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Comments on:

Project 1: Capacity Building to Improve the Environmental Health of Vulnerable Communities in North America

Project 3: North American Grasslands: Management Initiatives and Partnerships to Enhance Ecosystem and Community Resilience

Projects #1 and #3 are interesting to us, particularly because the link to « community engagement ». The prerequisite to the impacts and success of those projects is based on the involvement of the community members, the people who live in this community. Regarding the « existing tools » and a « strategic approach » to attempt the goals, we would like to propose the approach that we use and validated by many organizations in Canada and abroad (ex: Environment Canada, Natural Resources Canada. This approach is based on the model called « Action Research ». It takes the community members in solving real problems in, with and for their community (see in attachment the flyer « in » and « out ». Our expertise is applied to age groups including children and adults. Another issue is very attractive for us. It regards to e-wastes. I would be pleased to participate to the next JPAC meeting on June 21-22, 2011 in Montreal. Best regards, Claude Poudrier, M.Ed., CCEP. Dir. PEEC Quebec, Canada