

Engaging Alameda Youth in Climate Action

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How can the City of Alameda Better Engage Youth in Climate Action?

- Focus on students that are already involved in climate work as well as reaching out to those who are not yet.
- Work towards getting more students educated, interested, and participating in climate action in Alameda.
- Two pathways achieve this goal:
 - **Climate Interested Youth:** Collaborating with and supporting climate interested youth, and student-led organizations.
 - **Non-Climate Aware Youth:** Work with climate interested youths to spread the passion for climate action, engaging and educating students who would otherwise not participate.



Alameda Youth Climate Ambassadors

Engaging Climate Interested Alameda Youth

Develop a Youth Climate Ambassador Program to work with student-based climate groups (EHS Environmental cooperative, AHS Amplify, ASTI Activism, Lincoln Environmental Club, YouthPower, etc.)

- Creating a network of students in climate action
- Students learn about the city's actions and CARP initiatives
- Implement the information they've learned to their own student populations



Climate Ambassador Activities

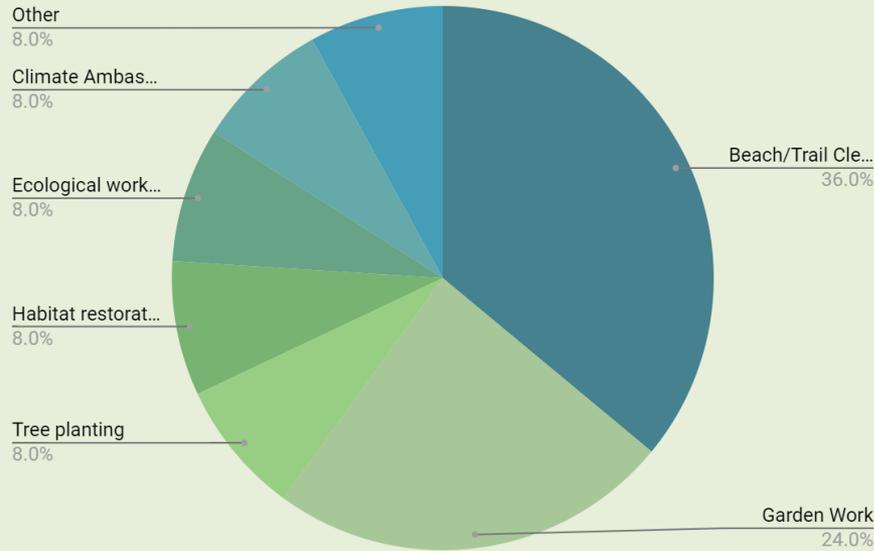
Educational Opportunities

- Spreading the passion for climate action through education
- Events and projects:
 - Air pollution educational events
 - Trash sorting events
 - Walk & Roll to School
 - Speaker events
 - Earth Day celebration
 - Student made CARP video



Student Community Service Survey

Which environmental-based volunteer work would you be most likely to participate in?



Community Service Climate Action Handout



USE YOUR COMMUNITY SERVICE!

All public Middle and High Schools in the Alameda Unified School District require a minimum of 20 hours of community service to promote or graduate. Use your community service to help our climate through beach clean ups, tree plantings, and much more!



WHERE CAN I VOLUNTEER?



- **100k Trees 4 Humanity:** Plant and mulch trees
- **CASA:** Attend monthly beach clean-ups
- **REAP Climate Center:** Attend fieldtrips, workshops for ecological experiences, volunteer opportunities every Sunday and Wednesday
- **East Bay Parks:** Work on service projects like trail maintenance, botanical garden volunteer and more
- **Friends of the Urban Forest:** Attend community tree plantings and tree care in San Francisco



HOW ELSE CAN I GET INVOLVED?

WHY DO CLIMATE VOLUNTEERING?

Alameda is greatly threatened by rising sea levels and extreme heat, the city has ambitious goals of becoming carbon neutral as soon as possible to ensure a resilient, thriving city for current and future generations. Community engagement is going to help all of us protect Alameda!



There are many great ways to get involved in climate and environmental work alongside other interested youth at your own school! Join Alameda High School's Clean Marine and Amplify clubs, Encinal High School's Environmental cooperative and Gardening Clubs, ACLC's Gardening Bevy, or ASTI's Green club to learn, educate, and volunteer!



WHO AM I VOLUNTEERING WITH?

COMMUNITY AND GLOBAL INITIATIVES

Here is some more information on these organizations aimed towards creating a sustainable Bay Area



100K TREES FOR HUMANITY

"We're planting 100,000 urban trees and plants-- or one new tree per resident-- to increase our urban forests, restore natural habitats, and increase urban carbon sequestration capacity to help cities meet carbon reduction goals." - 100k Trees for Humanity



COMMUNITY ACTION FOR A SUSTAINABLE ALAMEDA (CASA)

"A community-wide coalition dedicated to raising awareness, mobilizing community action, and facilitating the implementation of programs to achieve the goal of Alameda's Climate Action and Resiliency Plan and to increase community sustainability and well-being" - CASA

REAP CLIMATE CENTER

"Our mission is to increase access to climate change mitigation by providing ecological experiences and climate job pathways" - Reap Climate Center



EAST BAY PARKS

"We manage and preserve natural and cultural resources for all to enjoy and protect. The regional parks are ideal for healthful recreation and environmental education." - East Bay Parks

FRIENDS OF THE URBAN FOREST

"Committed to revitalizing San Francisco's urban forest, building community, and taking a local leadership role in mitigating global environmental problems through the simple act of planting and caring for trees and sidewalk gardens" Friends of the Urban Forest

SAVE OUR PLANET!



Thank You

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“Through education, we can motivate students to combat climate crisis in their community. Environmental topics is not required in the AUSD school curriculum, meaning many students are blind to the fact that they can contribute. To many people, climate change seems like too big of an issue for them to solve. I think educating them would be very helpful...Climate change is a big issue, so we need to show them that volunteering can have a big impact.” – Tonia Chen, AHS Student

