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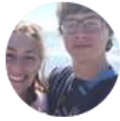
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Day 26 Greenest Challenge

One issue that has really resonated with me was Biodiversity. Biodiversity is so vital to not only the natural constructs of the environment and its stability, but is vital to us as humans, as we of course have a wide range of foods we consume that are largely due in part by pollinators, but also utilize medicines and other such products that would not be possible without a biodiverse ecosystem. I choose and aspire to help heal our planet by helping to increase and maintain biodiversity in given ecosystems through restoration work, advocacy, and land and resource conservation. One such project myself and others have been advocating for, is conserving our school's natural areas, and from this, I have continued to learn and see not only the importance of a biodiverse habitat, but gain a surreal understanding of how concerning the potential impacts of losing such a biodiverse area can be. The Midwest has such a unique and important native prairie ecosystem that unfortunately has been developed over or turned to agriculture fields, and I feel it is understanding such examples of land loss like the Midwest's native prairies, that empower me to want to make change and restore the land. That is, in part, why I will continue to fight for land and species conservation, always.

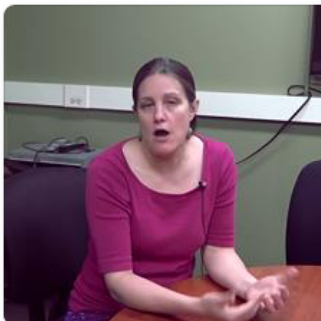
I envision myself as a powerful role-model by continuing environmental activism work, and either creating my own organization, or by joining an already established conservation organization, in which I can continue to educate others and work towards a more *sustainable future for all life*- not just human life, by conserving the biodiverse land, and therefore all the species that dwell on the land. I see myself, speaking in front of large businesses, politicians, etc. to urge them seek the importance of conservation, while also speaking at likeminded environmental events, to educate and update others about the work being done to restore and maintain biodiverse habitats. I envision myself being very happy working to protect biodiversity as a job- something which I feel so passionately about.

***for the social media post, instead of posting a picture of myself, I thought I would post the video on the fen that I am interviewed in as an alternative.**

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