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# Day 24- Biodiversity

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# Threats to Biodiversity

I walked around my school a couple of times trying to figure out what were potential threats to biodiversity. I thought about the lights and the light pollution, but I didn't think that was a factor. I thought about the telephone lines, but I didn't think that was a major threat either. As I looked around, I noticed how many cars whiz by the campus every day. I also noticed, as I walked around the back, huge field of open land. Once I reached the entrance of the school, I also saw that the school only set up trash cans, not recycling cans.



# Cars

Parking is a big issue at my school because currently, there are only 175 spots available for 3,000 kids. People park on many side streets and walk a couple of blocks just to have the leisure of driving to school. We also don't have many bike racks. This is a huge threat to biodiversity because of how much the students pollute each day to and from school. Having 3,000 kids and all of the teachers drive adds so much carbon dioxide to the air, harming the wildlife.



# Large Areas of Land

This may not seem like such a big deal at first, but having such large areas of land only covered in grass harms biodiversity because that land could be added to the forest for more trees and habitats for animals. We have several of these patches around our school, big enough for the forest next to our school to extend into. If we had less of these patches, there would be more plants and animals in the forest who have a shelter.



# Recycling

Kind of like the issue with land, not having recycling bins may not seem like it has a huge impact., but it really does. Our entire school doesn't actually recycle the plastic, paper, and glass in the bins, and most people throw their recyclables into the trash cans anyway because they don't know the difference. This is an incredible threat to biodiversity because as more and more trash, that could be recycled, goes into landfills and accumulates over time, the need for more area for that landfill increases, causing more deforestation.



# Call to Action

To fix our recycling problem at the school, we want to set up a meeting with our principal or superintendent in order to describe the true effects of not recycling, and try to put more recycling bins into our school/ enforce recycling. We need to educate this generation on recycling and reusing so they can pass it on to future generations. We are making a petition, that we will put on our morning announcements show, Everyday Titan, to demand more action towards recycling.



# Our Petition

Our goal is to get 70 signatures!

Petition to enforce recycling at TC Williams

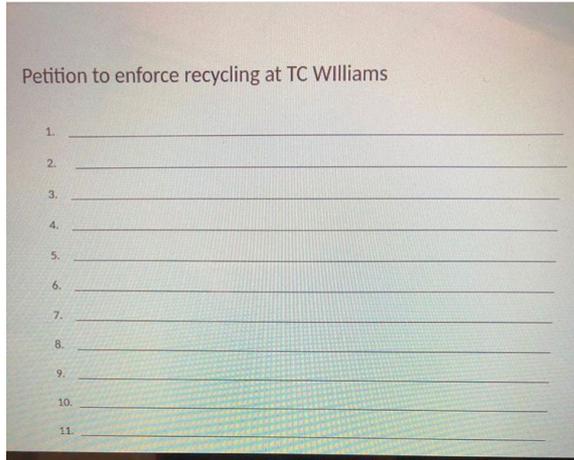
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**thegreengirls2018** Come find us at TC Williams today to sign our petition! This is our call to action on reducing biodiversity lost. We want to reduce the amount of waste produced at school!

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