



Sustainability Ambassadors

## Sustainable Community Conditions

# Neighborhood Inventory Checklist

## GREEN SPACE

**STEP ONE:** Take an informal walk around your neighborhood to identify the streets or natural features that will set the boundaries for your inventory. Use one of the following scales:

1. My street (name)
2. 10 blocks (names of streets defining the area)
3. Half-mile radius with my house or apartment in the middle
4. 1-mile radius (like the [one-mile maps](#) of my school neighborhood)

**STEP TWO:** Print out this checklist or use your phone or tablet to make a detailed inventory of your neighborhood. You might also want to print out a screen shot from [www.mywater.world](http://www.mywater.world) to help you see from above what you are experiencing on the ground as you walk about. Take photo documentation of what you observe to use later in building your slide presentations.

### Size and Condition of Green Spaces

1. City park
  - a. Well maintained (litter cleaned up, invasive plants and weeds removed, native plants healthy)
  - b. Moderately maintained (some litter, invasive plants and weeds, native plants healthy)
  - c. Poorly maintained (litter, overgrown with invasive plants and weeds, native plants unhealthy)
2. School playfield
  - a. Well maintained (litter cleaned up, invasive plants and weeds removed, native plants healthy)
  - b. Moderately maintained (some litter, invasive plants and weeds, native plants healthy)
  - c. Poorly maintained (litter, overgrown with invasive plants and weeds, native plants unhealthy)
3. Urban farm

- a. Well maintained (litter cleaned up, invasive plants and weeds removed, native plants healthy)
  - b. Moderately maintained (some litter, invasive plants and weeds, native plants healthy)
  - c. Poorly maintained (litter, overgrown with invasive plants and weeds, native plants unhealthy)
4. Community garden
- a. Well maintained (litter cleaned up, invasive plants and weeds removed, native plants healthy)
  - b. Moderately maintained (some litter, invasive plants and weeds, native plants healthy)
  - c. Poorly maintained (litter, overgrown with invasive plants and weeds, native plants unhealthy)
5. Open green space
- a. Well maintained (litter cleaned up, invasive plants and weeds removed, native plants healthy)
  - b. Moderately maintained (some litter, invasive plants and weeds, native plants healthy)
  - c. Poorly maintained (litter, overgrown with invasive plants and weeds, native plants unhealthy)
6. Thickly forested area
- a. Well maintained (litter cleaned up, invasive plants and weeds removed, native plants healthy)
  - b. Moderately maintained (some litter, invasive plants and weeds, native plants healthy)
  - c. Poorly maintained (litter, overgrown with invasive plants and weeds, native plants unhealthy)
7. Vacant space (deforested)
- a. Well maintained (litter cleaned up, invasive plants and weeds removed, native plants healthy)
  - b. Moderately maintained (some litter, invasive plants and weeds, native plants healthy)

- c. Poorly maintained (litter, overgrown with invasive plants and weeds, native plants unhealthy)

***Document additional questions, research topics, or insights for this section.***