Documenting the pilot project:
Create photo journals/ photo story board to document pilot project

Objective:
Youth will document their project activities through their own camera lens.

Overview:
Youth will use a camera to document their summer activities and projects in the garden. These photos are an excellent way to document the garden’s progress, as well as to provide an insight into the children’s perspective on the program activities and garden environment.

Time:
Duration of summer program.

Materials:
Disposable cameras

Preparation:
- Discuss what makes a good picture.
- Discuss what they want to document and what they want to show to their parents and community about their garden. Suggest that these would be good photo opportunities.

Instructions:
- Distribute cameras to the youth at the beginning of the summer program. Invite them to use their unique perspective in the garden to document the exciting projects they will do over the summer.
- One focus of their photos could be to take photographs of the garden that depict sustainable gardening practices (as they relate to climate change) such as composting, mulching, less watering, less tilling, etc).
- Once they have finished taking all the photos, develop them all.
- Spread them all out on table. Invite the youth to select their favorites. They can label them, describe them, or leave them as is.
- If they are making photo-journals, then they can paste their photos into their journals with additional titling, drawings, or descriptions.
- If they are making a story-board, spread out poster board and invite the youth to paste their favorite photos that illustrate the story of their summer garden experience!
- Showcase the photo journals and story-boards at the community picnic!