



Begun in October 2022, Talbot Green Hands (TGH) is the local chapter of Interfaith Partners for the Chesapeake (IPC). We are a collaborative group of local faith communities, taking action to restore and protect our shared waterways.

March 2026

THIS MONTH'S TOP STORIES

Legislation we are following:

- Maryland Recycling Refund and Litter Reduction Program ("Bottle Bill"), HB332/SB342. Proven policies that reduce litter and boost recycling rates beyond what curbside recycling programs can achieve.
- On-farm Organics & Wasted Food Reduction and Diversion Grants, HB429/SB599, creates grant programs to expand on-farm composting, food waste prevention, edible food recovery and transitions from single-use to reusable food service-ware.
- State Yard Waste Composting & Prohibition on Disposal in Plastic, HB164, prohibits State employees and contractors from using single-use plastic bags to collect yard waste on state grounds and highways and promotes composting, mulching or recycling to reduce plastic contamination.
- Prohibition on Beverage Container Flexible Plastic Ring Connectors, HB92. These ring connectors can entrap wildlife, break apart into microplastics, and like plastic shopping bags are difficult to recycle, quickly become trash and easily replaceable with better options.
- Food Product Labeling Requirements HB410. Standardises food date labels to clarify food safety and quality dates and help prevent food waste



Mary Dunlavey, Carol Meredith & others preparing the garden beds for spring planting on March 7 at the Presbyterian Church of Easton

UPCOMING EVENTS

ShoreRivers State of the Rivers

- Chester River, April 22, 5:30-7:00, Riverkeeper Annie Richards, Rock Hall Fire Department.
- Choptank River, April 28, 5:30-7:00, Riverkeeper Matt Pluta, Oxford Community Center.
- Sassafras River & Bayside Creek, May 7, 5:30-7:00, Riverkeeper Zack Kelleher, Betterton Fire Department.
- Miles & Wye Rivers and Eastern Bay, May 12, 5:30-7:00, Riverkeeper Ben Ford, Chesapeake Bay Maritime Museum, St Michaels.

Talbot Green Hands monthly meeting April 16, at 11:00 at the Presbyterian Church of Easton and by zoom (email us for a zoom invitation): talbotearthday@gmail.com



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