

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.

- Completed OWP congregation self-assessment [4]
- 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

- GOAT Noat in most Meeting monthly newsletters with information about legislative issues and actions to take, events and GOAT's activities
- GOAT web page on the Meeting's web site and a bulletin board in the dining room

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]