

## Section 1:

### #1

"This letter embodies my heartfelt concern about the rising debris in our creek. Industrial waste has been emptied there, an occurrence authorities have not been notified of."

#### Strengths:

- You've established a clear purpose for your letter right from the beginning
- You've chosen emotive language that conveys your genuine concern

**Weakness:** Lack of specific details → Your opening lacks specific information about when the pollution was discovered and exactly where in Riverside Creek this is happening. Without these specifics, it's harder for residents to understand the urgency and exact location of the problem. You mention "industrial waste" but don't specify what kind of waste or which industry might be responsible.

**Exemplar:** *"This letter expresses my deep concern about the industrial waste that appeared in the eastern section of our creek last weekend, which includes plastic containers and chemical residue that no one has reported to local authorities yet."*

### #2

"Join me in this letter as I tell you where the event is happening and why we should all contribute."

#### Strengths:

- You've included a call to action, encouraging community involvement
- You've established a personal connection with your readers

**Weakness:** Vague purpose statement → You promise to tell readers where the pollution is happening, but you don't actually provide this information later in the letter. The statement about "join me in this letter" is confusing since they're already reading it. Your letter doesn't clearly state what specific actions you want residents to take or how they can "contribute" to solving the problem.

**Exemplar: "I'm writing to ask you to join our community clean-up this Saturday at 9am at Riverside Park entrance, and to help us report this ongoing pollution to the Environmental Protection Agency."**

### #3

"Would you like to see the most beautiful thing of our town destroyed? We must not be idle-this is not just a mistake-its a profound moral failure."

#### **Strengths:**

- You've used a rhetorical question effectively to engage readers
- Your conclusion has strong emotional appeal that emphasizes the importance of the issue

**Weakness:** Missing action plan → While you emphasize the seriousness of the situation and make an emotional appeal, you don't provide any specific plan for what should be done next. Readers will finish your letter feeling concerned but without clear direction on how to help solve the problem. Your conclusion would be stronger with specific steps residents can take.

**Exemplar: "To protect our beloved creek, we need your help in three ways: first, attend our community meeting this Thursday at 7pm in the Town Hall; second, report any pollution you see by calling 555-0123; and third, join our weekly clean-up efforts every Saturday morning."**

■ Your letter shows good passion for an important environmental issue in your community. The personal story from Amaar gives readers a real example of how the pollution affects people. However, your letter would be much stronger if you included specific details about when and where the pollution is happening. You need to add clear information about what actions residents should take - like specific dates for clean-ups, who to contact to report the pollution, or a community meeting to discuss solutions. Also, try adding more facts about the pollution itself - what kinds of waste are in the creek and how it might affect wildlife or people's health. You could also mention any local laws that are being broken. Adding these specific details and clear action steps would make your letter much more effective at getting people to help solve this problem.

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**Overall Score: 40/50**

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## **Section 2:**

Dear Residents of Riverside Creek,

This letter embodies my heartfelt concern about the rising debris in our creek. Industrial waste has been emptied there, an occurrence authorities have not been notified of. #1 Join me in this letter as I tell you where the event is happening and why we should all contribute. #2

The contamination has severely affected residents, with one jumping into the waters, and exiting with bits and pieces of plastic bottle and debris in his hair. Here is a statement from ~~him~~ [him —] Amaal, 29,

'I go swimming just about every Friday. ~~Its~~ [It's] a great break from work, and ~~its~~ [it's] quite therapeutic as well. Just you and the sea. But one day, I eyed the water with suspicion. ~~I has~~ [It had] turned a few shades darker, and ~~I-though~~ [I thought] I saw something afloat on the horizon. I dismissed the ~~though~~ [thought] and jumped in, and ~~and~~ [as] soon as I did that, I knew something was wrong, I waved my arms around and felt bits of plastic. Immediately, I resurfaced, shaking ~~of~~ [off] the waters that I once cherished. ~~Its~~ [It's] really a loss to me- I ~~cant~~ [can't] believe anybody could do such a thing.'

As you can see, the river that was pristine is now gone, and ~~its~~ [it's] taken a part of the residents as well.

We must collaborate to save the heart of our town. Would you like to see the most beautiful thing of our town destroyed? We must not be idle-this is not just a mistake-~~its~~ [it's] a profound moral failure. #3