**GREEN ORGANIZING ACTION TEAM:**
“GOAT NOTE” FOR NOVEMBER 2019

Native Plants and Pollinator Friendly Garden: With lots of help from University of Baltimore volunteers and Blue Water Baltimore, the garden along the south side of our building was planted in April. It was an up and down growing season with lots of rain early in the summer and a drought in late summer. But a Garden Club was formed to care for the garden and we are happy to report that the garden is well established. We celebrated and thanked our partners at an “in the garden” event on September 22nd. It was well attended by members and attenders who signed on to the Covenant with One Water Partnership to maintain and improve the garden while making it a community resource for beauty, contemplation, and education. Already, we are thinking about enhancements in 2020.

Quaker Voice in Maryland: With support from Chesapeake Quarterly Meeting, a Quaker legislative advocacy group has formed and is preparing for the 2020 General Assembly. Monthly meetings across Maryland including at least one Meeting on the Eastern Shore and part of Philadelphia Yearly Meeting have expressed their interest in participating. To learn more about Quaker Voice in Maryland and participate in an interest survey to help in the discernment of areas of legislative focus, please do the website [www.quakervicemd.org](http://www.quakervicemd.org)

**HELP CURE THE PLASTIC PLAGUE STARTING ALMOST NOW**

**Tuesday, Nov. 12, 7-8:15 PM**
**Tuesday, Dec. 10, 7-8:15 PM**

This two-part workshop is aimed at actions we can take to reduce and eventually eliminate plastic use. Learn the scope of plastic pollution and work out your response and start to implement it with help from the group. Tips and hacks. These workshops respond to a need expressed in a Homewood GOAT (Green Organizing Action Team) survey of meeting members and attenders. We encourage Homewood people to bring a friend.

Current GOAT members are Carol Beck, Gary Gillespie, Polly Heninger, John McKusick, Stephan Rogers, Bess Keller, and Rachael Neill