

**Preparation Phase
(30 minutes)**

An individual that owns land adjoining your school's property has offered to make available to your FFA Chapter, one acre of land to be developed as a community vegetable garden. The garden is to be a service project providing fresh vegetables for community members in need and who have no garden. The soil on this acre of land is productive field soil. In order to use the land, you must present to the landowner, a plan of how you will utilize the plot and how the produce will be made available to those in need. The produce is not to be sold. The land owner has stated that she is willing to make the land available at no charge for a period of at least three years. There is an option of continuing the project after three years if your project is successful. The project will be reviewed at the end of each year.

Your team is to serve as the planning committee. Your job is to plan how you will use the land and distribute the produce. In your plan you should consider the following:

- How will you identify the people that would benefit the most from the project?
- Once you have identified those this project will help, how will you get them involved?
- What vegetables should you grow to be most beneficial?
- Will the garden be spring/summer only or will you plan on growing spring/summer and fall vegetables?
- Will those that benefit from the produce be the ones that do the planting, weeding and harvesting, or will your FFA members do the work and make the produce available to those in need?
- How can this garden be made educational for the recipients so that they might develop some gardening skills?
- How do you plan to handle the distribution of produce so that each recipient gets a fair share?
- How will you evaluate the success of the project and report to the landowner?

You are to develop a plan for a community garden and present it to the land owner for her approval. If approved, the land will be available for your use in January, 2018 for a period of not less than three years.

**Presentation
(15 minutes)**

In this phase, you will be **presenting your proposal for use of the land to the land owner.**

1. Each member of the team must participate individually in the presentation.
2. The presentation should be an informal conversation. The "land owner" may ask questions.
3. The greatest concern of the "land owner" is how the produce will be fairly distributed.