

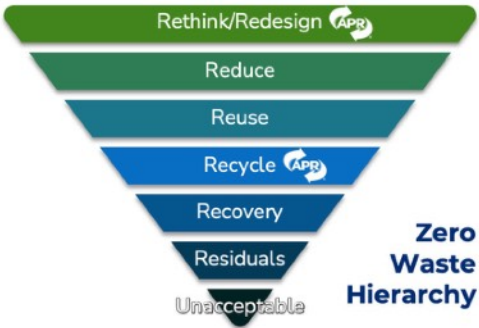




How PMM Addresses Climate Crisis Issues

Climate Crisis Committee is committed to help fulfill Providence Monthly Meeting’s and Philadelphia Yearly Meeting’s commitment to address climate change, to promote increased awareness in our Meeting about climate issues, to educate our Meeting on how, locally, we can reduce our carbon footprints, and to help identify opportunities for witnessing to our faith in creating a more sustainable society.

Spiritual Basis for Action	Delco Sustainability Plan Focus Areas	PMM Actions (accomplishments and future events)	Date
<p>“The world is God’s creation. How we treat the earth and all its creatures is basic to our relationship with God, and of fundamental religious concern to the Society of Friends”</p>	<p>The goal of the plan (https://www.delcopa.gov/sustainability/pdf/SustainDelcoPlan.pdf) is to improve our environment and community today, so all may have safe, healthy, and enjoyable place to live without interruption in the wake of a changing climate.</p>	<p>The accomplishments listed below demonstrate our efforts (ongoing and future plans are in bold text) “to act on and bring to life our spiritual call to work for the peaceable Kingdom of God on the whole Earth, in right sharing with all peoples. We recognize a moral duty to cherish Creation for future generations.”</p>	<p>CCC start - Feb, 2021</p> 
<p>As Quakers, we understand climate change due to human activities to be a symptom of a greater challenge: how to live sustainably and justly on this Earth.</p>	<p>Energy and Efficiencies – Evaluate consumption and efficiency of energy and water throughout County operations and the Delaware County community.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Removal of 2 gas furnaces/ installation of heat pumps • Exploration of clean energy services • Installation of solar array 	<p>2022</p> <p>2023</p> <p>2023</p>

<p>The Earth is God’s work and not ours to do with as we please. We recall Gandhi’s saying, often quoted by Quakers: ‘Live simply that others may simply live’.</p> 	<p>Zero Waste- Focus on the waste stream in Delaware County with a goal of moving to Zero Waste.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Composting program at PMM • Repair Café • Recycled alkaline batteries • Recycling holiday light • Plastic free food storage containers 	<p>Ongoing Ongoing 2022-2024 2022 ongoing Ongoing</p>
<p>We are called to live in right relationship with all Creation, recognizing that the entire world is interconnected and is a manifestation of God. We work to integrate into the beliefs and practices of the Religious Society of Friends the Truth that God’s Creation is to be respected, protected, and held in reverence in its own right, and the Truth that human aspirations for peace and justice depend upon restoring the earth’s ecological integrity.</p>	<p>Natural Resources- Promote the conservation and stewardship of the natural environment in Delaware County.</p> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Blog on biodiversity/Rights of Nature etc. • Landscape Committee efforts to plant native plants • Bollards • Tree Rings • Interfaith Biodiversity • Collaboration • Kiss the Ground film showing (https://kissthegroundmovie.com/) • DarkSky Lighting (https://darksky.org/) 	<p>Ongoing Ongoing 2025 Ongoing May 2025 Ongoing</p>

<p>The current economic system has provided humanity with many material benefits. However those benefits have been unequally shared. Many of them have been brought about through the over-exploitation of the Earth's natural resources.</p> <p>Quakers have committed to work towards a different kind of economic system based on our belief in a fundamental human equality and respect for the Earth.</p>	<p>Climate Resiliency- Focus on promoting climate resiliency by effectively responding to climate hazards and building strong economic and public infrastructure.</p> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lobby effort re: ReWorld incinerator in Chester • Support local farmers and CSA's (Community Supported Agriculture) • Lobbying effort re: proposed hydrogen hubs (https://delawariverkeeper.org/events/mach2-our-community-speaks-out/) • Community workshop • Sustainability Workshop (https://youtu.be/jfLWkYu4-8M) 	<p>Ongoing</p> <p>Ongoing</p> <p>2024</p> <p>Jan 2024</p> <p>Jan 2025</p>
<p>For an interesting discussion of issues Quakers face in reviewing transportation systems follow this link: https://jeffkisling.com/2017/07/20/ethical-transportation/</p>	<p>Transportation-Evaluate how people and goods move from one place to another in Delaware County and identifies alternatives to the current system.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lobbying re: hydrogen hubs • Landscape and Parking Committee work to create a sustainable parking lot 	<p>Ongoing</p>
<p>“All species and the Earth itself have interdependent roles within Creation... Indeed the web of creation could be described as of three-ply thread: wherever we touch it we affect justice and peace and the health of all everywhere.”</p>	<p>Health and Wellness-Consider the foundations of human life, air, water, and food, and how existing conditions may be improved for overall health and wellbeing.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Plastic free July • Gardening to support nature-education program 	<p>2023/2024</p> <p>Ongoing</p>