



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.

December 2025

THIS MONTH'S TOP STORIES

In November, we got the entire western half of the PCE original garden paths covered with chips and all the spent plants and weeds chopped and stuffed into the new composter. Two beds are going to be tended for greens during winter. Most of the rest are ready for spring.



The school year garden bed at the PCE community garden now has frost protection from a row cover. It has been harvested almost daily for a month offering radishes, collard greens, beet greens, kale, spinach, snow-peas and chard. Toward early spring the carrots, onions and Brussel sprouts will be ready.



Members of Talbot Green Hands, Beth Mufson, Jonathan Williams, Terry Price, Nicollete and Jordan Dallmann, put all the spent plants and weeds into the composter and got most of the Presbyterian Church of Easton's community garden ready for spring.

Composting reduces the production of methane from landfills which is Maryland's #1 contribution to greenhouse gasses because it is 80 times more powerful than CO₂.

On November 15, Micha Lessard, shipwright with the Chesapeake Bay Maritime Museum, organized volunteers building the composters to be used at the Blackwater Rising community garden at 808 Locust Street in Cambridge. The 3 bin wood and wire design is likely the first composter on the eastern shore built with wood preserved with the Yakasugi wood-charring method. It will be used to process spent plants, weeds and unused veggies into compost. It is one of 3 community-scale composters built by Talbot Green Hands on the mid-shore.





Jonathan Williams and Micha Lessard working on the composter for Blackwater Rising community garden.

Two shifts are open for routine maintenance of stocks of carbon (mostly leaves), compost bins and the school-year demonstration garden.

A puppet show is being developed to promote composting. We are looking for people who have experience with set and costume design, acting, photography and promotion.

We are considering hosting an Organics Recycling Conference, perhaps on Earthday, to recognize and connect pioneers of this on the mid-shore.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Talbot Green Hands monthly meeting December 18 at 11:00 at Third Haven and by zoom (email us for a zoom invitation): talbotearthday@gmail.com



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