

Student Worksheet 2-Council Vote

Name: _____

Now, you must separate yourself from your group and imagine that you are part of the council that will allot money to support one environmental project presented today. You may not choose the group that you were in to support.

Speakers will present their groups projects.

Which project do you choose to support? _____

Why do you think this one is the best plan?

What could the other groups have done to change your mind?

Do you think they could have convinced you better if they had other people that supported them present today? For example, if you knew people supported their project and did so by showing up to the vote with signs and banners- would that have affected your vote?

This is the process that occurred all around the country and here in Pennsylvania in the early 1900s. A woman by the name of Mira Dock supported a City Beautiful movement in which the city of Harrisburg would be cleaned up and enhanced by less pollution and parks and recreation areas. She had many supporters and tried to add many more by using slides of the areas, before and after photos, and support signs. (Look over the signs and photos that your teacher is presenting – try to draw a comparison between the process you went through and the one that happened over 100 years ago).

Do you think it is a good idea to support environmental projects such as this? Explain why or why not.