



Menu for Action | FOR ANNE ARUNDEL CONGREGATIONS

Congregations are encouraged to choose one or more of these actions on their path to being faithful stewards for the environment.

Congregation Name: _____

Forming: Build your congregation's knowledge and commitment

- 1. Host a spiritual outdoor experience/nature walk
- 2. Host a workshop on "Faith and the Environment" or "How to Talk About Climate Change"
- 3. Offer a sermon on Environmental Issues
- 4. Become a Master Watershed Steward through Watershed Steward Academy's Certification Course
- 5. Learn more about our local waterways in Watershed Stewardship Academy's "Short Course"
- 6. Organize an environmental movie night, book study group, or scripture study
- 7. Offer educational programming about drinking water, environmentally friendly gardening and lawn care, or other environmental topic
- 8. Incorporate environmentally themed programming into your youth group, Sunday school, or Vacation Bible school
- 9.* Start or support a Green Team through our training workshops
- 10. Connect holiday celebrations with creation care themes
- 11. Host an environmental advocacy workshop
- 12. Attend or organize an inspirational watershed tour
- 13. *Sign a Congregational Pledge to celebrate, respect, and revere the Earth's blessings

Caring: Put your knowledge into practice

- 1. *Organize and Participate in a Tree Planting
- 2. *Install a rain garden, cistern, rain barrels, treat or remove impervious surfaces
- 3. Install a conservation landscape to improve wildlife habitat
- 4. Put informational signage at your rain garden, tree planting, or conservation landscape project
- 5. Remove invasive plant species to help local wildlife
- 6. *Work with WSA to create a maintenance plan for your congregation's projects
- 7. Clean up trash at a local waterway, park, or neighborhood
- 8. Adopt habits that help reduce waste such as zero waste or recycling
- 9. Explore how to reduce energy use at your congregation and home or solar/community energy

Going Forth: Spread the message

- 1. Coordinate a stream cleanup or trash pickup with other congregations
- 2. Invite other congregations to attend any stewardship events at your congregation
- 3. Coordinate a multi-congregational mural or storm-drain stenciling
- 4. Collaborate with other faith communities to host a nature walk or spiritual outdoor experience
- 5. Invite your congregation to participate in an activity sponsored by a local watershed organization to view existing projects

* Denotes qualifying action for seed funding

What Is The One Water Partnership?

Supporting Faith Communities in Healing Our Local Waterways



Heeding the Call

The One Water Partnership is a growing movement of faith communities, environmental non-profits, and government agencies coming together to reshape the way we think about local waterways and foster a new healing and respect for the natural world which nurtures every one of us with the blessings of life.

A Network of Support

The One Water Partnership provides support for faith communities as they heed the call for environmental leadership in many ways:

Education

The One Water Partnership connects congregations with speakers, film series, resources, and other environmental education programming that can be hosted by your congregation.

Leadership Development

The One Water Partnership provides training for congregational lay leaders to equip them with the knowledge and skills needed to help shepherd their congregation toward a path of stewardship.

Project Support

The planet needs faith communities to be leaders and set the example when it comes to stewardship. This means taking on projects like planting trees and rain gardens, installing solar panels, and converting impervious surfaces into bay-friendly landscapes. The One Water Partnership connects faith communities with the resources and experts in your own locale that can help make these projects possible.

Funding

The One Water Partnership also provides grant writing support to congregations and seed money to help fund environmental practices when available. To date, the One Water Partnership has helped fund raise over \$250,000 for congregational projects!

Our Growing List of Anne Arundel Program Partners



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