Welcome to “Student Stewardship Action to Monitor and Improve Water Quality”

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Great Lakes Watershed field course

- National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) B-WET grant

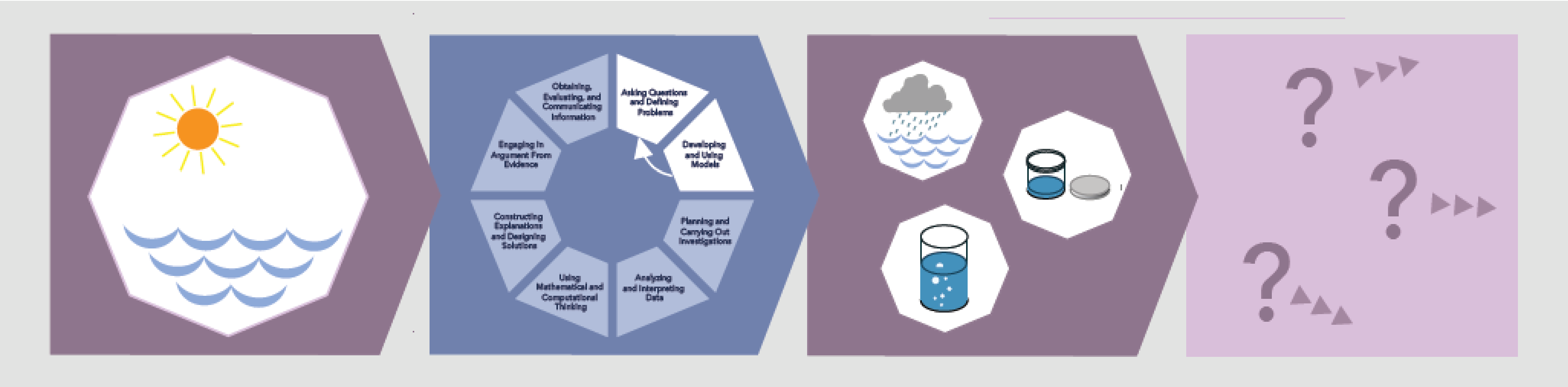
Next Generation Science Storylines

- Learn While Teaching Workshop - August 2017
- Better understanding of the Framework
- How can I make my classes more equitable?
- How do I create lessons where ALL students are part of the knowledge building?

Earth Force Framework

NextGenStoryline Anchoring Phenomenon Routine

Explore Anchoring Phenomenon	Attempt to Make Sense	Identify Related Phenomena	Develop Questions & Next Steps



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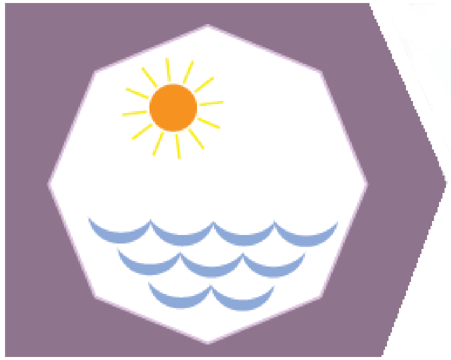

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Community Environmental Inventory data discussion

Determined Community Strengths and Potential Issues (listed below) after completing the audits:

- Food waste in our cafeteria
- electricity/energy waste throughout the building
- lack of convenient recycling opportunities for both plastic and paper
- several areas on campus where water pooled
- lots of impervious surfaces that ran directly into the sewer
- a human-made pond that was in disrepair and covered in duckweed and algae
- a retention pond/drainage ditch that had been overrun by invasive species

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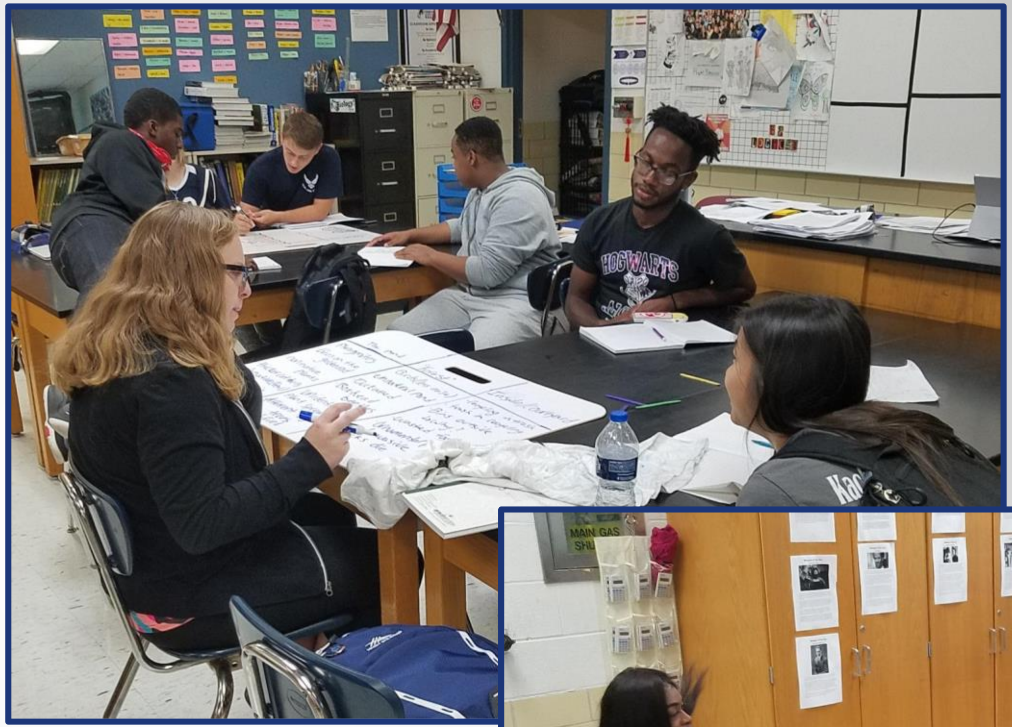

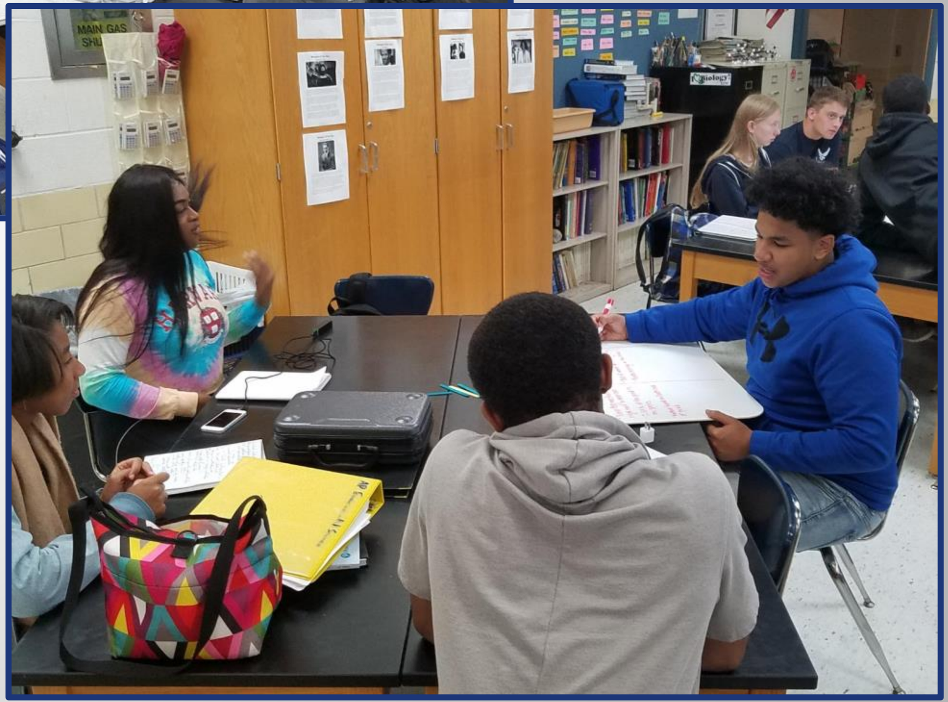

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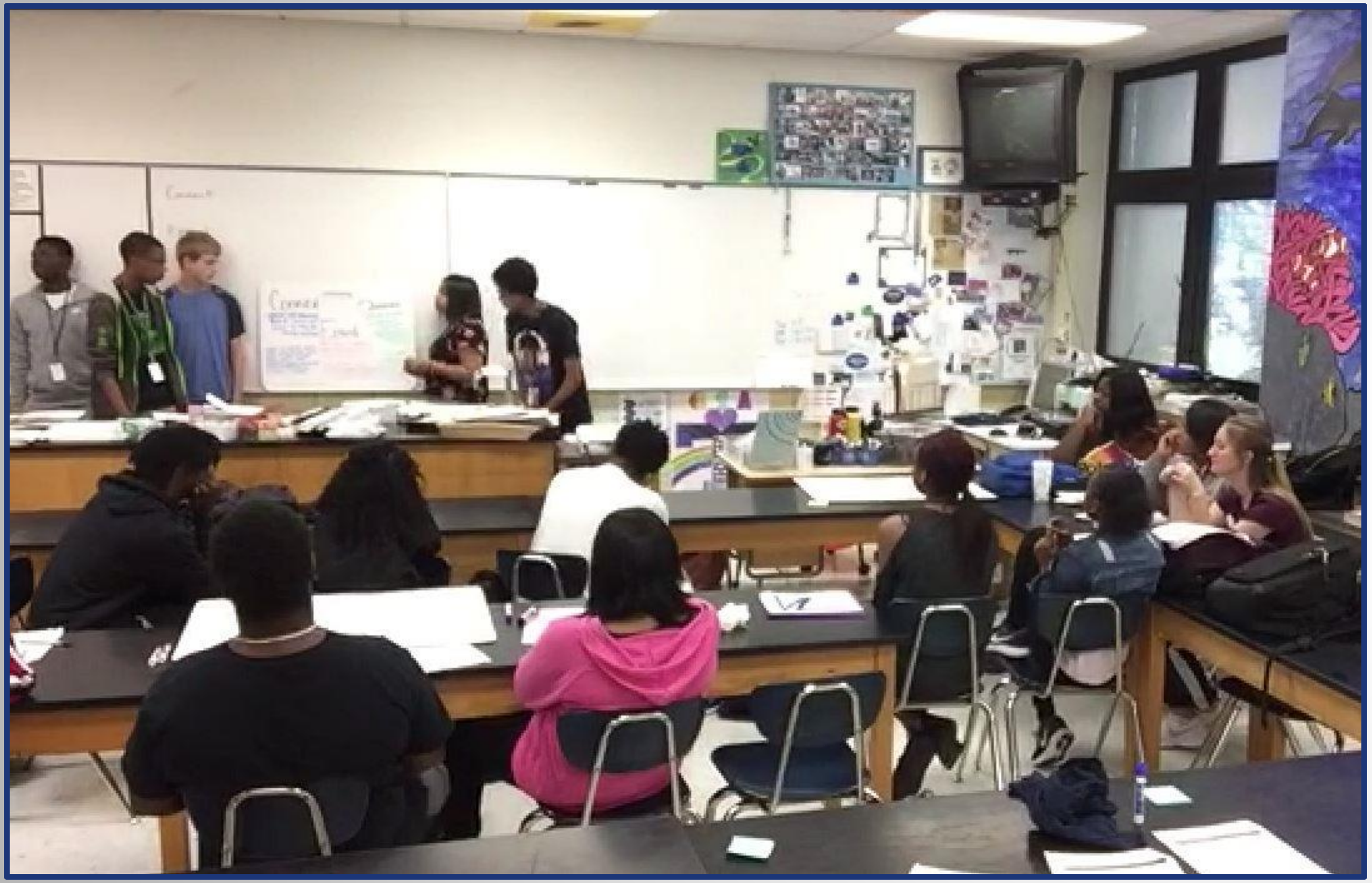

The *Phragmites* infested retention pond

- has low biodiversity
- is not attracting pollinators
- is providing habitat for undesirable mammals (namely rats)
- dense reeds are trapping a lot of trash which was an eyesore and could cause other problems too
- Water is “dirty”

Project Goals

Student Goals

1. Improve watershed health
2. Increase biodiversity
3. Create opportunities for elementary and middle school students to have a local field trip where they learn about factors affecting the health of their local environment
4. Create opportunities for students (my AP students) to teach these concepts to the other students to raise awareness
5. Create outdoor space where students have place-based educational opportunities

Teacher Goals - Student Goals *PLUS*:

6. Prepare my students for the AP Environmental Exam by increasing their understanding of key content knowledge and science practices
7. Increase student awareness of careers and pathways to careers related to water quality
8. Increase the likelihood that students will think about the environment and become good environmental stewards and/or activists.
9. Increase student knowledge of how to approach community leaders and think about stakeholders when leading stewardship action projects
10. Increase the likelihood that students will choose to go outside for recreation

Students Identified Questions they still need to answer

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- What plants do we want?
- Why do we need a pond there? What does it do? Where would the water go otherwise? What are all these big things that look like drains?
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Who in the community can help us learn? What can we do to learn more AND to learn how to help others learn?

Who can help us learn about where the water is going?

- George Bednarski, Superintendent
  Water and Sewer Department
  Charter Township of Redford

Who can help us learn about how to know if our water is safe?

- Erin Cassady, Friends of the Rouge
  Rouge Education Project

Who can help us learn about other parts of the watershed? How it is cleaned? Different types of Wetlands?

- Daria Hyde and Yu Man Lee, Michigan Natural Features Inventory and the Vernal Pool Patrol

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So many opportunities to learn AND to help!

Students expressed the need to learn more about biodiversity, wetlands and our watershed and wanted to be a part of more projects that could help.

Michigan Natural Features Inventory - Vernal Pool Patrol

Friends of the Rouge - Rouge Education Project

Alliance of Rouge Communities (ARC)

Center for Great Lakes Literacy (CGLL)

GLOBE - Aren Project, Lilac Phenology, Arctic Bird Migration, Biometry, Land Cover

Cornell Lab of Ornithology - eBird, Project Feederwatch, Nestwatch

iNaturalist

MISIN - Midwest Invasive Species Information Network

https://www.youtube.com/watch?time_continue=4&v=ddlw9gmq6V4


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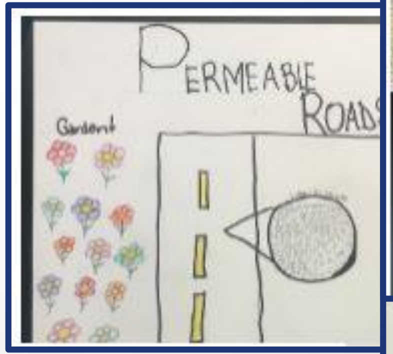
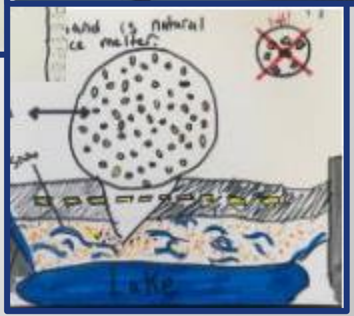
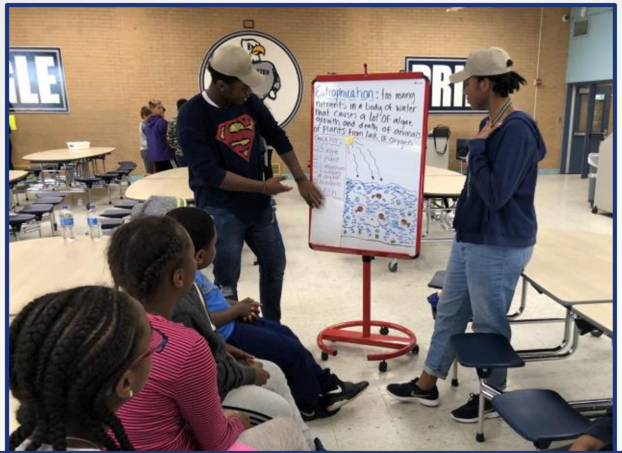
Now that WE know, how do we help others learn?

- Maybe we could invite the 5th grade students from Addams?
- Hmmmm – that is interesting… What a coincidence… I've been helping some 5th grade teachers with a storyline unit called "Where does our clean water come from and where does it go after we make it dirty?"
- I bet they will love to learn from you guys and help with your project!





Students plan learning stations and garden layout then host learning stations for 5th graders



5th grade students help us plant the native plants


LOVE PINK




HS-ESS3-3. **Create a computational simulation to illustrate the relationships among the management of natural resources, the sustainability of human populations, and biodiversity.** [Clarification Statement: Examples of factors that affect the management of natural resources include costs of resource extraction and waste management, per-capita consumption, and the development of new technologies. Examples of factors that affect human sustainability include agricultural efficiency, levels of conservation, and urban planning.] [*Assessment Boundary: Assessment for computational simulations is limited to usi*

HS-ESS3-4. **Evaluate or refine a technological solution that reduces impacts of human activities on natural systems.*** [Clarification Statement: Examples of data on the impacts of human activities could include the quantities and types of pollutants released, changes to biomass and species diversity, or areal

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HS-ESS3-1. **Construct an explanation based on evidence for how the availability of natural resources, occurrence of natural hazards, and changes in climate have influenced human activity.** [Clarification Statement: Examples of key natural resources include access to fresh water (such as rivers, lakes, and groundwater), regions of fertile soils such as river deltas, and high concentrations of minerals and fossil fuels. Examples of natural hazards can be from interior processes (such as volcanic eruptions and earthquakes), surface processes (such as tsunamis, mass wasting and soil erosion), and severe

climate

patterns

HS-LS1-2. **Develop and use a model to illustrate the hierarchical organization of interacting systems that provide specific functions within multicellular organisms.** [Clarification Statement: Emphasis is on functions at the organism system level such as nutrient uptake, water delivery, and organism movement in response to neural stimuli. An example of an interacting system could be an artery depending on the proper function of elastic tissue and smooth muscle to regulate and deliver the proper amount of blood within the circulatory system.] [*Assessment Boundary: Assessment does not include interactions and functions at the molecular or chemical reaction level.*]

HS-LS2-2. **Use mathematical representations to support and revise explanations based on evidence about factors affecting biodiversity and populations in ecosystems of different scales.** [Clarification Statement: Examples of mathematical representations include finding the average, determining trends, and using graphical comparisons of multiple sets of data.] [*Assessment Boundary: Assessment is limited to provided data.*]

HS-LS2-6. **Evaluate claims, evidence, and reasoning that the complex interactions in ecosystems maintain relatively consistent numbers and types of organisms in stable conditions, but changing conditions may result in a new ecosystem.** [Clarification Statement: Examples of changes in ecosystem conditions could include modest biological or physical changes, such as moderate hunting or a seasonal flood; and extreme changes, such as volcanic eruption or sea level rise.]

HS-LS2-7. **Design, evaluate, and refine a solution for reducing the impacts of human activities on the environment and biodiversity.*** [Clarification Statement: Examples of human activities can include urbanization, building dams, and dissemination of invasive species.]

Science and Engineering Practices

Constructing Explanations and Designing Solutions

Constructing explanations and designing solutions in 9–12 builds on K–8 experiences and progresses to explanations and designs that are supported by multiple and independent student-generated sources of evidence consistent with scientific knowledge, principles, and theories.

- Construct an explanation based on valid and reliable evidence obtained from a variety of sources (including students' own investigations, models, theories, simulations, peer review) and the assumption that theories and laws that describe the natural world operate today as they did in the past and will continue to do so in the future.

Science and Engineering Practices

Using Mathematics and Computational Thinking

Mathematical and computational thinking in 9–12 builds on K–8 experiences and progresses to using algebraic thinking and analysis; a range of linear and nonlinear functions including trigonometric functions, exponentials and logarithms; and computational tools for statistical analysis to analyze, represent, and model data. Simple computational simulations are created and used based on mathematical models of basic assumptions.

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- Use mathematical representations of phenomena or design solutions to support

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Developing and Using Models

Modeling in 9–12 builds on K–8 experiences and progresses to using, synthesizing, and developing models to predict and show relationships among variables between systems and their components in the natural and designed worlds.

- Develop and use a model based on evidence to illustrate the relationships between systems or between components of a system.

Disciplinary Core Ideas

LS2.C: Ecosystem Dynamics, Functioning, and Resilience

- A complex set of interactions within an ecosystem can keep its numbers and types of organisms relatively constant over long periods of time under stable conditions. I

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ESS3.C: Human Impacts on Earth Systems

- The sustainability of societies and the b... supports them requ... management of n...

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- Scientists and engineers can ... contributions by ... technologies that ... pollution and ... that preclude ... degradation.

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- Moreover, anthropogenic changes (induced by human activity) in the environment—including habitat destruction, pollution, introduction of invasive species, overexploitation, and climate change—can disrupt an ecosystem and threaten the survival of some species.

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Influence of Science, Engineering, and Technology on Society and the Natural World

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Crosscutting Concepts

Systems and System Models

- Models (e.g., physical, mathematical, computer models) can be used to simulate systems and interactions—including energy, matter, and information flows—within and between systems at different scales.

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Scale, Proportion, and Quantity

- Using the concept of orders of magnitude allows one to understand how a model at one scale relates to a model at another scale.

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Stability and Change

- Much of science deals with constructing explanations of how things change and how they remain stable.

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Cause and Effect

- Empirical evide... between cause and correlation and make claims about specific causes and effects.

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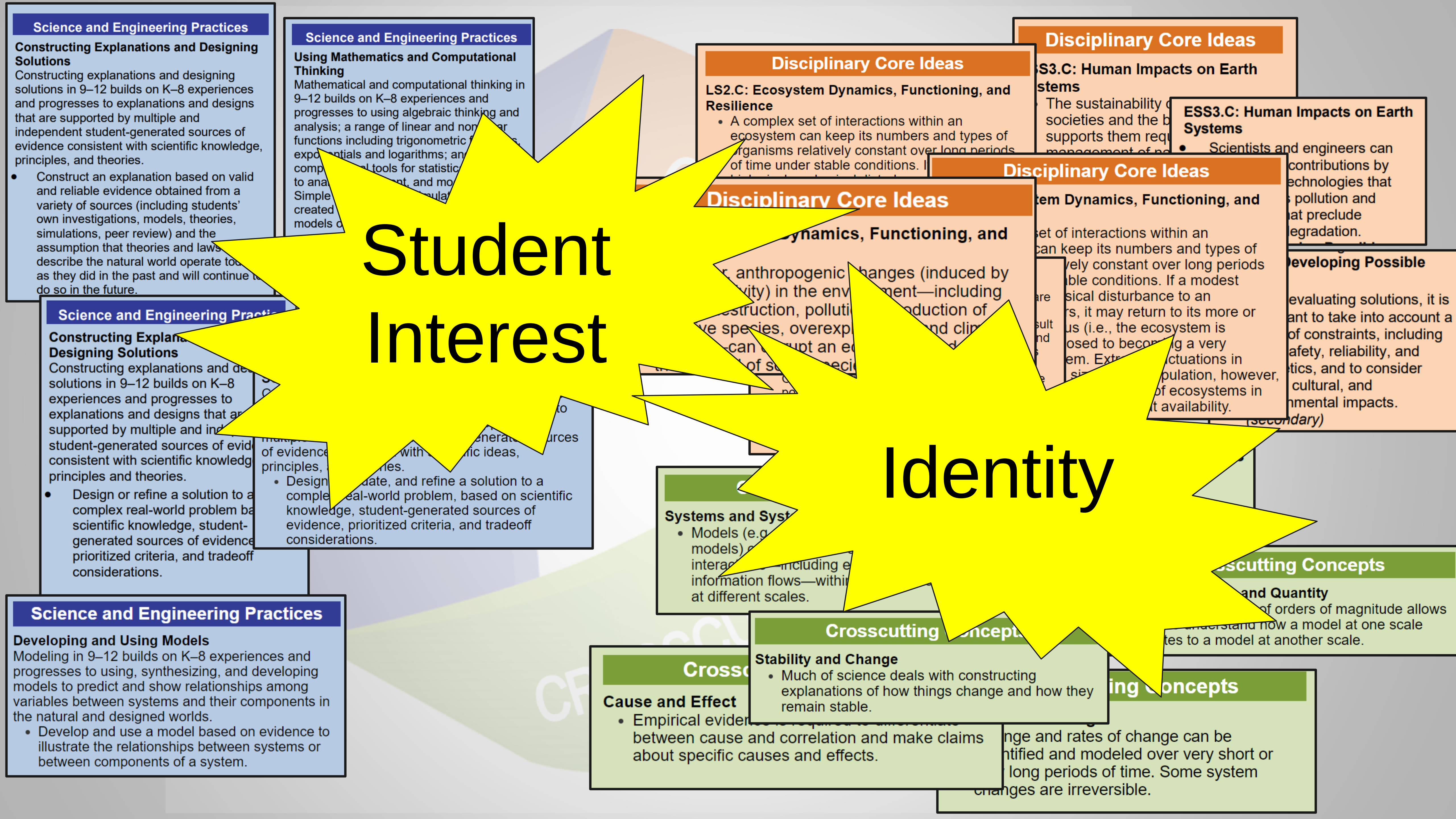
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- Meemic Classroom Improvement Grant - $300
- MAEOE Grant - $500
- NOAA B-WET Grant (through Watershed Field Course) - $300 plus extras
- Knight Center for Environmental Journalism Grant - $1000 for Env Sci/$1000 for video productions
- 2018 Michigan Lottery Excellence in Education Award - $500
- NOAA Planet Stewards Education Project Grant – $2500
- MDSTA Mini Grant - $500
- Meemic Traditional Grant - $500
- KidsGardening.org Budding Botanist Grant - $3000
- Michigan Natural Features Inventory Healthy Watersheds grant - $500
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Explore the links below for examples, tools, resources and ideas

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STEM Teaching Tools

MNIF

NOAA

iHUB

The Cornell Lab of Ornithology

The Center for Great Lakes Literacy

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Links to where you can find applications for funding to support this work

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- Project Learning Tree Greenworks Grants
- Lowe's Small Toolbox for Education Grant
- Wild Ones Lorrie Otto Seeds for Education (SFE) Fund
- Annie's Grants for Gardens
- Whole Kids Foundation Garden Grants
- Whole Kids Foundation and the Bee Cause Project Bee Grants
- Fiskars Project Orange Thumb Grants
- USDA Farm to School Grant Program
- Big Green Learning Gardens
- Jeffers Foundation School Garden Grants
- Green Education Foundation Green Thumb Challenge
- Captain Planet Foundation EcoSolution Grants
- The Pollination Project Grants
- Toshiba Grants for grades K-12
- Walmart Foundation Community Grant Program
- Target Field Trip Grants
- NEA Student Achievement Grant
- MonarchWatch.org and Kansas Biological Survey Free Milkweek Plugs
- Cornell Douglas Foundation Grants
- The Awesome Foundation Grants
- Costco Grants
- Quadratec Cares "Energize the Environment" Grant Program
- Cliff Bar Family Foundation Grant
- Patagonia Environmental Grants

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