**Impact Resources**

**\*As the impact is the last step of this project, DO NOT wait until the last minute to reach out!\***

**Design/ Engineer**

* Write to school district superintendent/ city/ county council/ state legislator/ about having your prototype implemented
  + The higher their authority gets, the harder and longer it takes to receive a response. Note that there is absolutely no penalty on the rubric for the success of your impact. As long as you attempt to make an impact with your creative solution, you will receive full points.
  + How to contact:
    - The superintendent of schools:
      * Email: [Teacher Provided]
      * Mailing Address: [Teacher Provided]
    - City Council:
      * Email: [Teacher Provided]
      * Mailing Address: [Teacher Provided]
    - County Officials:
      * Email: [[Teacher Provided]
      * Mailing Address: [Teacher Provided]
    - The senator:
      * <https://www.cruz.senate.gov/contact>
      * <https://www.cornyn.senate.gov/contact-john-cornyn/>

Letter/ email template for implementing your prototype:

The sample letter below is provided to show the correct format for addressing your authoritative official of choice. It is impossible to provide one letter that would meet the needs of all students; so, you will need to personalize your letter to address your concerns or issues. Please use the left-hand column as a guide for the format but make the letter unique to your needs!

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| **Return Address**          **Date**      **Official’s Mailing Address**          **Salutation**      **Introduce yourself: your name, address and school to identify that you are a constituent**    **Why are you writing your Senator?**            **Ask for a response**          **Thank your Senator for his/her time**    **Closing with your name** | Your Name  Address  City, S.C. Zip Code      [Insert Date]      The Honorable [Insert Official’s Name]  [Insert Mailing Address]    Dear Senator [Insert Last Name]:      My name is [Insert Your Name] and I reside at [Insert Your Address] in [Insert Your City], Texas. I am in the [Insert Your Grade] grade at [Insert Your School].      I am writing you to ask that you help make my vision a reality.  **[Be specific with your suggestion, idea or request. Introduce the problem, how it affects your specific level, and why it is important to solve it.]**      I appreciate your help and ask that you please send me a response letting me know if you are able to implement this solution [Insert your level of impact]      Thank you for your time and considering my request.      Sincerely,    [Insert Your Name] |

**Education**

* Email a former teacher/ principal to have your educational workshop/ toolkit/ activity implemented in their current classroom
  + For example:

“Dear Mr./ Ms [Insert Their Last Name], I hope all is well! I am a former student and am now in grade [Insert Your Grade]. I am currently taking AP Environmental Science with the amazing [Teacher Name] and we are currently working on our sustainability project for the unit on “Land and Water Usage”. I chose to [Insert an Explanation of Your Solution]. Part of this project is creating an outreach plan to present our solution to the public and I was wondering if you would be willing to host me for [Insert Your Predicted Time for Your Presentation/ Workshop/ Activity]. I would greatly appreciate your valuable classroom time to educate your students on [Insert Your Topic]. Thank you in advance and I look forward to hearing back from you!

Best,

[Insert Your Name and Phone Number]

**Video/ Poster**

* Email the principal to have your poster design presented/ posted across campus/ school/ district social media platforms. Alternatively, your video may be presented to our class only.
  + Principal email: [Teacher Provided]
  + Social Media Manager: [If any, Teacher Provided]

**Other Resources:**

Other examples of Impact that organizations work on:

* Take a look at how these organizations are helping increase water conservation/ reduce water pollution. How can you do the same with what you have? Could you design a website similar? Or replicate one of their posters/ ads?
* EcoRise: <https://www.ecorise.org/>
* Riverwatchers: <https://riverwatchers.org/>
* WaterAid: <https://www.wateraid.org/us/>
* Clean Water Action: <https://cleanwater.org/>
* World Water Council: <https://www.worldwatercouncil.org/en>