



# ONE WATER PARTNERSHIP

JONES FALLS WATERSHED

## MENU OF ACTIONS

### PROGRAM PARTNERS



# Using the Menu of Actions

We are blessed to be on this journey with you! This Menu of Actions is designed to help you and your congregation be faithful stewards of Creation. These activities are available to any congregation in the Jones Falls Watershed. We encourage all congregations to carry out at least two (2) of the activities, and all are welcome to join in the Leadership Trainings on page 12.

In addition, a special cohort of 15 congregations will receive more in-depth support through this program. These are called "Covenant Congregations" because they will sign a Covenant that says their congregation is committed to being good stewards of the Jones Falls watershed. This is a promise they make in faith to each other, and to the surrounding community. These 15 Covenant Congregations will take a few extra steps on their journey:

- » They will complete a self-assessment to gauge their congregation's readiness for being leaders in the Jones Falls watershed.
- » They will participate in a Visioning Session, whereby their core leadership will discuss goals, capacities, and challenges, and choose four (4) actions they will undertake in the coming year, including at least one permanent green infrastructure project.
- » They will form a Green Ministry at their congregation to carry on this work even after the initial year.
- » Are you interested in being a Covenant Congregation? Call Bonnie Sorak at 410-609-6852 or email at [bonnie@interfaithchesapeake.org](mailto:bonnie@interfaithchesapeake.org) or see our website at [www.interfaithchesapeake.org/one\\_water\\_partnership](http://www.interfaithchesapeake.org/one_water_partnership).

The partners listed on the back panel of this booklet are here to walk with you through every step of your journey. You are also working with other congregations in the Jones Falls. We each bring unique gifts to this great work of our time. We cannot do this alone—we must work in community with one another. Together, we can heal the Earth, beginning with our own Jones Falls watershed.

The Menu of Actions is organized in categories:

## Forming

Activities that inform and provide spiritual context, such as outdoor experiences, educational workshops, and discussions

## Caring

Visible/measurable actions such as stenciling storm drains, picking up trash, installing solar panels or rain gardens, or planting trees

## Going Forth

Actions that engage the broader community, such as hosting a rain barrel workshop for neighbors, purchasing community solar, or discussing environmental policies with your elected officials

## Leadership Trainings

Depending on interest, these trainings will be offered during the grant period and all congregations will be invited to participate

# Our Action Selections

All congregations are encouraged to photograph their activities not only for themselves, but to share with the broader community as a public witness. Share the photos on your congregation's facebook page or website, and send them to the partner organizations so we can also share them with the public to inspire more stewards. Please notify Bonnie Sorak at 410-609-6852 if your congregation is ready to get started on any of these activities.

## Forming

- Coordinate an outdoor experience/nature walk
- Host a movie night for congregation
- Host workshop on intersection of faith and environment
- Host a guest sermon on environmental issues
- Organize "Inspirational Tour" looking at existing projects

## Caring

- Implement green infrastructure\* (rain barrels, rain gardens, cisterns)
- Organize and participate in a tree planting\*
- Coordinate and participate in a stream cleanup/block-by-block trash cleanup
- Install community garden on church grounds to benefit your congregants, or to donate the food
- Facilitate clean energy purchase for congregation
- Assess the congregation's energy use options for energy upgrades
- Support congregations in assessing their facility for solar panels\*
- Install conservation landscaping\*

\* qualifies as permanent green infrastructure

## Partners Acronyms

- IPC** Interfaith Partners for the Chesapeake
- IPL-DMV** Interfaith Power & Light (DC.MD.NoVA)
- BWB** Blue Water Baltimore
- MDSG** Maryland Sea Grant

## Going Forth

- Form a Green Team
- Educate congregants about saving energy at home
- Join solar purchasing co-ops
- Help congregants buy clean energy
- Host a water focused public advocacy training
- Host an energy focused public advocacy training
- Host a movie night for broader community
- Share your success story, inspire your neighbor
- Coordinate a community rain barrel workshop
- Hold a native tree/plant training and sale
- Host liturgical or "spiritual fitness" series of sermons/classes
- Coordinate and participate in multi-congregational storm drain stenciling/murals
- Spearhead multi-congregation stream cleanup/block-by-block trash cleanup
- Hold youth education series
- Coordinate and lead a community outdoor field experience

## Leadership Trainings

- Host Creation Care 101
- Offer "How to Talk About Climate Change so People in Your Congregation Will Listen"
- Provide home energy workshop
- Offer "Circles of Influence" advocacy training
- Coordinate and host a Grant Writing Workshop
- Host an environmental group "Speed Dating" Fair

# Forming

Action	Description	Partner's Role	Congregation's Role	Partners	Interest
<b>Coordinate an outdoor experience/nature walk</b>	Organize a Nature Walk to see your watershed with new eyes, and better understand the challenges this watershed faces	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>» Assist with planning</li> <li>» Provide discussion questions</li> <li>» Attend and lead discussion</li> <li>» Available for 15 congregations</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>» Advertise the event through bulletin announcements, flyers, websites, social media and emails to congregation or neighborhood</li> <li>» Recruit ~20 attendees, including pastor/rabbi/imam/spiritual leader</li> <li>» Record and submit names/email addresses of those present</li> </ul>	IPC BWB IPL-DMV	<input type="checkbox"/>
<b>Host a movie night for congregation</b>	Organize a movie night with a documentary from our Film Library; facilitate a discussion afterwards	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>» Share movies for free, if available</li> <li>» Assist with planning, discussion questions</li> <li>» Attend and lead discussion</li> <li>» Available for 10 congregations</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>» Advertise the event through bulletin announcements, flyers, websites, social media and emails to congregation or neighborhood</li> <li>» Recruit attendees</li> <li>» Record and submit names/email addresses of those present</li> </ul>	IPC IPL-DMV BWB	<input type="checkbox"/>
<b>Host workshop on intersection of faith and environment</b>	Organize a mini-workshop or panel discussion on a topic such as watershed restoration, climate change, food issues, waste, spirituality of ecology/caring for creation etc.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>» Assist with planning</li> <li>» Provide a speaker(s) for a presentation, if needed</li> <li>» Available for 6 congregations (3 by IPC/3 led by IPL-DMV)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>» Advertise the event through bulletin announcements, flyers, websites, social media and emails to congregation or neighborhood</li> <li>» Recruit at least 20 attendees</li> <li>» Record and submit names/email addresses of those present</li> </ul>	IPC IPL-DMV	<input type="checkbox"/>
<b>Host a guest sermon on environmental issues</b>	Arrange a guest speaker to preach about environmental issues from the pulpit	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>» Communicate between the guest speaker and the congregation to confirm venue and logistics</li> <li>» Available for 5 congregations by IPC</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>» Coordinate with partner organization about the speaker and logistics</li> </ul>	IPL-DMV IPC	<input type="checkbox"/>
<b>Organize "Inspirational Tour" looking at at existing environmental restoration projects at houses of worship</b>	Learn about projects other congregations have completed through a driving tour of completed sites that show either rain gardens/cisterns/etc. or solar panels; have Q&A with members of the host sites	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>» Will schedule one bus tour for at least 40 attendees (can be from multiple congregations sending 5-10 congregants each); can also be a personal vehicle caravan instead</li> <li>» Will plan route, develop discussion questions</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>» Congregational point of contact works with partners to organize date and time, publicizes tour to members</li> <li>» Recruit at least 5 members of your congregation, including one lay green leader, and preferably the pastor or facilities manager will also attend (i.e. someone with decision-making authority)</li> <li>» Record and submit names/email addresses of those present</li> </ul>	BWB IPC IPL-DMV	<input type="checkbox"/>

# Caring

Action	Description	Partner's Role	Congregation's Role	Partners	Interest
<b>Implement green infrastructure (rain barrels, rain gardens, cisterns)</b>  * qualifies as permanent green infrastructure for the Covenant congregations	Organize a water audit of your congregation's property  *Project need not be completed prior to the end of 2018	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>» Provide site visit and recommendations</li> <li>» Assist with project prioritization</li> <li>» Assist with grant-writing</li> <li>» Ongoing support by MDSG even after the grant period if projects are not completed by the end of this program</li> <li>» Available to the 15 Covenant Congregations</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>» Regularly communicate with organizational partners</li> <li>» Within 8 weeks of receipt of water audit and recommendations, secure approval from congregational leadership for at least one of the recommended projects</li> <li>» Spearhead the grant-writing process with support from partners</li> <li>» Oversee project implementation</li> </ul>	BWB MDSG	<input type="checkbox"/>
<b>Organize and participate in a tree planting</b>  * qualifies as permanent green infrastructure for the Covenant congregations	Plant trees on your grounds and educate fellow congregants to do the same  Plant trees on your grounds and educate fellow congregants to do the same	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>» Supplies all materials, supplies, planning support</li> <li>» Provide educational and spiritual workshop</li> <li>» Available for 5 congregations</li> </ul> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>» Trees are planted, watered and maintained by SHA for as long as the easement is in-place</li> <li>» SHA prepares the written easement for legal review</li> <li>» IPC delivers spiritual/educational workshop to contextualize this project</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>» Plant ~30 trees per site</li> <li>» Meet BWB for site walk-through, if needed, to decide on planting location and scale</li> <li>» Secure commitment from facility managers for the planting and maintenance obligations</li> <li>» Assemble 20+ volunteers for planting day</li> <li>» Assemble 20+ attendees plus clergy/spiritual leader for educational/spiritual workshop</li> <li>» Record and submit names/email addresses of those present</li> </ul> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>» Plant ¼ acre or more at ratio of 100 trees per acre</li> <li>» Agree to a signed easement allowing SHA to come onto the property to plant the trees, maintain them, and replace dead trees for an indefinite period of time</li> <li>» Maintain good communication with SHA throughout project</li> <li>» Assemble 20+ attendees plus clergy/spiritual leader for educational/spiritual workshop</li> <li>» Record and submit names/email addresses of those present</li> </ul>	BWB/IPC  IPC State Highway Authority (SHA)	<input type="checkbox"/>  <input type="checkbox"/>
<b>Coordinate and participate in a stream cleanup/ block-by-block trash cleanup</b>	Plan a stream cleanup, neighborhood cleanup, or participate in an already-planned cleanup activity	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>» Planning and organizing support</li> <li>» Trash bags and gloves provided</li> <li>» Guidance regarding trash disposal and tabulating the collection to measure its impact</li> <li>» Available for 10 congregations</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>» Plan activity, prepare flyers/ announcements for congregation to mobilize volunteers</li> <li>» Assemble 20+ volunteers plus clergy/spiritual leader to participate in cleanup activity</li> <li>» Record and submit names/email addresses of those present</li> </ul>	BWB	<input type="checkbox"/>
<b>Install community garden on church grounds to benefit your congregants, or to donate the food</b>	Design, build, and plant a community garden on your congregation's grounds for food production; garden could be used as a community resource for those who wish to grow their own food, or shared as a congregational activity to generate food to be donated; ideally, garden will replace a previously impervious surface	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>» Work directly with Rev. Heber Brown/BCFSN</li> <li>» Available for 1 congregation</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>» Regularly communicate with organizational partners to ensure smooth execution of this action</li> <li>» Secure approval from congregational leadership for garden installation and maintenance</li> <li>» If grant-funding is needed, spearhead the grant-writing process with support from organizational partners</li> <li>» Oversee project implementation</li> </ul>	Black Church Food Security Network	<input type="checkbox"/>

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<b>Facilitate clean energy purchase for congregation</b>	Buy 100% clean energy at favorable rates for your congregation's facilities through a partnership between IPL-DMV and the nonprofit Groundswell	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>» Guidance on step-by-step process for establishing clean energy contracts</li> <li>» Assistance with preparing a sign and newsletter/bulletin announcements to spread the word about this project</li> <li>» Available for 10 congregations</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>» The person who pays the congregation's energy bills would need to explore Groundswell's available pricing for 100% wind power and sign a new 1 or 2-year contract for the facility's energy use</li> <li>» Make a sign and communicate to congregants through newsletters or bulletins that the facility is supporting clean energy through its energy bills, with link to residential signup link (ipldmv.org/cleanenergy)</li> </ul>	IPL-DMV	<input type="checkbox"/>
<b>Assess the congregation's energy use options for energy upgrades</b>	Assess and pursue opportunities to reduce energy use through do-it-yourself and professional processes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>» Provide resources for identifying opportunities to reduce energy</li> <li>» Available for 5 congregations</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>» Put up light switch reminders throughout facility</li> <li>» Person who pays congregational energy bill benchmarks current energy use with free "Energy STAR for Congregations" Portfolio Manager software</li> <li>» Explore professional energy audit for facility</li> <li>» If appropriate, pursue financing for energy upgrades through the Baltimore Energy Initiative loan program or other available resources</li> </ul>	IPL-DMV	<input type="checkbox"/>
<b>Support congregations in assessing their facility for solar panels</b>	Explore opportunities for installing solar panels for your congregation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>» Provide guide to navigate the process</li> <li>» Personalized consulting from IPL-DMV Director</li> <li>» Coaching and brokerage to MD-SUN for in-depth review of opportunities for major upgrades such as solar panels</li> <li>» Available for 3 congregations</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>» Delegate a green volunteer or two to serve as solar champions for the project;</li> <li>» Solar champions work with IPL-DMV to evaluate possibilities</li> <li>» Facilitate meeting between decisionmakers in the congregation, and IPL-DMV or MD-SUN</li> <li>» With guidance from IPL-DMV and MD-SUN, congregation seeks proposals from solar development companies, evaluates proposals, secures pro bono legal counsel, and signs contract</li> </ul>	IPL-DMV	<input type="checkbox"/>
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<b>Install conservation landscaping</b>	Create conservation landscaping on congregation's grounds to promote native species habitats, pollinator support, and beautify the property; lead educational activities for your congregation to help them understand the importance and spiritual connections	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>» Provide site visit and recommendations</li> <li>» Assistance with grant-writing</li> <li>» Ongoing support by MDSG even after the grant period if projects are not completed by the end of this program</li> <li>» Available for 8 congregations</li> <li>» Will schedule up to 2 additional tours, depending on interest <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Can provide bus rental; must have at least 40 attendees (5-8 congregations sending 5-10 congregants each); or personal vehicle caravan instead</li> <li>• Will plan route, discussion questions</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>» Meet partners for site walk-through, if needed</li> <li>» Signed maintenance agreements</li> <li>» Assemble planting materials and supplies</li> <li>» Prepare internal communications for congregation by way of flyer or social media/e-announcements to notify congregants of the project and recruit volunteers for planting and maintenance</li> <li>» Assemble 20+ volunteers for planting day</li> <li>» Record and submit names/email addresses of those present</li> </ul>	BWB	<input type="checkbox"/>
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# Going Forth

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<b>Form a Green Team</b>	Form a committee of dedicated congregants and decision-makers to carry on the work of fostering an ethic of stewardship at the congregation; establish goals, timelines, strengths, meeting schedule, and ongoing mentoring with partner organizations or nearby congregations who have done similar work	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>» One-on-one assistance in identifying team members and training leaders</li> <li>» Coaching on establishing meeting agendas, goals, infrastructure</li> <li>» Available for 15 congregations</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>» 1-2 green leaders participate in IPL-DMV coaching on forming and motivating a green committee</li> <li>» Form a committee of no less than 5 dedicated congregants</li> <li>» Meet to identify goals for the next 3-5 years</li> <li>» Establish action plan</li> <li>» Establish a regular meeting schedule</li> </ul>	IPL-DMV	<input type="checkbox"/>
<b>Educate congregants about saving energy at home</b>	Organize a home energy workshop for your congregation, making connections between energy use and faith values and providing congregants with practical steps to reduce energy use at home	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>» Additional partners: Baltimore Energy Challenge or Retrofit Baltimore</li> <li>» Presentations can be made at individual congregations about how to save energy at home</li> <li>» Available for 20 congregations</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>» Plan a home energy workshop for the congregation, in partnership with IPL-DMV</li> <li>» Publicize the workshop among congregants, turn out 8-12 attendees, with at least half taking next steps to save energy at home</li> <li>» Record and submit names/email addresses of those present</li> </ul>	IPL-DMV	<input type="checkbox"/>
<b>Join solar purchasing co-ops</b>	Consider going solar at home through a residential solar purchasing group	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>» Additional partner: MD-SUN</li> <li>» Presentations can be made at individual congregations about how to save energy at home</li> <li>» Available for 20 congregations</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>» Recruit homeowners in the congregation to learn more about going solar at home and join or form a solar "coop"</li> </ul>	IPL-DMV	<input type="checkbox"/>
<b>Help congregants buy clean energy</b>	Invite your congregation to buy 100% wind energy credits for their home	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>» Additional partner: Groundswell</li> <li>» Presentations can be made at individual congregations about how to save energy at home</li> <li>» Available for 20 congregations</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>» Recruit congregants to sign up to support clean energy through their energy bills at <a href="http://www.ipldmv.org/cleanenergy">www.ipldmv.org/cleanenergy</a></li> </ul>	IPL-DMV	<input type="checkbox"/>
<b>Host a water focused public advocacy training</b>	Weaving together what's been learned through "Forming" and "Caring", step forward into the world of public advocacy	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>» Provide training and tools</li> <li>» IPC personnel time cannot be used to directly advocate for a policy, but can only be used to increase the congregation's capacity to engage in public discourse</li> <li>» Available for up to 5 congregations</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>» Core leadership participates in "Circles of Influence" training when IPC offers it in the region</li> <li>» Orchestrate an advocacy action such as letter campaign, phone campaign, meeting with state representative, around an environmental issue</li> </ul>	IPC	<input type="checkbox"/>
<b>Host an energy focused public advocacy training</b>	Through a conversation with engaged green volunteers in the congregation, explore the importance of advocacy and discuss several case studies of ways local congregations in the region have spoken out faithfully on environmental matters	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>» Provide training and tools</li> <li>» IPL-DMV personnel time cannot be used to directly advocate for a policy, but can only be used to increase the congregation's capacity to engage in public discourse</li> <li>» Available for up to 5 congregations</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>» Core leadership participates in conversation</li> <li>» Green leaders select one advocacy engagement around energy or climate policy and invite congregants to take action in a public way; action should mobilize 20+ people plus clergy/spiritual leader in some way (if 20 people cannot meet with the state representative, at least 20 people must sign the letter that is hand-delivered to the representative)</li> </ul>	IPL-DMV	<input type="checkbox"/>
<b>Host a movie night for broader community</b>	Offer a movie night open to the public with a documentary followed by a group or panel discussion; examples include Bag It!, Thirsty for Justice, In Defense of Food	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>» Loan movie for free</li> <li>» Assist with developing discussion questions</li> <li>» Assist with planning</li> <li>» Attend to lead discussion if needed</li> <li>» Available for up to 10 congregations (5 for IPC/5 for IPL-DMV)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>» Needs to be open to the public</li> <li>» Needs to have at least 20 people attend</li> <li>» Congregation will advertise this event by preparing a flyer, Facebook posting, circulating to their neighbors, and asking the organizational partners to host the flyer on their websites, emails, etc.</li> <li>» Record names/email addresses of those present</li> </ul>	IPC IPL-DMV	<input type="checkbox"/>

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<b>Share your success story, inspire your neighbor</b>	Host a blessing of newly installed projects at congregational grounds and leverage that public witness for maximum education/ inspiration of the broader community	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>» Provide access to IPC Toolkit to assist in planning public announcements/blessings of projects</li> <li>» Assist with planning</li> <li>» Attendance as needed and as organizations are available</li> <li>» Available for 12 congregations, shared among partners (8-IPC/BWB, 4-IPL-DMV/solar)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>» Review IPC's Toolkit and meet with IPC staff to plan out a commissioning of your newly installed project</li> <li>» Plan one activity to bring visibility to your project</li> <li>» Prepare flyer/invitation for the activity, and mobilize at least 40 people plus clergy/spiritual leader to attend the activity</li> <li>» Prepare press release for the activity</li> <li>» Notify local/state representatives of the activity and invite them to attend</li> <li>» Broadcast activity on social media</li> <li>» Explore installing permanent signage at the project site for ongoing education</li> </ul>	IPC IPL-DMV BWB MDSG	<input type="checkbox"/>
<b>Coordinate a community rain barrel workshop</b>	Host a rain barrel building workshop and educational event	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>» Lead the workshop</li> <li>» Provide tools, materials, and instruction</li> <li>» Assist with promotion</li> <li>» Offer rain barrel installation at no cost for workshop participants</li> <li>» Available for 4 congregations</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>» Coordinate with BWB to choose a date and venue</li> <li>» Lead workshop promotion and recruitment</li> <li>» Record and report names/email addresses of those present</li> </ul>	BWB MDSG	<input type="checkbox"/>
<b>Hold a native tree/plant training and sale</b>	Host a sale of native plantings at your congregation, and couple that with a training on how to plant trees at home	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>» Provide training on how to plant a tree/native plant and general tree care tips</li> <li>» Assist with promotion of the sale</li> <li>» Supply stock for sale and staff the event</li> <li>» Available for 4 congregations</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>» Coordinate a date with BWB</li> <li>» Promote the tree/plant giveaway to congregation</li> <li>» Record and report names/email addresses of those present</li> </ul>	BWB	<input type="checkbox"/>
<b>Host liturgical or "spiritual fitness" series of sermons/classes</b>	Organize a series of services/liturgies highlighting environmental stewardship	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>» Offer talking points for sermons, Bible studies, group discussions if needed</li> <li>» Could speak at one of the liturgies if needed</li> <li>» If requested, circulate announcement of the series to organizational networks to invite others to come and listen</li> <li>» Available for 5 congregations (3-IPC, 2-IPL-DMV)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>» Identify a series of stewardship messages/themes that can be explored in a liturgical series, series of sermons, intercessions, hymns, prayers, etc.</li> <li>» Stewardship theme will be highlighted on 4 different weekends, at the convenience of the congregation</li> <li>» Announce the series within the denominational hierarchy as an invitation to other worshipers to participate</li> <li>» Offer tabling space to partners for them to share resources and information to engage congregants in stewardship</li> </ul>	IPC IPL-DMV	<input type="checkbox"/>
<b>Coordinate and participate in multi-congregational storm drain stenciling/murals</b>	Stencil/paint street storm drains to identify them as directly leading to streams/creeks, partnering with other nearby congregations	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>» Provide training for captains and participants</li> <li>» Supply the materials</li> <li>» Lead the stenciling event</li> <li>» Assist with event promotion</li> <li>» Available for 4 congregations</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>» Plan activity, prepare flyers/ announcements to mobilize volunteers and recruit participants</li> <li>» Assemble 20+ volunteers to participate in this activity</li> <li>» Record and report names/email addresses of those present</li> </ul>	BWB	<input type="checkbox"/>
<b>Spearhead multi-congregation stream cleanup/block-by-block trash cleanup</b>	Stream cleanup, neighborhood cleanup, or participate in an already-planned cleanup activity, in partnership with nearby congregations	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>» Assist with event promotion and recruitment</li> <li>» Lead the cleanup by providing instructions, supplies, and general support</li> <li>» Coordinate and provide supplies</li> <li>» Arrange trash pickup</li> <li>» Available for 8 congregations</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>» Plan activity, prepare flyers/ announcements</li> <li>» Recruit 2-3 nearby congregations to also participate and bring their volunteers as well</li> <li>» Assemble 40+ volunteers plus clergy/spiritual leaders to participate in cleanup activity</li> <li>» Offer kickoff or closing interfaith prayer to underscore our interconnectedness through the environment</li> <li>» Record and report names/email addresses of those present</li> </ul>	BWB	<input type="checkbox"/>
<b>Hold youth education series</b>	Organize a Sunday School, Hebrew School, Spiritual Fitness/Formation, or Vacation Bible School program for children in the congregation, with a focus on stewardship of the Earth	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>» Customized training of adult volunteers from the congregation on how to lead a VBS or other youth education program relating to watershed stewardship</li> <li>» Provide materials list and training packet so that congregation can replicate the program in future years</li> <li>» Ongoing mentoring if needed as the congregation is planning to deliver the camp</li> <li>» Available for 3 congregations</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>» Recruit 5-10 adult congregants to be trained in the curriculum, equipping them to offer the children's program at a later time; training includes several teaching modules that can fit into a series of weekend kid's classes, or a summer week-long camp</li> <li>» Organize and deliver the curriculum</li> <li>» Record the number of youth who participate</li> </ul>	IPC	<input type="checkbox"/>
<b>Coordinate and lead a community outdoor field experience</b>	Organize an outdoor experience that connects congregants more deeply to the natural world to further inspire stewardship	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>» Contract directly with the partners, their fees vary depending on the level of support needed for this</li> <li>» Pay-for-Service</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>» Organize a hike, kayak trip, driving tour, or other field trip that cultivates a sense of place, spiritual connection, and responsibility for the natural world</li> <li>» Identify a main message to be delivered during the experience</li> <li>» Identify a main "ask" for all attendees to return home and be forever changed in one way</li> <li>» Must be attended by 20 congregants</li> <li>» Record and report names/email addresses of those present</li> </ul>	IPC Center for Nature in Spirituality	<input type="checkbox"/>



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**Forming Faithful Stewards,  
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