



## Maryland Green Registry MEMBER

The Maryland Green Registry promotes and recognizes sustainable practices at organizations of all types and sizes. Members agree to share at least five environmental practices and one measurable result while striving to continually improve their environmental performance.

# Irvine Nature Center



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Nonprofit nature center  
Member since June 2018

## Management and Leadership



### Environmental Policy Statement

*Irvine is an environmental education organization. Our mission is to educate and inspire current and future generations to explore, respect and protect nature.*

*At Irvine, we guide learning.  
We live green.  
We foster respect.  
And we thrive outdoors.*



### Environmental Team

*Irvine's dedicated team of staff, volunteers, and board members work tirelessly to promote environmental education and conserve our treasured natural resources. Our staff of environmental educators, teachers, and naturalists work daily to teach our community members the importance of protecting nature and recycling. Our incredible volunteers join us to plant trees, help combat invasive species, and convert former farmland into healthy spaces for our native species. Our Board of Trustees meets monthly to guide our strategic vision and provide assistance for our programs.*



### Environmentally Preferable Products and Services

*At Irvine, we have a number of initiatives to conserve our resources. Of course we recycle throughout our property, as well as provide our guests and students with compostable products while they're with us.*

**Environmentally Preferable Purchasing**

*We require our vendors to utilize recycled and/or compostable products.*

**Environmental Restoration or Community Environmental Projects**

*Irvine is dedicated to protecting, maintaining and restoring our 210 acres of property and the surrounding area. We have transitioned over 125 acres of land from over-processed farmland to both native wetlands and trails. We also host annual Project Clean Stream Events, and have developed a tiered system of natural streams and pools to filter rain water and runoff.*

**Waste**

**Recycling**

*We recycle everything we can, every day. Our Project Clean Stream Event in April produced 1,900 pounds of recycling alone, and our recycling programs result in thousands of pounds of recycled materials every year.*

**Composting**

*We compost our food waste on site, although savings and numbers for this practice are not available.*

**Energy**

**Energy Efficiency**

*Our building is equipped with solar panels and a green roof.*

**Renewable Energy**

*Our water heating system is solar powered.*

**Water**

**Stormwater Management and Site Design**

*Our porous parking lot results in less run off.*



*Help build a greener, more sustainable Maryland through voluntary practices that reduce environmental impacts and save money.*

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