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Editor's Note

Human actions--not only in the United States, but around the globe--are steadily degrading the quality of the environment. Relentless urbanization, the proliferation of hazardous waste, and the fall out from "disposable" societies pose increasing threats to the environment worldwide.

In order to address these issues most effectively, planners must expand upon their role as champions of the environment. Planners can start by fostering a change in the public's attitude toward the environment and the conservation of natural resources. In this regard, a number of strategies hold promise. These strategies include: educating the public about recycling efforts; encouraging the reuse and redevelopment of existing urban areas through the land use planning process; and making the public aware of conservation programs that they can get involved in.

Everyone has a great deal at stake in the impending global environmental crisis. Each citizen, therefore, should be aware of the environmental consequences of daily human activities, and measures that can be taken to mitigate the adverse effects.

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