



Analyzing the Impacts of Land Uses

Different land uses affect plants and animals differently. When land is used in different ways, it has different levels of impact on plants and animals. This sounds complicated—and it is. The table below is set up to help you analyze the impact of the four land uses you learned about in the readings. (Answers will vary. These provided below are sample answers.)

High = big impacts Low = small impacts

	Farm	Seney NWR	Comerica Park	Forest
Think about the way this land use has changed the environment. Does this land use have a High, Medium, or Low impact on plants?	<i>High</i>	<i>Low</i>	<i>There is little impact on plant life at the park since there are few plants. However, there was other plant life there before Comerica Park was built. It has greatly changed.</i>	<i>Low</i>
Think about the way this land use has changed the environment. Does this land use have a High, Medium, or Low impact on animals?	<i>High or Medium</i>	<i>Low</i>	<i>Same as for plants but for animals</i>	<i>Low</i>
Think about the individual person in each reading. Does that person have a High, Medium, or Low impact on the way the land is used in the story?	<i>High</i> <i>Crops are planted and harvested each year. Farmers have a big impact on the land.</i>	<i>Low</i>	<i>Low mostly but could be medium due to waste, litter, and car exhaust.</i>	<i>High</i>