Call to Action

**Option A**

Attend a meeting (perhaps virtually) of your city council, county commission or other local policy making body and introduce yourself and why you are attending. Listen to their priorities—what are they talking about? Could native plants be incorporated into the conversation? Think about how you could advocate for native plants.

If you have done this prior to participating in Stewards, do it again but take a friend and be a mentor, or prepare a statement and provide relevant resources.

**Option A Discussion Forum**

Share with the class what you learned from attending the city council, county commission, or policy making body meeting. Have you attended a local policy making meeting before? What are pressing issues you observed during the meeting? What surprised you about the meeting or structure of the meeting?

**Option B**

Use the Living Roadway Trust Fund books and other resources available to do a plant audit of your community – if possible include a friend, a neighbor, elected official, or city planner – choose a destination within walking distance and try to walk to it via one route and return using another route. Make notes and take photos documenting the dominant plant species and opportunities for native plants and enhanced wildlife habitat.

**Option B Discussion Forum**

Share with the class who you took with you on your walk. How did you feel about the walking audit? What did you observe? What were the highlights? Surprises? Where there areas where native plants and trees could be planted?

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