



2015 Manitoba Envirothon Provincial Orals Challenge

The Town Council of your hometown, Wimborne, is confronted with a proposal to designate a patch of forest within town limits for public use and appreciation, not unlike the Assiniboine Forest in Winnipeg. Some citizens have suggested that this land should be put to better use as residential or commercial space, while others are in favour of re-establishing the forest patch.

The Councillors have called a town hall meeting to hear the views of citizens so that they can consider the best response to this proposal. Your team represents five individuals in the community (e.g., business developer, arborist, local farmer, etc.) that reflect the diversity of opinions about what the land should be used for, what an urban forest is, and how to manage it.

Your team's job is to present both sides of the argument to the Councillors at the town hall meeting, being sure to incorporate the three aspects of sustainability and five topic areas of Envirothon.