

MAGNet - the Mt. Airy Greening Net

ACTION PROJECTS for Community Sustainability

We enjoy **initiating** fun projects that inspire & educate. We **network** & **build coalitions** with other environmental & community organizations. We also **advocate for green** & **sustainable legislation**. Some of our specific projects:

- **Eco-buy**, to audit & identify best-in-class sustainable products for over 3000 member households (Mar '06 with Weavers Way Co-op)
- **Co-op RideShare** (Mar '06 with Weavers Way)
- **Earth Day Fair**, including the **Free-for-All** (Apr '05-'06 with Wissahickon Charter School)
- **PhillyFreecycle™**, a free online materials exchange - the first of it's kind in Delaware Valley, now with over 7000 members (Nov '03)
- **A-Z directory** of local reuse & recycling options
- **Community Forums**
 - **Eco-Municipalities** (Apr '04 with SBN)
 - **Power of local Co-ops** (Feb '06 with SBN)
- **Clothes Swap & Fundraiser** - a cool way to combine fun & local connection to global events
 - Feb '05 for Tsunami relief at Unitarian Church of G'town
 - Apr '06 for Darfur relief at Germantown Jewish Center
- **Community Film Nites**
 - End of Suburbia (Aug '05 with Cecilian Center for Earth, Arts & Spirit)
 - Wal-Mart: The High Cost of Low Price (Jan '06 with Weavers Way Environment Committee)
- **Community Tree Plantings**
 - 14 trees planted (Mar '05 with Tree Tenders & Weavers Way)
 - 35 trees planted (Mar '06 with Tree Tenders)
- Promoted groundbreaking local initiatives, including **RecycleBank™** & the Recycle NOW Philly campaign, **PhillyCarShare™**, **Community Energy** & the **Energy Co-op's** 100% renewable electricity products, & **Farm to City's** Farmers Markets & Community Supported Agriculture
- Developed **PhillyGreenmap** (May '05 with University of the Arts)

SUPPORT for Personal Sustainability

We've expanded upon the Eco-Team concept. We believe in the power of **role modeling**. We reduce our ecological footprint, approaching **near-fossil-neutral** lifestyles. We write about **voluntary simplicity** & support each other to take time for what we most value. Some specific personal sustainability examples:

- **Electricity - Conservation, Efficiency & Renewables**
 - replaced lightbulbs with compact fluorescent bulbs
 - conducted energy audits of home
 - selected energy efficient appliances - dehumidifier, refrigerator, clothes washer, dishwasher
 - installed outdoor as well as indoor clotheslines
 - switched to 100% renewable electricity thru PECO Wind & the Energy Co-op
- **Waste Reduction**
 - experimented with living a zero-waste lifestyle
 - composted & shared compost bins with neighbors
 - mapped local compost sites to make a cool activity hotter
- **Transportation**
 - planned a bike route to work
 - purchased carbon offsets to fully offset personal & business car & plane travel
 - invested in the Grease for Peace mobile - a diesel car converted to run on waste vegetable oil
 - lived car-free
- **Heating Fuels**
 - invested in more efficient boilers
 - insulated homes with non-toxic cotton batting & blown-in cellulose
 - studied ways to reduce fuel usage
 - audited utility bills to quantify savings
- **Water Consumption**
 - installed low-flow shower heads
 - upgraded to low-flow toilets
- **Home Renovation**
 - utilized eco-friendly products, from low VOC paints and floor sealers, to natural and renewable carpets and furniture
- **Food**
 - bought local & organic, & locally-owned, when possible
 - invested in CSA memberships

Testimonials

"I am constantly learning new ways to green my life & can share my ideas with others to green theirs. Having a community to do this is both useful, fun & gives one hope." Miranda Spencer

"MAGNet has helped me to streamline my environmental footprint significantly. I don't know how I would have made the major changes I did without the group's constant encouragement." Ameet Ravital

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Meet 1st & 3rd Sundays from 10a - 12p at 610 Carpenter Lane, Philadelphia PA 19119