



# Citizens taking charge of the environment





## Why this matters to you:

We inhabit one planet with interconnected ecosystems, and community actions are critical in supporting both local and global sustainability. The NAPECA program funds community efforts and empowers local people and organizations to improve the environmental quality and health of their communities. The CEC publicizes successes and promotes replicability of successful community actions for greater positive impacts.

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**THE CEC ENGAGES LOCAL AND INDIGENOUS COMMUNITIES TO TAKE ACTION ON SUSTAINABILITY ISSUES BY IMPLEMENTING INNOVATIVE SOLUTIONS LOCALLY, WITH A VIEW TOWARD REPLICABILITY AND REGIONAL EXPANDABILITY.**

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## Because of the CEC...

- North American citizens, including Indigenous and local communities, are taking charge of the environment and finding solutions to the challenges they face.
- Community projects involving capacity building, training and the development of tools, have supported the sustainable use of resources and achieved environmental and economic benefits at the community-level.
- Hands-on activities have been implemented with community members who have shared their knowledge with their families, schools and fellow citizens, thereby expanding the network of local environmental stewards in North America.

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