

Through watching the video topic series, “Sustainability: The Human Factor,” your student discovered the link between native plants and a healthy ecosystem. Here are some tools to help your family continue the learning together!

DISCUSS!

Your student can use these discussion questions to start talking about the topic with your family:

1. Why is it important to plant native plants?
2. Do we have any native plants around our home?
3. Are we able to plant native plants near our home? Where?
4. Which native plants does each member of the family like best?

ACTIVATE!

Together, set aside and organize a space in your garden or yard to plant native plants. Your student can lead you in researching native plants local to your area, so your family can choose the type and size of plants that will work best for your home. If you are not able to plant outdoors, consider decorating the interior of your home with low-maintenance, air-purifying plants such as snake plants and ferns.

REMEMBER!

Native plants greatly improve the health of an ecosystem. The deep root systems of perennial native plants conserve water, prevent run-off and flooding, and nourish the soil. These plants provide food and homes for important pollinators and local wildlife. Your family can take steps to keep our ecosystem healthy!