Defining a Course of Action

1 | review what you know

DESCRIBE THE ENVIRONMENTAL ISSUE.
Overcrowding and accidents on a public recreational trail. Bikers and skateboarders are riding recklessly. Pet refuse is a problem, too.

STATE THE PRESENT POLICY OR PRACTICE.
Anyone can use the trail anytime, except motorized vehicles.

2 | set the goal

LIST AND ANALYZE ALL THE OPTIONS FOR NEW POLICIES OR PRACTICES.
- Ban bikers or ban skateboarders
- Ban pets and small children
- Establish speed limits
- Establish and enforce strict trail rules
- Ban strollers
- Require helmets for all bikers and skaters
- Limit number of people allowed on trail
- Create lanes on trail for different activities
- Allow certain activities on certain days of the week only
- Give all users water pistols to fight it out
- Close the trail, or close the trail on weekends

SELECT THE OPTION YOU WANT TO PURSUE AS YOUR GOAL.
Establish and enforce strict trail rules.

WRITE YOUR PROJECT GOAL STATEMENT.
"We want the Parks and Recreation Department to establish and enforce strict trail rules, which will result in trails that are safe."

3 | decide what to do next

LIST AND ANALYZE THE POSSIBLE STRATEGIES TO REACH THE GOAL.
- Meet with the Parks and Recreation Department to develop appropriate rules.
- Write and distribute a user-survey form concerning what the rules should be.
- Make and distribute leaflets to trail users.
- Develop presentations to be given at bikers’ clubs, skaters’ clubs, and other organizations.
- Write letters to the editor about the issue and the suggested solution.
- Create a presentation for the local cable television station.
- Hold public meetings to develop rules.
- Make presentations to neighborhood civic associations that surround the trail.
- Make poster to be placed in bike shops and skate shops.

SELECT THE BEST STRATEGY(IES).
- Meet with officials at the Parks and Recreation Department to develop appropriate rules.
- Hold public meetings to develop rules.