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Dear Mayor Kenney,

We are a group of elementary school students enrolled in an after school program called [KidsMakeItRight](#) at Starr Garden Rec Center. We have spent the last six weeks learning about why trash, and especially plastic, is a problem for our planet and fish and birds. The program also teaches us STEM skills and has a focus on compassion. We are building all of the tools we need to make our world a better place.

We are sending this message today to ask you to help us do just that! During the class we learned about ways to reduce the trash we make, reuse whatever we can, and recycle as much of what we have to throw away that we possibly can. We designed messages to try to help other people remember to also do these things. However, during the class we also noticed that there were no recycling bins at Starr Garden.

We would like to request that you help us tackle this problem by getting recycling bins in all of the city parks, especially Starr Garden.

We look forward to your reply and hope that you can help us in fixing the planet's litter problem and keeping Philadelphia clean!

Respectfully Yours,

Starr Garden Rec Center Planet Protectors

P.S. There are a few images on the next page to show you some of what we have done!



Starr Garden Planet Protectors creating a terrarium to learn about closed-systems like the Earth and to see what happens to biodegradable and non-biodegradable materials.



A Starr Garden Planet Protector creating a poster to help increase recycling.



Some of the Planet Protector posters in action at offices in the city.