



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.

Plastic Free QAC



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Non-profit
Member since December 2021

Management and Leadership

Environmental Policy Statement

Plastic Free QAC is committed to educating, raising awareness, and bringing clarity to the choices each individual can take to improve our environment.

Environmental Team

The entire team is our environmental team! We meet weekly and share best practices on how to make our home offices green. The team orchestrates events that help the community improve their practices and conserve our beautiful landscape.

Environmental Restoration and Community Environmental Projects

We orchestrate several projects throughout the year including the following:

- *Monthly trash clean ups*
- *The fishing line collection project*
- *Support of 4H club initiative for creating a bench from re-used plastic*
- *Education through weekly participation in local farmers market, including donations of reusable bags and literature*
- *Facilitation of Breaking Free from Plastic course*
- *Three of our members participate in the Oyster Restoration project and have personal oyster farms as part of the program*

Waste

Solid Waste Reduction and Reuse

Our team works from home and each individual contributes to solid waste reduction including re-using materials in their homes and refilling items such as shampoo, conditioner, laundry soap, dish soap and hand soap with Refill Goodness.

Recycling

Each team member has made significant strides in recycling and focus on cardboard, glass and elimination of plastic from homes. This has kept roughly 200 pounds of material from the landfills over 2021.

Energy

Energy Efficiency

Each team member is responsible for their individual usage and use LED bulbs and programmable thermostats to control energy usage. We have identified 22 changed bulbs in 2021, which has resulted in a reduction of more than 10,000 kWh and an annual cost savings of more than \$1,000.

Transportation

Employee Commute/Customer Travel

We conduct our meetings online to limit the need to drive.

Environmental Certification Programs, Awards, and Other Activities

- Winner of the 2021 Golden Anchor Award, given by The Shore Update, a publication based in Queenstown, Maryland, to an organization that makes the community a better place.*



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

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