# **ENVIRONMENTAL MONITORING IN PARKS**

## ABSTRACT:

Environmental monitoring in parks is a vital practice for the preservation and sustainable management of natural resources within these protected areas. This abstract provides an overview of the key aspects of environmental monitoring in parks, emphasizing its significance in safeguarding biodiversity, ecosystem health, and the overall well-being of park environments. It highlights the diverse parameters and methods involved in this process, underscoring the importance of data-driven decision-making for effective park management. Furthermore, the abstract touches upon the challenges and considerations that park authorities and environmentalists face while conducting monitoring activities, including the delicate balance between conservation and recreation. In essence, environmental monitoring in parks serves as a cornerstone for informed management, education, and conservation, thereby ensuring that these invaluable natural landscapes remain protected and accessible to future generations.

## **INTRODUCTION:**

Environmental monitoring in parks is a critical aspect of preserving and managing natural resources in these protected areas. National parks, state parks, and other protected areas play a vital role in conserving biodiversity, maintaining ecosystems, and offering recreational opportunities. To ensure the long-term sustainability of these precious natural environments, it is essential to monitor and assess various aspects of the park's ecology and environment. This introduction provides an overview of environmental monitoring in parks and its importance.

# **OBJECTIVES:**

Assessing ecosystem health and identifying potential issues.

Tracking changes in species populations, habitat quality, and water quality. Evaluating the impacts of human activities and climate change. Supporting informed decision-making for park management and conservation efforts.

# **DEVICE REQUIREMENTS:**

The specific device requirements for environmental monitoring can vary depending on the parameters you want to measure and the environmental conditions of the area being

monitored. Below are some common types of devices and their requirements for environmental monitoring:

#### 1. Weather Stations:

Requirements: Weather stations are used to measure temperature, humidity, wind speed, wind direction, atmospheric pressure, and precipitation. They typically include sensors, data loggers, and communication systems. Key Considerations: Ensure sensors are properly calibrated, and the data logger has sufficient memory and power supply. Communication systems may vary, from wired connections to wireless options.

### 2. Water Quality Monitors:

Requirements: Water quality monitors measure parameters such as pH, dissolved oxygen, turbidity, conductivity, and specific pollutants. These monitors often include probes, data loggers, and sampling equipment. Key Considerations: Regular calibration and maintenance of the sensors are crucial. Battery or power supply longevity should match the monitoring duration.

#### 3. Air Quality Monitors:

Requirements: Air quality monitors measure pollutants like particulate matter (PM), gases (e.g., NO2, SO2), and volatile organic compounds (VOCs). They consist of sensors, data loggers, and sometimes air sampling devices.

Key Considerations: Sensor accuracy and calibration are essential. Power requirements may vary depending on the monitoring location and duration.

#### 4. Remote Sensing Equipment (Drones and Satellites):

Requirements: Remote sensing equipment like drones and satellites are used to collect aerial data. Drones require reliable flight controllers and cameras, while satellites need high-quality imaging equipment. Key Considerations: Equipment should be capable of capturing and transmitting high-resolution images or data. Data storage and processing capabilities are crucial for handling large datasets.

#### 5. Soil Monitoring Equipment:

Requirements: Soil monitoring devices measure parameters such as soil moisture, temperature, and nutrient content. They often include sensors and data loggers.

Key Considerations: Sensor placement and depth are critical for accurate measurements. Ensure the data logger can store data for extended periods if necessary.

### 6. Camera Traps and Acoustic Recorders:

Requirements: These devices capture visual or audio data to monitor wildlife. They include cameras, microphones, and data storage equipment.

Key Considerations: Battery life and storage capacity are important for extended monitoring. Durability and weather resistance are also key factors.

### 7. Communication Systems:

Requirements: To transmit data from monitoring devices to a central database, you may need communication systems such as Wi-Fi, cellular networks, or satellite connections.

Key Considerations: Choose a communication system that suits the remote location and monitoring frequency. Ensure data security and encryption for sensitive information.

### 8. Data Loggers and Storage:

Requirements: Data loggers are essential for collecting and storing data from various sensors. Data storage solutions, such as servers or cloud storage, are also necessary.

Key Considerations: Ensure data loggers have sufficient memory and battery life. Data storage solutions should be reliable and secure.

### 9. Power Supply:

Requirements: Depending on the monitoring location, you may need to consider solar panels, batteries, or other power sources to keep monitoring equipment operational.

Key Considerations: Calculate power requirements based on the devices used and the duration of monitoring. Backup power sources are often necessary.

# Module-1:

# **Air Quality Monitoring Components**

Air Quality Sensors: These sensors measure parameters such as particulate matter (PM2.5, PMIO), carbon monoxide (CO), ozone (03), and nitrogen dioxide (N02),

Data Transmission: Communication modules to send air quality data in real-time.

Data Analysis; Algorithms to analyze air quality data for pollution levels and trends,

Alerting System; Notifications for park authorities when air quality exceeds safe limits.

## Water Quality Monitoring Components:

Water Quality Sensors: Sensors for measuring para meters like pH, turbidity, dissolved oxygen (DO). and water temperature.

Telemetry: Communication infrastructure for transmitting water quality data.

Data Management: Systems for storing and managing water quality data.

Data Visualization: Tools to visualize trends in water quality over time,

Early Warning System: Alerts for water contamination or quality issues.

## Wild Life Tracking and Conservation Components:

GPS/GNSS Trackers: Devices for tracking the movement of wildlife.

Biometric Sensors: Sensors that monitor physiological data (eg. heart rate) of tagged animals.

Data Storage: Systems for storing animal tracking data.

GIS (Geographic Information Systems): Tools for spatial analysis of animal movement.

Research Collaboration Platform: A platform for researchers to collaborate and analyze wildlife data.

## Soil and Environmental Conditions Components:

Soil Sensors: Sensors to measure soil moisture, temperature, and nutrient levels.

Weather Stations: Instruments for collecting weather data like temperature, humidity, and precipitation,

Data Integration Systems to combine soil and weather data for comprehensive environmental insights.

Crop Monitoring (if applicable); Sensors for monitoring agricultural conditions in the park.

Resource Allocation: Data to optimize resource allocation for park maintenance.

## **Biodiversity Assessment Components:**

Acoustic Sensors: Devices that record animal sounds and vocalizations. 
Data Storage and Analysis: Systems to store, process, and identify species from camera trap and acoustic data.

biodiversity Database: A central repository for recording and tracking species diversity,

Conservation Planning: Data to inform conservation strategies and protect endangered species.

## Environmental Education and public Awareness:

Educational Materials Online resources and signage to educate visitors about the park's ecosystems.

Public Engagement Platforms: Social media and websites to engage the public and share environmental data.

Community Outreach: Programs to involve local communities in environmental monitoring and conservation efforts.

## **Energy Efficiency and Sustainability Components:**

Energy Monitoring Sensors: Sensors to monitor energy consumption in park facilities and infrastructure.

Smart Lighting and HVAC Systems: loT-controlled lighting and heating ventilation, and air conditioning (HVAC) systems for energy efficiency.

Renewable Energy Integration: Solar panels and wind turbines connected to IOT systems to track renewable energy generation.

Energy Management Software: Software for analyzing energy data and optimizing energy usage.

Carbon Footprint Tracking: Calculating and tracking the park's carbon footprint and emissions reduction efforts.

## Fire Detection and Management:

Fire Detection Sensors: Sensors to detect temperature changes, smoke, and gas emissions associated with wildfires,

Early Warning Systems: Alerting mechanisms to notify authorities and visitors fire risks,

Fire Management Tools: GIS-based tools for monitoring and managing fire incidents.

firefighting Support IoT-equipped drones or vehicles for assisting in firefighting efforts,

Historical Data Analysis: Analyzing historical data to predict and prevent future wildfires.

## Water Resource Management:

Water Flow Sensors; Sensors to monitor water flow in rivers and streams within the park.

Reservoir and Dam Monitoring: IOT devices for tracking water levels in reservoirs and dams.

Water Conservation Systems: Smart irrigation and water recycling systems to reduce water wastage.

# Module-2

Certainly, here's a specific problem statement and an idea for environmental monitoring in parks:

#### Problem Statement:

Urban parks are vital green spaces that provide recreational opportunities and contribute to the well-being of city dwellers. However, they face various environmental

challenges, including pollution, habitat degradation, and increased human activity. There's a need for innovative solutions to monitor and preserve the environmental quality of urban parks effectively.

#### Idea:

Develop an Integrated Park Environmental Monitoring System (I-PEMS) that leverages modern technology to address the environmental challenges faced by urban parks. The I-PEMS would consist of the following components:

### 1. Air Quality Monitoring:

Install a network of air quality sensors throughout the park to measure pollutants such as PM2.5, ozone, and nitrogen dioxide. These sensors can provide real-time data on air quality and help identify pollution sources.

## 2. Noise Pollution Monitoring:

Deploy noise monitoring stations to measure noise levels at various locations within the park. The data can be used to assess the impact of noise pollution on wildlife and visitor experience.

### 3. Biodiversity Monitoring:

Implement camera traps and acoustic sensors to monitor wildlife activity in the park. The data collected can help track changes in biodiversity and identify potential threats to local species.

# 4. Water Quality Monitoring:

Set up sensors in park water bodies, such as ponds or streams, to monitor water quality parameters like pH, turbidity, and pollutant levels. This information can guide water management and conservation efforts.

## 5. Weather and Climate Monitoring:

Install weather stations to collect data on temperature, humidity, precipitation, and wind patterns within the park. Long-term climate monitoring can help park managers adapt to changing weather conditions.

## 6. Visitor Impact Assessment:

Develop a mobile app that allows park visitors to report environmental issues, such as littering or vandalism. Combine this data with sensor information to assess the impact of visitor activities on the park's environment.

# 7. Data Integration and Analytics:

Create a centralized data repository that integrates information from all monitoring components. Implement data analytics and visualization tools to help park managers make informed decisions and track environmental trends.

## 8. Public Engagement:

Launch educational initiatives and outreach programs to raise awareness among park visitors about the importance of environmental conservation and responsible behavior within the park.

### 9. Early Warning System:

Develop an early warning system that can alert park authorities and visitors to potential environmental hazards, such as extreme weather events or hazardous material spills.

### 10. Sustainability Initiatives:

Use the data collected by the I-PEMS to guide sustainability initiatives within the park, such as energy-efficient lighting, waste reduction, and habitat restoration projects.

The Integrated Park Environmental Monitoring System (I-PEMS) aims to enhance the environmental quality of urban parks, promote sustainable park management, and provide a valuable educational resource for visitors. It combines real-time monitoring with public engagement to foster a sense of stewardship and responsibility for the natural environment within urban communities.

### Key Features and Benefits:

### 1. Comprehensive Data:

Smart monitoring stations would provide real-time data on air quality, weather conditions, soil health, noise pollution, and wildlife activity, offering a holistic view of the park's environment.

#### 2. Public Awareness:

Making environmental data accessible to the public through mobile apps and park information kiosks would raise awareness about the park's environmental health and encourage responsible visitor behavior.

## 3. Timely Intervention:

Park authorities can use real-time data to address issues like air pollution, noise disturbances, or wildlife emergencies promptly.

### 4. Resource Allocation:

Data on soil moisture, weather, and vegetation health can assist in efficient park maintenance and resource allocation, such as irrigation and maintenance scheduling.

# Module-3

Deploying IoT devices, such as temperature and humidity sensors, in various locations within public parks to measure environmental conditions involves several steps. Here's a guide on how to do this:

#### 1. Sensor Selection:

Choose the appropriate sensors for your project. For temperature and humidity monitoring, you can use sensors like DHT22, DHT11, or BME280.

#### 2. Hardware Procurement:

Purchase the required sensors and any additional components, such as microcontrollers (e.g., Arduino, Raspberry Pi), power supplies, and protective enclosures.

### 3. Sensor Placement:

Identify the locations within the public park where you want to deploy the sensors. Ensure they are placed in areas that are representative of the park's environmental conditions.

## **4.** Power Supply:

Ensure a stable power supply for your IoT devices. Depending on the locations, you may use batteries, solar panels, or access to a nearby power source.

#### 5. Data Communication:

Choose a suitable communication method for your sensors to transmit data to a central location. Options include Wi-Fi, LoRa, cellular, or a combination of these, depending on the park's connectivity.

## 6. Data Logger or Microcontroller:

Connect the sensors to a data logger or microcontroller. For example, a Raspberry Pi can serve as a data logger that collects data from sensors and communicates with a central server.

# 7. Data Storage and Management:

Set up a data storage system or database to store the collected environmental data. You can use cloud-based solutions or local servers.

#### 8. Data Transmission:

Develop a data transmission protocol or method. MQTT and HTTP are commonly used for this purpose. Ensure that the data transmission is secure and reliable.

### 9. Data Visualization:

Create a platform for visualizing the data. This can be a web-based dashboard, mobile application, or desktop application that displays real-time and historical data.

# 10. Data Analysis and Alerts:

Implement data analysis tools to detect anomalies or trends in the environmental data. Set up alerts to notify relevant personnel or authorities in case of unusual conditions.

### 11. Remote Monitoring:

Ensure you can remotely monitor and manage your IoT devices and the data they collect. This may include remote configuration and troubleshooting.

## 12. Power Management:

Implement power-saving measures to maximize the IoT device's uptime, especially if you're using battery-powered sensors.

## 13. Security:

Implement security measures to protect the data and the IoT devices from unauthorized access and tampering.

### 14. Compliance and Regulations:

Ensure that your project complies with local regulations, especially when deploying IoT devices in public areas. This may involve privacy considerations and compliance with environmental regulations.

### 15. Maintenance:

Regularly maintain and calibrate your sensors. Ensure that the devices are protected from vandalism and environmental factors.

## 16. Scaling:

If necessary, expand your deployment by adding more sensors in other locations or parks.

Here's a simplified example of how you can collect and transmit data using Python on a Raspberry Pi with a DHT22 sensor (for temperature and humidity):

## **Python program:**

import Adafruit\_DHT import requests

```
# Sensor setup
sensor = Adafruit_DHT.DHT22
pin = 4
# Monitoring platform URL
platform_url = "https://your-monitoring-platform.com/api/data"
while True:
  # Read sensor data
  humidity, temperature = Adafruit_DHT.read_retry(sensor, pin)
  if humidity is not None and temperature is not None:
    # Prepare data for transmission
    data = {
      "temperature": temperature,
      "humidity": humidity
    # Send data to the monitoring platform
    response = requests.post(platform_url, json=data)
    if response.status_code == 200:
      print("Data sent successfully")
    else:
      print("Failed to send data")
```

### Module-4

Creating an IoT program for environmental monitoring in parks with Arduino involves interfacing multiple sensors, data processing, and potentially transmitting data to a server or cloud platform. Here's an example program that collects data from various sensors and sends it to a server using an ESP8266 module for Wi-Fi connectivity:

,om	ponents Required:
<i>,</i> UIII	ponents nequired.
	Arduino board (e.g., Arduino Uno) Various sensors (e.g., DHT22 for temperature and humidity, LDR for light intensity) ESP8266 Wi-Fi module (e.g., ESP-01) Jumper wires Breadboard USB cable for Arduino
rdu	ino Setup:
1.	Connect the sensors to the Arduino as in previous examples:
	DHT22 sensor for temperature and humidity.
	LDR sensor for light intensity.
	Other sensors for additional environmental data (e.g., air quality sensor, soil moisture sensor).
	Connect the ESP8266 module to the Arduino. Ensure the module receives power (3. 3V), connects to the Arduino's RX and TX pins, and has a common ground connection.  Install necessary libraries in the Arduino IDE, such as DHT, for interfacing with the sensors and ESP8266WiFi for Wi-Fi communication.
ardi	uno Program:
INC	lude <dht.h></dht.h>

```
#include <ESP8266WiFi.h>
#define DHTPIN 2
#define DHTTYPE DHT22
const char* ssid = "YourWiFiSSID";
const char* password = "YourWiFiPassword";
const char* serverAddress = "your-server.com"; // Replace with your server
address
DHT dht(DHTPIN, DHTTYPE);
void setup() {
 Serial.begin(115200);
 dht.begin();
 // Connect to Wi-Fi
 WiFi.begin(ssid, password);
 while (WiFi.status() != WL_CONNECTED) {
  delay(1000);
```

```
Serial.println("Connecting to WiFi...");
 Serial.println("Connected to WiFi");
void loop() {
 float temperature = dht.readTemperature(); // Read temperature in Celsius
 float humidity = dht.readHumidity(); // Read humidity in percentage
 int lightIntensity = analogRead(A0); // Read light intensity from LDR
 // Send data to the server
 sendDataToServer(temperature, humidity, lightIntensity);
 delay(60000); // Delay for a minute before taking the next reading
void sendDataToServer(float temp, float humid, int light) {
 WiFiClient client;
 if (client.connect(serverAddress, 80)) {
```

```
String data = "temperature=" + String(temp) + "&humidity=" +
String(humid) + "&light=" + String(light);
  client.println("POST /your-api-endpoint HTTP/1.1");
  client.println("Host: " + String(serverAddress));
  client.println("Content-Type: application/x-www-form-urlencoded");
  client.println("Content-Length: " + String(data.length()));
  client.println();
  client.print(data);
client.stop();
```

# Explanation:

In this program, the Arduino collects data from the DHT22 and LDR sensors. The ESP8266 module is used for Wi-Fi connectivity to send data to a server. The **send Data To Server** function sends the collected data to your server. You need to replace **"your-server.com"** with the actual server address and specify the correct API endpoint.

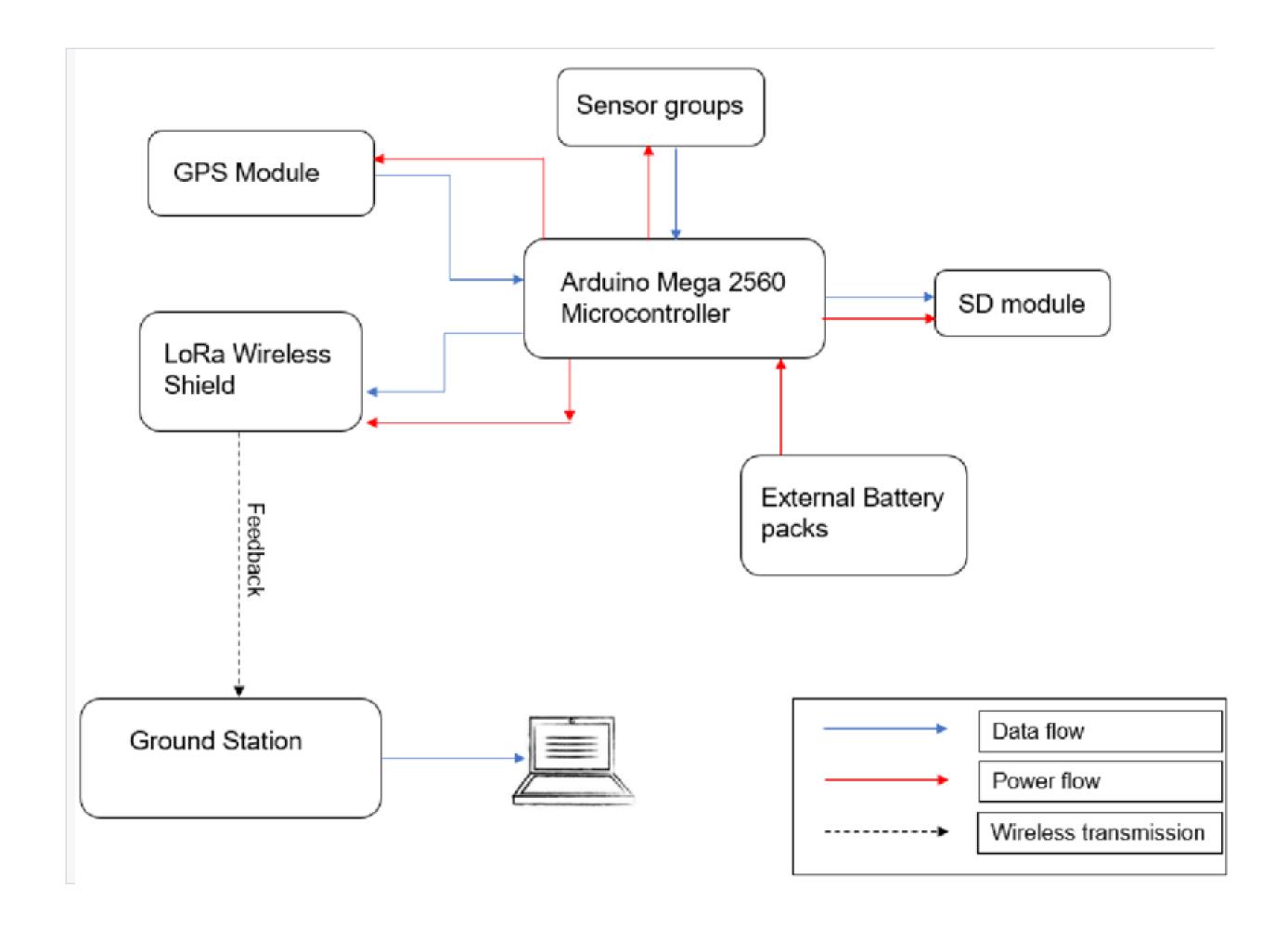
## Server-Side Setup:

On the server side, you'll need to create an API endpoint to receive data sent by the Arduino and then store or process that data as needed.

This example program provides a foundation for monitoring temperature, humidity, and light intensity in parks. You can expand it to include more sensors and adapt the server-side setup to meet your specific requirements for environmental monitoring in parks.

# Schematic Diagram:





# Benefits of Park Visitors:

Engaging park visitors in environmental monitoring in parks can offer several benefits, both for the park itself and for the visitors. Here are some advantages of involving park visitors in environmental monitoring:

Enhanced Environmental Awareness: Environmental monitoring projects provide an opportunity for park visitors to learn more about the natural world around them. By actively participating in monitoring activities, visitors gain a better understanding of the park's ecosystem, its flora and fauna, and the importance of conservation efforts.

## Educational Experience:

Environmental monitoring programs can serve as educational tools. They provide an interactive and hands-on learning experience for visitors, fostering a sense of curiosity and a desire to explore and understand the environment.

#### **Conservation Awareness:**

Engaging visitors in monitoring projects can promote a greater awareness of the importance of conservation and environmental stewardship. They may become more conscious of their impact on the environment and take steps to reduce their ecological footprint.

### Feedback and Improvement:

Visitor involvement can provide valuable feedback to park authorities. Visitors may notice changes in the environment, wildlife behavior, or environmental issues that park managers might not be aware of, leading to prompt action and improvements.

Incorporating park visitors into environmental monitoring can be a win-win situation, benefiting both the park and the visitors themselves. It not only contributes to data collection and conservation efforts but also enhances the overall visitor experience and appreciation for the natural world.

## **Promotes Outdoor Activities:**

Promoting outdoor activities in environmental monitoring within parks is a great way to engage the community in understanding and preserving the natural environment. Here are some strategies to achieve this:

## 1. Citizen Science Programs:

Establish citizen science programs that invite park visitors and local residents to participate in data collection and monitoring. This can include activities like bird watching, tree identification, water quality testing, and wildlife tracking.

# 2. Interpretive Nature Trails:

Create interpretive nature trails that incorporate informational signs or mobile apps, allowing hikers to learn about the ecosystem they are exploring. Include markers for specific monitoring sites where visitors can observe and record data.

## 3. Outdoor Workshops and Events:

Organize outdoor workshops and events where experts can teach participants about environmental monitoring techniques. This could include sessions on soil sampling, water testing, or air quality measurements.

### 4. Technology Integration:

Utilize technology, such as smartphone apps and GPS devices, to engage park-goers in data collection. They can easily input information and contribute to a larger database.

### 5. Educational Outreach:

Collaborate with local schools and educational organizations to bring students into the park for field trips that focus on environmental monitoring. Develop curriculum materials for teachers to use in their classrooms.

By incorporating these strategies, you can encourage outdoor activities that promote environmental monitoring in parks while fostering a deeper connection between the community and the natural world. This engagement can lead to increased awareness and a stronger commitment to preserving and protecting the environment.

Creating a project that involves deploying IoT devices for environmental monitoring and developing the monitoring platform, integrating them using Python, is a multifaceted endeavor. Below, I'll provide a high-level guide on how to replicate such a project, but keep in mind that the specifics can vary depending on your environmental monitoring goals, the IoT devices you choose, and your platform requirements.

# Project Overview:

This project will involve several steps:

### 1. Select IoT Devices:

Choose IoT devices suitable for environmental monitoring, such as sensors for temperature, humidity, air quality, soil moisture, or water quality. Popular platforms include Raspberry Pi, Arduino, or commercial IoT modules.

## 2. Develop IoT Firmware:

Program your IoT devices to collect data from the chosen sensors and transmit it to a central platform. You may use Python libraries, Arduino IDE, or other development environments depending on the chosen device.

# 3. Set Up Data Transmission:

Establish a method for your IoT devices to transmit data. Options include Wi-Fi, cellular, or LoRaWAN, depending on your project's location and requirements.

## 4. Environmental Monitoring Platform:

Create a centralized platform for receiving, storing, and visualizing the data collected by IoT devices. You can use Python for the backend development.

### 5. Data Storage and Database:

Set up a database system to store the incoming environmental data. Popular choices include MySQL, PostgreSQL, or NoSQL databases like MongoDB.

## 6. Web Application or Dashboard:

Develop a web-based application or dashboard for users to access and visualize the environmental data. Python web frameworks like Django or Flask can be used for this purpose.

#### 7. Data Visualization:

Utilize Python libraries like Matplotlib, Plotly, or Dash for creating interactive data visualizations and charts.

### 8. Integration:

Integrate the IoT devices with the environmental monitoring platform. You'll need to create APIs or endpoints for data ingestion from the devices.

### 9. User Authentication and Access Control:

Implement user authentication and access control to secure your platform.

### 10. Notifications and Alerts:

Implement a notification system to alert users or administrators when specific environmental conditions are met (e.g., air quality drops below a certain level).

Creating example outputs for an IoT device, a platform UI, and environmental data display will help illustrate how environmental monitoring in parks can be visualized. Please note that these examples are simplified and meant for demonstration purposes. In a real-world scenario, the data would be more extensive and dynamic.

## 1.Example IoT Device Data Transmission:

Suppose you have an IoT device in a park that monitors temperature and humidity. Here's a simplified example of data transmission:

```
"device_id": "iot-device-001",
"timestamp": "2023-10-3112:00:00",
```

```
"sensor_data": {

"temperature": 22.5,

"humidity": 45.3

}
```

The device sends this data in JSON format to the monitoring platform, including a device ID, timestamp, and sensor data.

2. Example Environmental Monitoring Platform UI:

Your platform's UI allows users to view and analyze the collected environmental data. Here's an example of a simplified UI:

#### Dashboard:

Provides an overview of current environmental conditions in the park.

#### Data Visualization:

Interactive charts and graphs to visualize environmental trends.

## Conclusion:

In conclusion, environmental monitoring in parks is a vital endeavor with numerous benefits for both nature and society. It enables us to gain a deeper understanding of our natural surroundings, preserve biodiversity, and mitigate the impact of human activities on the environment. Key takeaways from the importance of environmental monitoring in parks include:

1. Ecosystem Health: Monitoring helps ensure the long-term health and resilience of ecosystems within parks, enabling us to detect and address environmental disturbances promptly.

- 2. Biodiversity Conservation: It plays a crucial role in preserving the diversity of plant and animal species within parks, aiding in the protection of endangered and rare species.
- 3. Resource Management: Environmental data informs sustainable resource management strategies, ensuring that parks can be enjoyed by future generations while conserving natural resources.
- 4. Public Engagement: Environmental monitoring encourages community involvement and education, fostering a sense of stewardship and responsibility among park visitors and local residents.
- 5. Adaptation to Climate Change: Monitoring helps parks adapt to the changing climate, allowing for informed decisions regarding habitat restoration and species preservation.
- 6. Policy Development: Data from monitoring programs can influence environmental policies at local, regional, and national levels, leading to more effective conservation efforts.
- 7. Scientific Research: Environmental monitoring provides valuable data for scientific research, enabling a better understanding of ecological processes and natural systems.
- 8. Awareness and Advocacy: By making environmental data accessible to the public, monitoring efforts promote environmental awareness and encourage advocacy for the protection of natural spaces.

In today's world, where environmental issues are of paramount importance, environmental monitoring in parks is not just a scientific pursuit but a critical aspect of responsible land management and conservation. It underscores the interconnectedness of the natural world, human activities, and the need for sustained efforts to protect and sustain our cherished green spaces. As we move forward, continued support for these monitoring initiatives is essential to ensure the preservation of our parks for generations to come.