

“GOAT NOAT” FOR NOVEMBER

It’s official! At a recent Meeting for Business, the Meeting approved the GREEN Organizing Action TEAM (aka GOAT) as a standing committee. This “Noat” explains who we are and what we’re doing.

Name: We chose our name, with emphasis on the first and last words, to provide clearer meaning of our purpose, and we like “GOAT” too much to let it go.

Purpose: The GREEN Organizing Action TEAM (GOAT) seeks to raise the level of concern for sustainability and environmental justice throughout the life of Homewood Friends Meeting and to witness this concern in the Meeting and the larger community. GOAT organizes educational, recreational, advocacy, and other activities that move the Meeting and individuals toward adopting more sustainable practices and actions in our everyday lives and in the world.

Meetings: We usually meet in the Meetinghouse on the **third Sunday of the month at 9:15 a.m.**

Everyone is welcome to join us. Committee membership must go through Nominating Committee.

Web page (includes GOAT Noats and other environment-related material):

<https://homewoodfriends.org/member-resources/committees/green-organizing-action-team-goat/>.

Current Projects

- **One Water Partnership:** We have received a grant (and will be applying for another) to better manage storm water on the property and to apply sustainable changes in the side yard.
Movie nights: Film screenings and discussions on environmental topics a few times a year. We have purchased a projector and screen to improve the viewing experience. And next up...
- ***Dimming the Sun*** screening and discussion on **Tuesday, Nov. 7, 7:00 p.m. in the dining room.**
For more information, see the announcement on page 3.
- **Maryland Clean Energy Jobs Initiative:** Earlier this year, the Meeting signed a resolution in support of this initiative, which seeks to expand renewable energy in Maryland to 50% by 2030; fund clean energy businesses owned by women and people of color; create solar job training programs for Maryland residents; and phase out incentives for trash incineration (<https://www.cleanenergyjobs.org/>). GOAT encourages individuals to take action:
 1. **Attend their fundraiser on Saturday, November 4, 5-7 p.m., at Civic Works’ Clifton Mansion.**
 2. Pass the resolution on to other organizations with which you are involved.
 3. Make a financial contribution.

Committee members: Polly Heninger (clerk), Carol Beck, Gary Gillespie, Cathleen Hanson, John McKusick, and Stephan Rogers