Climate Change Action Plan
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Project title: Climate Change – is it real?

Project Summary:

1. Develop a power point with full presentation text for use at Vermont state level Master Gardener conference, or Leavenworth Master Gardener monthly meeting.
   (The Power Point is complete and available for your review.)
2. Distribute the power point to Vermont Master Gardener District Leadership for use by their members at local Master Gardener gatherings.
3. Make Power Point available for use by Vermont or Leavenworth Master Gardeners in community venues to which they may be invited as speakers (ie. Congregations, Scouts, Library)

Outcome:

Motivate audience to accept that Climate Change is real.
Motivate audience to plan ways at the individual and the communal level to lower carbon footprint, reduce landfill waste, encourage local governmental commitment to lowering greenhouse gases, etc.

Target Audience

Vermont Master Gardeners attending statewide conference, Vermont District leaders, Vermont community residents.

Leavenworth Master Gardeners and community residents.

List one strategy you will use for assessing your audience

Audience will demonstrate belief in climate change by a show of hands survey at the end of presentation.

Audience will interact to questions: Do you think there is anything you can do? What specifically do you think you can do?

Your Resources

1. Priscilla McKinney/ Carol Holmquist, Master Gardener
2. Beret Halversen, Statewide Vermont Extension Master Gardener Director and Karol Lohman, Kansas State Research and Extension Agent for Leavenworth County.
3. Climate Change Course and Internet materials
Challenges

Potential audience does not believe the science.
The political narrative goes against the science.
Encouraging others to take the message to the community.

Activities

Present to various Vermont and Leavenworth audiences.
Audiences will demonstrate belief in climate change by show of hands.
Audiences will discuss ways to lower carbon footprint, etc.

Plans for Evaluation:

Number of attendees at Vermont presentations.
Number of attendees at Leavenworth presentations
Percentage of attendees who believe climate change is real at the end of the presentation.
Percentage of attendees who believe they can impact climate change.