

Whitney Young Magnet High School

2022 Project Report

Project Focus: Various
Staff Involved: 2
Location: Chicago, IL
Students: 15

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A core group of 10-15 students that make up the green team... were the primary focus and participants of our project, but various projects we've implemented pulled in a much wider group of kids at different points in the year.

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The Project:

Whitney Young worked on a multi-part plan to create sustainable change in the school while educating students and staff about being more environmentally friendly. Students formed a **school Green Team** to raise awareness among their peers through informative presentations and events relating to sustainability. They also organized a volunteer program to go to classrooms without recycling bins to organize and take away recyclables. Robotics students built a **hydroponic planting system** and participated in hands-on urban gardening projects, growing more than 300 edible plants.

The student Green Team **collaborated with other student clubs** such as Eco Club and Sunrise Movement to give **presentations during Earth Week** on topics ranging from fast fashion to factory farming to energy efficiency. They also organized fundraisers, crafting activities and a school-wide trash pickup event to get other students involved in sustainability initiatives.

