



*Forming Faithful Stewards,  
Caring for Sacred Waters*

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### **Interfaith Partners for the Chesapeake Receives Gaithersburg Environmental Achievement Award**

*Group Works with Faith-Based Organizations  
to Restore and Protect the Chesapeake Watershed*

(Annapolis, MD) -- Interfaith Partners for the Chesapeake (IPC) will receive an award from the Environmental Affairs Committee at the City of Gaithersburg on Environmental Awards Night, April 1<sup>st</sup>, at 6PM-7PM at City Hall in the Gallery room. The Mayor, Jud Ashman, will present the awards.

"We are delighted to be recognized by The City of Gaithersburg, and would like to extend this recognition to our partners from a wide range of faiths who have supported our work in the region," said IPC executive director Jodi Rose. "All people of faith understand that we have a duty to be good caretakers of the Earth. IPC gives them the tools to do so."

IPC works with congregations to implement programs designed to restore and protect the Chesapeake watershed. Through the One Water Partnership and other initiatives, IPC helps congregations connect with and rejuvenate their neighborhood rivers. IPC aims to activate people of faith to take meaningful restoration action, and to support smart public policies such as a styrofoam ban in Maryland and the Forest Conservation Act, legislation that would require developers to restore damaged forest land.

In the years since its launch, IPC has worked with more than 200 congregations in Maryland and Washington, D.C., touching an estimated 42,000 people of faith through its growing network. Key partners that have contributed in this effort are The Chesapeake Bay Trust and the Muddy Branch Alliance. Over the next few months in Gaithersburg, IPC will be hosting a [Green Up Day](#) in April, an [Environmental Bus Tour](#) in May, and an [Interfaith Nature Walk](#) in June. Everyone is welcome and can sign up for these events at [www.interfaithchesapeake.org/gaithersburg](http://www.interfaithchesapeake.org/gaithersburg).

Through the awards, the City of Gaithersburg looks to recognize and show appreciation for those who give back to the environment and encourage others to get involved.

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*Interfaith Partners for the Chesapeake (IPC) aims to ignite the power of faith communities in the Chesapeake Bay region to honor all of Creation by working together to protect and restore our shared watershed.*

<http://www.interfaithchesapeake.org>

