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## How to use your card deck

These cards help you think about how the land around you is used; how *you* use the land; what is most important to you; and what happens when the way we use the land changes.

Print two copies of the file so you have two of each card. Cut apart the cards, separate them into two decks and set one aside. Make sure you understand what each picture represents. Ask an adult to help, if needed. Pick up each card and think how that use of the land affects you. You may have to think hard! For example, you may not be directly involved in fossil fuels for energy, but your family may own a car that runs on fossil fuels, so this use of the land affects you.

Next, think about how much you *value* having each of the activities on the landscape around you. Arrange all the cards from one deck in a row, with the land use you *value most* on the left and the one you value least on the right. If there is a land use you value that is not represented, write or draw it on a blank card. Now, take the second deck and arrange them

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[continued] in a row underneath, with the land use that is *most common* near you at the left, and the least common on the right. How do the rows compare? Are there land uses that you value but that are not common near you? Are there land uses that are common near you but that you do not value much?

Now, look at the first four cards in your bottom row—the land uses that are most common near you. How do you think these will change in the next 5 years? In 20 years?

Lastly, from the bottom row, move the last two cards on the far right to the left end of the row. If this change in land use happened, how do you think it would affect you, your family and your community? Would this change be more or less like your top row—the land uses you value most?

Next, try this game with a partner. Each person gets a deck and arranges it by what they value. How are each person's rows different or the same? What conclusions can you draw about your land use values?

