Homewood Friends Meeting
GREEN Organizing Action TEAM (GOAT)
Summary for One Water Partnership (OWP)
July 2018

The number after an item indicates the number of GOAT-member hours spent on that activity to date.

- Attended OWP visioning session (six members) and OWP commitment signing (two members)  [22]
- Sponsored a spiritual nature walk conducted by Interfaith Power and Light (IPL)  [2]
- Purchased screen, projector and speaker to improve film-viewing experience ($400)  [2]
- Hosted film screenings open to the broader community, especially other OWP congregations, followed by discussion and refreshments  [65]
  - From the Ashes (31 attendees)
  - Dimming the Sun (16 attendees)
  - Chasing Coral (hosted jointly with the Meeting’s Arts Committee, 8 attendees)
  - This Changes Everything (22 attendees)
- Worked with the Meeting’s House and Grounds Committee to install a composter  [1]
- Attached IPL covers to light switch plates in the Meetinghouse  [1]
- Sponsored an electronic recycling drive for the Meeting community and plan for future drives  [5]
- Raised awareness and funds to purchase a dairy goat and a hive of honey bees for people in need through Heifer International  [2]
- Advocated for and informed the Meeting community about issues and actions to take  [28]
  - Maryland legislative session
    - Several members attended conference calls about environmental issues
  - Clean Energy Jobs Act
    - Meeting signed the resolution endorsing the campaign
    - Photo of Meeting community with sign “We support the MD Clean Energy Jobs Act” posted on Meeting’s web site
    - Two members attended the kickoff rally in Annapolis
    - Ten members of the Meeting community attended lobby night in Annapolis
  - Ban on polystyrene foam
    - Meeting signed the list of congregations that don’t use Styrofoam
  - Prohibition on crude oil facilities in Baltimore
    - Participated in lengthy discussion at Meeting for Business about signing the letter from faith communities in support of the ban
    - One member attended City Council hearing and reported on pros and cons
- Attended OWP workshops  [8]
  - Youth Education (one member)
  - Climate Communications (one member)
  - Clean Energy (co-hosted with IPL and Mount Lebanon Baptist Church, two members)
- Hosted a stop on the OWP inspirational bus tours to show off our rooftop solar panels  [2]
- Compiled a summary of e-cycling resources and made available to the Meeting community  [4]
- Moved from an ad hoc committee to a standing committee in the Meeting’s organizational structure
- Increased visibility in the Meeting community  [28]
  - Frequent reports at monthly Meetings for Business
In progress:

- Converting a grassy area on Meetinghouse grounds to a garden of native plants and installing rain water cisterns [55]
  - Initial design work that fell through
  - Meetings with House and Grounds Committee
  - Contact with, among others, Blue Water Baltimore, Patterson Park Audubon, UM Sea Grant Extension Program
  - Partial funding in Meeting’s annual budget
  - Chesapeake Bay Trust mini-grant application
  - OWP covenant signing ceremony at some point
  - Local press coverage upon completion
- Creating signs for the Meetinghouse kitchen about what to recycle, compost, and trash [2]
- Weeding the current garden on Meetinghouse grounds [5]
- Developing a GOAT logo [2]
- Establishing a “green” calendar on the Meeting’s web site listing environmental events in the Baltimore area [1]