

## **GREEN ORGANIZING ACTION TEAM:**

### **“GOAT NOAT” FOR APRIL 2022**

Before we talk about the Maryland environmental legislation updates, we are pleased to tell the Homewood community that the Garden Club will come out of winter hibernation soon. **Our first Garden Club work day of the year is Saturday, April 16<sup>th</sup> from 10 AM to 12 Noon.** GOAT provides the tools and everyone is welcome to share in the love and labor. It feels good to get dirty!

Less than 2 weeks remain in the 2022 Maryland General Assembly that is scheduled to end on Monday, April 11<sup>th</sup>, known as Sine Die. Our Meeting went on record as a supporting organization for two environmental bills.

- **The Maryland Environmental Human Rights (MDEHR) Amendment** to the Maryland Constitution is no longer being considered. If it had been approved by both chambers, this bill would have established a statewide referendum for the November 2022 ballot. Despite the fact that the bill had considerable public support and a very successful hearing in the House, it was never given a vote in either chamber. The work of the campaign continues and a debriefing will be held in late April.
- **Climate Solutions Now Act of 2022.** The Senate passed SB 0528. The House of Delegates is considering a cluster of bills, each of which would address key aspects of reducing carbon or methane pollution. The cornerstone legislation is HB0708. Time is of the essence for passage by both chambers. For additional information and to keep abreast of the bill's progress, see Quaker Voice of Maryland (QVM) at: <https://www.quakervoicemd.org>

Join the Quaker Voice of Maryland distribution list and get information about other areas of interest including immigration, criminal justice, and voting rights.

If you have questions or suggestions regarding this advocacy work, please contact Gary Gillespie, clerk of GOAT, or John McKusick. GOAT meets on the fourth Sunday of the month at 1:30 PM. For the location, contact Gary.

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