Directions: As a team, select one community scenario from Handout 1. *Alternately, your team may elect to explore a local community challenge.* Conduct internet research to better understand the community issue/problem. Using the information provided in the scenario and the research findings, answer the following questions:

1. What is the community issue?

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1. What are the root causes of this problem? What is causing the identified community problem?

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1. What do you think the community will look like in 10 years if no effort is made to stop the problem? What other consequences do you think might arise because of the issue? Record some key statistics.

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1. How do you think these issues might have been prevented?

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1. With your team members, discuss the specific change you want to make (the goal or objective of the project). Then, brainstorm potential community service projects that would address the problem and its root causes. Use the matrix below to help you explore each potential project.

**Goal/Objective:**

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| **Possible Interventions**  What can you do to address the problem?  What community project will you implement? | **Obstacles**  What are the challenges that may prevent the project from being implemented? | **Resources**  *Organizations/People, Money, Products, etc.*  What resources are needed to execute the project? Are the resources available? Who should be mobilized? How will you encourage them to help? | **Impact**  How will you know if the project has a positive impact? What are the indicators that show the problem is solved or improved? | **Timing**  How many weeks/months do you think it will take you to implement the project? [Include time to obtain the required resources, market the project, gain community buy-in, recruit volunteers.] |
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1. With your team members, select one of the community service projects proposed on page 2. Develop a 10-minute presentation about the project. Be prepared to make the presentation to the larger group and answer questions from the audience following the presentation; the team may need to complete the presentation as homework. The presentation should:

* Define community service.
* Describe the community issue, how it currently affects the community, and the potential long-term impact of the problem if the root causes are not addressed.
* Explain the proposed service project and why it is the best option to address the community issue.
* Identify the resources required to implement the project.
* Provide some statistics that show why the idea might work or how the project will positively improve the community.
* Include an implementation timeline.