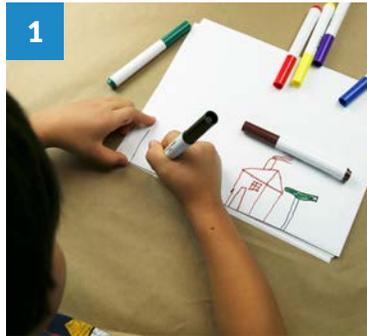


My Community

Imagine a more sustainable neighborhood!



Try this!

Draw a picture or map of your neighborhood. What's most important to you? What do you like or not like about your neighborhood?



Look at the Changing Communities photos showing examples of ways people might choose to change different places. Can you think of other ways to improve these spaces? How could different choices be good for people, the planet, and the economy?



Now think about how you might want to make changes in *your* neighborhood. What could you do to make your community better today and in the future? Add these ideas to your picture!

Sustainable communities meet the needs of people, the planet, and the economy.

We can work together to make our communities more sustainable. The picture you drew shows how your community uses land and other resources today—and provides a vision for how it could change in the future. To be sustainable, communities need many things, including homes, schools, businesses, and open spaces.

When we think about how to build sustainably, we weigh many factors, including the impact on people, the planet, and the economy. Over time, our priorities change, and we can decide to use resources in new ways. If we work together, we can find innovative solutions to today's challenges and make tomorrow's world a better place!



In Bethlehem, PA, a new arts and entertainment complex was built on former industrial sites.



We all have a role in building a more sustainable future!

The United Nations is working with kids to come up with new ways to make their towns and cities more sustainable. The program uses the popular video game Minecraft to crowdsource planning ideas. Kids from over 15 countries have participated so far.



In some countries, citizens can participate in city planning using the tools in Minecraft.