

"Getting the Dirt" on Soil Use in my Community

Materials:

Area Map (soil survey <http://soils.usda.gov/survey/> or from local soil survey book **Camera (optional)**)

Observe how soil is being used in your community. Always select safe locations.

Complete this worksheet in your assigned area for the utilization of soils in your community.

LOCATION	SOIL USE	COMMENTS
#1		
#2		
#3		
#4		
#5		

Name _____ Date _____



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Answer the following questions for each of the soil utilizations you researched in your community.

Where was the soil being used?

What type of soil was at this location?

Why was the soil being used?

What else did you observe at this location?

What short-term benefits does the use of this soil provide?

What long-term benefits does the use of this soil provide?

Did you observe any potential negative consequences from the use of this soil?

What are some possible ways to fulfill the need for this soil without these negative consequences?

What are some of the nonmonetary and monetary costs for the use of this soil?

What can you do to decrease any impact on this soil?

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