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## EcoSchools U.S. Themes

In addition to the EcoSchools Framework, the EcoSchools U.S. themes are integral to the program and are connected to the action cards. Each card is assigned a theme, but the assigned theme is only one interpretation an action can have as all actions in the Action Library are cross-cutting.

These themes represent our priorities to address real and present threats posed by a changing climate and whose effects are significantly impacting wildlife, biodiversity, and the health and resilience of our communities. **The time for action is now!**

### Climate Change

Beyond climate science, a changing climate requires a focus on justice and action.

- Authentically collaborate with those most vulnerable to its impacts
- Actively advocate to those in power for change
- Seek innovative solutions using out-of-the-box thinking

### Wildlife and Biodiversity

More than one-third of all U.S. species need our help.

- Increase biodiversity by planting a variety of native plants and trees
- Create Schoolyard Habitats<sup>®</sup> creating homes for local wildlife and adding connectivity to food, shelter, water, and places to raise young along their routes
- Combat invasive species

### Healthy and Resilient Communities

Sustainable communities are steeped in the lived experiences of their members, build community power through authentic relationships, improve well-being, and increase resilience to climate impacts.

- Examine community needs by being an active listener and participant
- Build lasting relationships with members of the community
- Determine if actions taken are equitable, inclusive, and seek to address injustice.
- Be an active partner in bringing community visions to life



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