

## **Annual Report, 2010-2011: Green Sanctuary Committee**

Our purpose is to serve as a catalyst in our congregation's journey toward sustainability and effective involvement with environmental issues.

Projects: We completed nine more projects. These are included in the Summary by Month (see below). For the complete project list, see [www.etmsolar.com/gsuu/gs/GS.Projects.pdf](http://www.etmsolar.com/gsuu/gs/GS.Projects.pdf) or the Green Sanctuary Bulletin Board.

Milestones: In September, 2011 UUCB was accredited by UUA as a Green Sanctuary.

### Summary by Month:

**July/August:** Growing lettuce at Corbett St. garden plot; sent in Green Sanctuary accreditation application; mulching/weeding UUCB flower beds

**September:** UUA accredits us as a Green Sanctuary; public comments at EPA hearing; Launch of EcoPact II

**October:** Our 10/10/10 350.org event, featuring our gift solar panel the White House to encourage Obama to put them up again; we celebrate GS accreditation; tabling in support of Douglas's "Poisoning Our Own Wells" sermon; UUCB energy audit report available

**November:** Dick presents EcoPact I results; Launch of Million Letter March

**December:** David Currie presentation "The Future of Binghamton: Prosperity Without Growth; We celebrate completed installation of our solar panels

**January:** Million Letter March video and discussion; Wes's "Enough is Enough" presentation; review/adjust UUCB thermostat settings

**February:** Roger Westgate presentation on his BU solar panel research; UUCB carbon footprint chart posted; UUCB energy efficiency upgrade proposal sent to the board

**March:** Julian's biodiversity talk; "Our Priceless Planet" art exhibit at Binghamton City Hall; UU Athens visit to share our Green Sanctuary experiences

**April:** Amy Fleming discussion on simple living; Earth Day service; Anti-fracking rally in Albany; Earth Fest

**May:** Anti-fracking rally in Albany; tabling in support of Douglas's "My Eco-Promises" sermon; Lillian's "Creating a Healthy Watershed" event; Promoted Eco International (Vestal) for electronics recycling; Participated in Smart Growth conference; Albany hearing on public health impacts of hydrofracking

Communications Leader: Gerri Wiley

Project Leaders: Carol Miyake, Trebbe Johnson, Wes Ernsberger, Lee Shepherd, Lynne Theophanis, Beverly Singer, Gerri Wiley, Dick Rehberg, Lillian Theophanis, Rema Loeb, Heather Kirkland, Cindy Cotten, Scott Clarke, Donna Every, Nancy Lee, and Adam Flint.

Active Participants: Eric Loeb, Lois Einhorn, Tim Wolcott, Tom and Dolores Elliott, John Patterson, Walt Melzer, John Hamlin, Ed Ware, Jim Bryden, Gay Canough, Jim Taft and Jerome Slote.

Wes Ernsberger, Chair