a Gas Review Week (To see how much gas is being used in a household)
- Recycle plastic bags
- Reusable bags

#### **At School**

- Sponsor an "Earth Month"- April Earth Day (April 22)
- Arbor Day (Last Friday in April)
- Organize walks throughout town and country to pick up trash and recyclables
- Park Clean-Ups
- Initiate Recycling Programs (Including E-Waste Drives-Bring to Correct Facilities)
- Plant a garden and/or trees

#### **Community**

- Recycle metal cans, e-waste, plastics, paper, glass
- Sponsor a Community Clean-Up
- National Arbor and Earth Day
- Pop tabs for Ronald McDonald
- Cell phones for abuse shelters

### **Facts**

- On the average, the 140 million cars in America are estimated to travel almost 4 billion miles in a day, and according to the Department of Transportation, they use over 200 million gallons of gasoline doing it.
- Every day 50 to 100 species of plants and animals become extinct as their habitat and human influences destroy them.
- 63,000 square miles of Rainforests are being destroyed each year.
- Every year some 45,000 tons of plastic waste are dumped into the world's oceans. One of the results of this is that up to one million seabirds and one hundred thousand marine mammals are killed each year by plastic trash such as fishing gear, six-pack yokes, sandwich bags, and Styrofoam cups.