

Name and Date _____

Handout 1: Solving a Local Problem

How can individuals collaborate with their local and state governments to solve local problems?

Directions: Students in a civics class identified an abandoned factory as a problem they would like to solve with the help of their city’s elected officials. The following photograph shows the abandoned factory. Discuss the image with your class and then complete the questions below. Each student should complete their own handout.



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1. (Individual) Explain why the conditions around this abandoned factory may cause problems for city residents.

2. (Partner) Describe one action that the local, state, and federal levels of government could take to address the problem shown in the photograph.

Level of Government	Government Action
Local	
State	
Federal	