

# My Plan for Investigating the Problem

**1. Internet Research:** Review your Root Cause Tree and make a list of important words that you could use as Google search terms to learn more about the problem.

**2. Community Research:** Use the internet or talk to community members to make a list of people and organizations who are working to solve the problem or issue. Make a list of community **allies and stakeholders** that you might consider contacting and what questions you'd like to ask them. Are there **experts** on this topic who you might consult to learn more about the issue/problem?

**3. Gathering Data:** What kind of data could you gather to learn more about your problem or issue? Could you give a survey or interview community members? Has anyone else gathered information on this topic already?

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