

## **Annual Report, 2013-2014: 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 continued work on our ongoing projects and completed several new projects. See the Summary by Month, 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.

Ongoing: Green Matters column in the Beacon; Green Sanctuary web pages; Work with Property Committee on energy efficiency, composting, and keeping up the grounds in an earth-friendly way. Updating website.

### Summary by Month:

**July:** Climate Action Group meeting

**August:** Green Sanctuary Kickoff Meeting

**September:** Built food dehydrator. Sold carbon offset certificates at Carbon Neutral Sunday. We become carbon-neutral!

**October:** Leaf raking party. Riverbank cleanup event.

**November:** Carbon neutral celebration. Vegetarian Potluck luncheon. Four short environmental videos (in collaboration with Social Justice).

**December:** Biodiversity EcoForum, Victor Lamoureux, presenter.

**January:** Participated in the State of the State anti-fracking rally in Albany.

**February:** Vegetarian potluck luncheon.

**March:** Hosted screenings of "Triple Divide" and "Groundswell Rising".

**April:** Composting EcoForum, Tim Wolcott, presenter. Installed storm windows. Obtained a blower door test. Sold carbon offset certificates for 2014.

**May:** Discussed climate change with the Long Range Planning Committee.

**June:** Scrap metal drive. UUA fossil fuel divestment resolution at GA.

Project Leaders: Tim Wolcott, Wes Ernsberger, Gerri Wiley, Rema Loeb, Becky Casstevens, Gay Canough, Christine Niskanen, Lillian Theophanis

Participants: Dick Rehberg, Beverly Singer, Joe Thompson, Jacob Thompson, Alan Hochberg, Scott Clarke, Cecily O'Neil, John Patterson, Baylen Slote, Steve Kresge, Dorothy Haverly, Nancy Lee

Gay Canough, Chair