

Qualitative Assessment Template

Name of Action _____ **Glen Ridge Eco Fair**

In a few short sentences, please describe the action and identify your partners. The 9th annual Glen Ridge Eco Fair was held on Saturday May 7th, 2016. As in the past, we teamed up with local vendors and organizations who promote Environmentally friendly products and services Our focus is always on how to live a more active, healthy and eco-friendly life style. List of participants is provided separately for your information.

Even if the action was performed by volunteers, or you got in-kind donations, please estimate your costs and the time commitment required to complete the action.

Glen Ridge Eco Fair is sponsored and run by volunteers from the Glen Ridge Environmental Advisory Committee. We provide tables and chairs to our vendors every year. Our public Works Department also helps us with set up and clean up of the entire event. The estimated cost is ??????????????

Our volunteers begin working in early March in preparation for our Annual Eco Fair traditionally held on the Saturday of the Mother's Day weekend.

Assess what worked and what could be done if this action is tried again in the community.

We bring the whole community together and focus on many hot topic issues. We teach our residents how to grow their own vegetable gardens, create rain gardens and make their own compost. We provide information on GMO. We promote native plants and have exhibitions on bees and monarch butterflies. We give out information on solar panels and how to conserve energy. We focus heavily on promoting the 3R's and how to reduce, reuse and recycle. Our fair continues to grow and we continue to modify and adjust it based on the feed back we receive from our community as an outreach on green initiatives.

What are the next steps for this action?

Our 2017 Glen Ridge Eco Fair is already booked for Saturday May 13th and we plan on continuing to encourage and promote sustainable and green life style to our residents. Number of very excited vendors have already sign up for our next year's Eco Fair which is to take place on May 13th.