Dulin United Methodist Church

Environmental Team

“What can I do?” – March 17, 2024

For now, Dulin’s Environmental Team is working mainly on removing invasive non-native plants and planting natives to provide habitat for birds, insects, and everything that depends on them.

We are also dreaming about other environmental actions: solar panels, stormwater management, electrifying the building (to move away from natural gas for heating and cooking). These are much more long-term projects with no concrete plans yet, but it’s good to dream!

Things you can do:

AT DULIN

Work day for removal of non-native plants: Saturday, April 6, 2024, 9 a.m. – 12 noon, weather permitting. (Drop in for any part of the morning.) Snacks and water will be provided; bring gardening tools if you have them.

Join future meetings and work days of the Environmental Team to bring your ideas and helping hands!

IN THE COMMUNITY

Look for groups that hold invasive plant removal parties in local parks; for example, the Arlington Regional Master Naturalist group, *ARMN.org*

Educate yourself and your friends, family, and neighbors about the importance of native plants for sustainable habitat. A good starting point: Douglas Tallamy’s books, including *Bringing Nature Home* and *Nature’s Best Hope*.

Sign up for emails from Interfaith Power and Light, an organization that works with faith groups to combat climate change (*interfaithpowerandlight.org*). They also focus on Earth Day and the 10 days around it for specific community actions and educational movies.

VOTE for leaders who will take action on climate change and other environmental needs! Collective action is one of the most effective things we can do.

AT HOME

Plant natives and remove invasive non-native plants. There are many resources for plant identification and recommendations, including *plantnovanatives.org*

Consider climate-friendly upgrades, many of which provide tax credits: solar panels, heat pumps, electrification of kitchen appliances (convection ovens, induction cooktops), electric or hybrid cars, insulation.

Move toward eating more plant-based meals and less meat. This doesn’t have to be all-or-nothing!