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

### 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

### 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

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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.

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

Izaac Walton League [www.iwla.org/harfordcounty](http://www.iwla.org/harfordcounty)
Local Harford Chapter: Bryon Bodt, [bryon@bodtdecoys.com](mailto: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/](http://www.lowersusquehannariverkeeper.org/resources/)
Contact: [lowsusriver@hotmail.com](mailto:lowsusriver@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
6. Organize an “Inspirational Tour” looking at existing projects

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](mailto:jbrowni3@umd.edu), 410-638-3255
Harford County Agricultural Center, University of Maryland Extension
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?
Contact: Wendy Doring- Recycling Program Manager for Harford County Operations
wdori@menv.com, 301-638-3417  c: 301-832-8884
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:
Laura Coste, Outreach Coordinator, Dept. of Public Works Harford County, lcoste@harfordcountymd.gov, 410-638-3217 ext. 2448

4. Spearhead multi-congregation stream cleanup See also in CARING #4
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
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Contact: Lauren Greoski, Park Naturalist, lmgreoski@harfordcountymd.gov, 410-612-1688

5. Spearhead a community outdoor field experience See also in FORMING #1
- Izaac Walton League of Harford County
  https://sites.google.com/site/harfordcountychapter/about-us
  Stream Survey / Water Monitoring
- Jerusalem Mill https://jerusalemmill.org/
  A living history museum that spans the 18th through early 20th centuries.
- Stepping Stone Farm Museum http://www.steppingstonemuseum.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)

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