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- **RESPECT:** Out of love for our Creator and the entire web of life, we cherish and protect all Creation.
- **ACTION:** We are rooted in faith and hope, and we live out our call to stewardship by taking action.
- **JUSTICE:** We work to achieve a healthy watershed for all community members of every socio-economic status and race.
- **INCLUSION:** We strive to build relationships with people of all faiths and races. We are designed by our Creator to be in community with one another.
- **ACCOUNTABILITY:** We operate responsibly with the resources entrusted to us, and expect the same from our partners.

**MISSION**

To ignite the power of faith communities in the Chesapeake region to honor all of Creation by working together to protect and restore our shared watershed.

**OUR STRATEGIC DIRECTION**

**Hubs of Action**

A hub of action is a group of people of any faith working together to heal their local watershed by engaging in a variety of collaborative actions including: increasing public awareness, restoration and cleanup, advocating for policies that protect water, and actively promoting environmental justice.

IPC built one such successful hub in the Jones Falls Watershed. Just take a look at the impact of this hub:

- **39** Congregations involved
- **4,000 sq. ft.** Native plantings
- **3,000** People reached
- **1,850 lbs.** Trash removed
- **1,228** Volunteer hours
- **187,240 sq. ft.** Treated hard surfaces
- **225** Trees planted
- **2,675 gal.** Rainwater harvested/year

**BUILD**

**AMPLIFY**

**CONNECT**

**INCREASE**

**Join a Hub & Join a Movement**

As part of our new strategic plan, we are committed to building hubs of action in Maryland, the District of Columbia, and Pennsylvania.

**Emerging Hubs of Action**

Jones Falls and Gwynns Falls Watersheds in Baltimore
Upper Wicomico Watershed in the Lower Eastern Shore
Harford County
Anne Arundel County
Montgomery County
Frederick County
Mobilizing Congregations

There are more than 5,000 places of worship in Maryland alone, and over 20,000 congregations throughout the Chesapeake Bay Watershed. That represents millions of people who look to their congregation, pastor, rabbi, imam, or spiritual leader for moral guidance on issues relating to clean water.

Each “in the ground” project we help implement demonstrates how each congregation—and each person—can help heal our shared waters and the communities that share this amazing watershed. No other faith-based organization is positioned to teach faith communities in the Chesapeake region about our moral responsibility to care for shared waters quite like Interfaith Partners for the Chesapeake.

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Our Impact

Educational Events: 35
People at Walks, Workshops & Trainings: 230
Signatures for the Forest Conservation Act: 263
Trees Planted in 2018: 394
Trees Planted Since 2013: +14K
Congregations Engaged Since 2013: 225

2018 Finances*

Total Income: $360,103
- Non-Government Grants: 30%
- Government Grants: 6%
- Individuals & Major Donors: 3%
- Corporations: 2%
- Earned Income: 2%

Total Expenses: 77%
- Programming: 23%
- Administrative & Fundraising: 23%

Includes awarded, contracted, or pledged funding yet to be collected

*As of September 2018
Congregations across the region have been active this year. Here are a few highlights of their work and ideas for ways you and your congregation could get involved:

**The Church of the Redeemer**

The Church of the Redeemer Episcopal Church in Baltimore’s Jones Falls region secured funding to install a 3,000-square foot bioretention practice to treat stormwater from 52,000 square feet of parking lot drainage, install 470 square feet of conservation plantings, remove some of their parking lot altogether, and install solar powered charging stations for vehicles. This church is restoring water and the air we breathe.

**St. Stephen Baptist Church**

St. Stephen Baptist Church in Temple Hills organized four “Clean Water for All Creation” community events. They partnered with Project Bright Future and The Denney House to increase awareness about environmental injustices in their community. Events included an Adopt-a-Road trash cleanup and a Community Day where homeowners dropped off old phones and other electronics. This church is teaching others how to be faithful stewards of all of Creation.

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- Congregation Kol Shalom
- Freedom Temple AME Zion Church
- Homewood Friends Meeting
- United Church of Christ of Annapolis

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