

## GOAT Noat for January 2018 from the GREEN Organizing Action TEAM (GOAT)

The **Maryland General Assembly** will be "in Session" from January 10, 2018, through April 9, 2018. This 90-day period is a busy one, during which 3,000 bills are considered. About 700-800 might actually make it into law. Given the volume, we need to be able to raise many voices to be heard. During the Session, we may hear that a bill has been proposed, that we need to call our representatives to share our views. These requests may repeat as the same bill is first presented in a committee, and later goes to the whole House of Delegates or State Senate. Please stay tuned! We will keep an eye out for bills that will protect or potentially harm the environment.

Today, we know that the **Maryland Clean Energy Jobs Initiative** ([www.cleanenergyjobs.org](http://www.cleanenergyjobs.org)) will be a key issue that needs our support. Together with climate coalition partners, they are hosting a **rally** on opening day, **January 10, 11:00am**, on Lawyers Mall in Annapolis. Show your support for clean energy jobs, Maryland communities, our children's health, new opportunities, and doubling the state's Renewable Portfolio Standard (RPS) policy to 50% renewable energy by 2030. Some GOAT members are planning to attend and would like to **carpool**.

We are looking forward to the **January 5<sup>th</sup>** showing of "**Chasing Coral**" by the Homewood Working Group on the Arts. Screening is at **7:15pm**, after the Friday vigil and potluck. See [www.chasingcoral.com](http://www.chasingcoral.com) for information on this documentary which is, at once, visually sumptuous and very disturbing.

The **E-cycling** collection continues through January. Boxes are available near the main floor restroom for electronic media of all types and for electronic devices. In addition to phones, laptops, tablets, and computers, you may include cases for media and cables, jacks, and cords. Questions? Please contact John McKusick [john.ca.mckusick@verizon.net](mailto:john.ca.mckusick@verizon.net).