

# FACT SHEET



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## SUSTAINABILITY EDUCATION

The Izaak Walton League believes it is possible to live a quality life today without sacrificing the natural resources left for future generations. Our Sustainability Education Program aims to identify practical ways we can all work together to create a sustainable future—one that meets the basic needs of all people today without compromising the Earth's ability to meet the needs of future generations.

### UNDERSTANDING POPULATION AND THE ENVIRONMENT

Many of the conservation challenges we face today are, at their root, caused by the staggering number of people using the Earth's natural resources. We have more than 6.6 billion people on the planet and are adding 80 million each year. That's a lot of people tapping into resources like fresh water, fossil fuels, forests, and fisheries. Through our Sustainability Education Program, the League promotes sensible solutions to the challenges presented by population growth. Using workshops, media outreach, legislative advocacy, and study tours, we work to raise public awareness and support for a sustainable future that places fewer demands on already scarce natural resources.

### PROMOTING SUSTAINABLE COMMUNITIES

Across the nation, individual communities face a similar challenge: How do we grow economically and socially while still conserving our natural resources? The League helps to answer that question by educating our members and other citizens about what different communities are doing to create sustainable futures. Through our publications and our Web site, we share what we've learned—that successful communities combine visionary leadership with long-term planning and collaboration to preserve open space, reduce personal consumption, and manage growth.

### TAKING INDIVIDUAL ACTION

What can you do to support and maintain a sustainable lifestyle? On a personal level, you can cut back on the resources you use in your daily life. The League's Shallow Footprints Campaign teaches people how they can conserve energy, water, and other resources. We also train individuals on how they can more be more effective advocates at local, state, and national levels for a sustainable future.

### LEARN MORE ABOUT OUR SUSTAINABILITY EDUCATION PROGRAM

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