

Menu for Action | FOR HARFORD COUNTY CONGREGATIONS



All congregations participating in the Harford County interfaith nature walk are encouraged to choose one or more of these actions to put their learning into action. Actions could also be incorporated into a Vacation Bible School or Sunday School program.

Forming

- 1. Organize a spiritual outdoor experience/ nature walk
- 2. Host an environmental movie night
- 3. Host a workshop on the intersection of faith and environment
- 4. Offer a Creation Care themed Bible Study
- 5. Organize an environmental book study group
- 6. Organize an "Inspirational Tour" looking at existing Green projects
- 7. Educate about gardening and lawn care healthy for the environment

Going Forth

- 1. Involve other congregations, the neighborhood or general public in any Forming or Caring activities
- 2. Hold a native tree/plant training and sale
- 3. Spearhead and participate in multi-congregational storm drain stenciling /murals
- 4. Spearhead a multi-congregation stream cleanup or block-by-block trash cleanup
- 5. Spearhead an inspirational outdoor experience with other congregations or community
- 6. Stream Surveys

Caring

- 1. Organize recycling at your congregation
- 2. Install rain barrels or rain garden
- 3. Organize and participate in a tree planting
- 4. Coordinate a congregational stream cleanup/ trash pickup
- 5. Install a community garden on church grounds to benefit your congregants, or to donate the food
- 6. Design conservation landscaping
- 7. Conduct an audit of chemicals at the congregation and properly dispose of them



For more information contact Bonnie Sorak at bonnie@interfaithchesapeake.org

Menu for Action Resource List - for congregations in Harford County

FORMING

1. Coordinate an outdoor experience/nature walk

Anita C. Leight Estuary <http://www.otterpointcreek.org/about-us/>

700 Otter Point Road Abingdon, MD 21009

Contact: Lauren Greoski, Park Naturalist, lmgreoski@harfordcountymd.gov,
410-612-1688

One of the few remaining large freshwater tidal marshes in the upper Chesapeake Bay accessible to the public, their mission is to increase awareness, understanding, and appreciation of estuarine ecosystems through research, monitoring, and education.

Eden Mill Nature Center and Park: <http://www.edenmill.org/>

Contact: Aimee Dunn, Director, 410-836-3050, aldunn@harfordcountymd.gov

Frank Masden, Naturalist, 443-243-3306, canoe54@gmail.com

Trails to enjoy the natural beauty of the Piedmont area of Harford Count. Programs include nature programs, family activities, Family Canoe Trips, and much more!

Harford Glen Environmental Education Center

<http://www.hcps.org/harfordglen/home%20page/index.html>

Contact: Howard Eakes, 410-638-3903, howard.eakes@hcps.org

Ladew Gardens and Nature Walk: <http://www.ladewgardens.com/>

Contact: Sheryl Pedrick, Education Director (410) 557-9570, ext. 226,

spedrick@ladewgardens.com

250 acres - woodlands, meadows beyond the 22 acres of formal garden includes nature trail along Yellow Birch stream, which empties into Gunpowder Falls. Learn about natural habitat, best practices of impact on streams, through field trips and lectures.

Susquehannock Wildlife Center: <http://www.susquehannockwildlife.org/>

1725 Trappe Church Road Darlington, MD

Contact: Scott McDaniel, Executive Director, Maryland Master Naturalist,
scott@suskywildlife.org, 443-340-7980

Hiking trail, learn about local wildlife conservation issues, and become involved in local habitat restoration.



The Havre de Grace Maritime Museum <http://www.hdgmaritimemuseum.org/wetland-restoration-project.html>

Contact: Bruce Russell, President, barussell52@verizon.net, (410) 939-4800
Planning Wetland Restoration and Living Shoreline Project - Demonstration and environmental education on shoreline ecology and buffer zone.

Izaak Walton League www.iwla.org/harfordcounty

Local Harford Chapter: Bryon Bodt, bryon@bodtdecoys.com, 410-734-7702
Takes small groups on nature hikes and engages in watershed restoration.

Other resources:

Lower Susquehanna Riverkeeper

<http://www.lowersusquehannariverkeeper.org/resources/>

Contact: lawsusriver@hotmail.com

Dedicated to improving and protecting the ecological integrity of the Susquehanna Watershed and Chesapeake Bay.

2. Host a movie night for your congregation

Susquehannock Wildlife Society - Scott McDaniel. See above in FORMING #1

Items 3-6 Interfaith Partners for the Chesapeake can assist you with any of the following:

3. Host a workshop on the intersection of faith and environment
4. Offer a Creation Care themed Bible Study
5. Organize an environmental book study group
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7. Educate about gardening and lawn care healthy for the environment

Contact: **Master Gardeners** <https://extension.umd.edu/harford-county/home-gardening/master-gardeners>

Master Gardeners offer gardening help, landscape planning, workshops, and educational events.

Contact: University of Maryland Extension Consumer Horticulturist

Joyce Browning, jbrowni3@umd.edu, 410-638-3255

Harford County Agricultural Center, University of Maryland Extension

CARING

1. Organize recycling at your congregation

How can our congregation participate in recycling?

Contact: Wendy Doring - Recycling Program Manager for Harford County Operations
wdori@menv.com, 301-638-3417 c: 301-832-8884

2. Install Rain Barrels, a Rain Garden, Cistern or Conservation Landscaping

Contact: **Watershed Stewards Academy**

Laura Coste, Outreach Coordinator, Dept. of Public Works Harford County,
lcoste@harfordcountymd.gov, 410-638-3217 ext. 2448

Kelsey Brooks, Watershed Restoration Specialist, kebrooks@umd.edu, 240-760-0270

3. Organize and participate in a tree Planting or host an "Arbor Day Every Day" Event

Where can we get trees to plant and learn how to plant them?

Maryland Dept. of Natural Resources - How to plant your tree:

<http://dnr.maryland.gov/forests/Pages/MarylandersPlantTrees/Plant-Your-Tree.aspx>

and a coupon for \$25 off the purchase of a tree:

<http://dnr.maryland.gov/forests/Pages/MarylandersPlantTrees/Print-Your-Coupon.aspx>

4. Schedule a stream clean up or block by block trash pickup

Contact: **Alliance for the Chesapeake Bay**

Register for a Project Clean Stream cleanup here:

<https://www.allianceforthebay.org/our-work/key-program-focuses/building-stewardship/project-clean-stream/>

5. Install a community garden on church grounds to benefit your congregants, or to donate the food

See this link for many contacts for this section -

Healthy Harford: <https://www.healthyharford.org/community-gardens>

Contact: **Master Gardeners** (contact information above)

6. Design conservation landscaping

Contact: **Master Gardeners** (contact information above)

7. Conduct an audit of chemicals at the congregation and properly dispose of them

Survey your congregation building and grounds for cleaning materials and lawn chemicals.

Properly dispose of them during household hazardous waste drop-off days. How many of these materials could be eliminated or changed to environmentally-friendly ones?

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GOING FORTH

1. Involve other congregations, the neighborhood or general public in any Forming or Caring activities

2. Coordinate a community rain barrel workshop

Host a community event that trains people how to install rain barrels on their property.

Watershed Stewards Academy

Contact: Laura Coste, Outreach Coordinator, Dept. of Public Works Harford County,
lcoste@harfordcountymd.gov, 410-638-3217 ext. 2448

Eric Buehl, Watershed Restoration Specialist, ebuehl@umd.edu, 443-205-5924

3. Spearhead multi-congregational storm drain stenciling/murals

Labels storm drains to inform public that water flowing into them goes to the nearest river or stream and does not go to a water treatment facility.

Submit a project proposal to Harford County Dept. of Public Works:

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4. Spearhead multi-congregation stream cleanup See also in CARING #4

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5. Spearhead a community outdoor field experience See also in FORMING #1

- Izaak Walton League of Harford County
<https://sites.google.com/site/harfordcountychapter/about-us>
Stream Survey / Water Monitoring
- Jerusalem Mill <https://jerusalemill.org/>
A living history museum that spans the 18th through early 20th centuries.
- Stepping Stone Farm Museum <http://www.stepsingstonemuseum.org/>
Located on the Susquehanna River, northwest of Havre de Grace, their mission is to preserve and interpret the rural heritage of Harford County.

6. Stream Surveys

Contacts: Stream Waders <http://dnr.maryland.gov/streams/Pages/mbss.aspx> and

<http://dnr.maryland.gov/streams/Pages/streamWaders.aspx> and Izaak Walton League (See info. above)