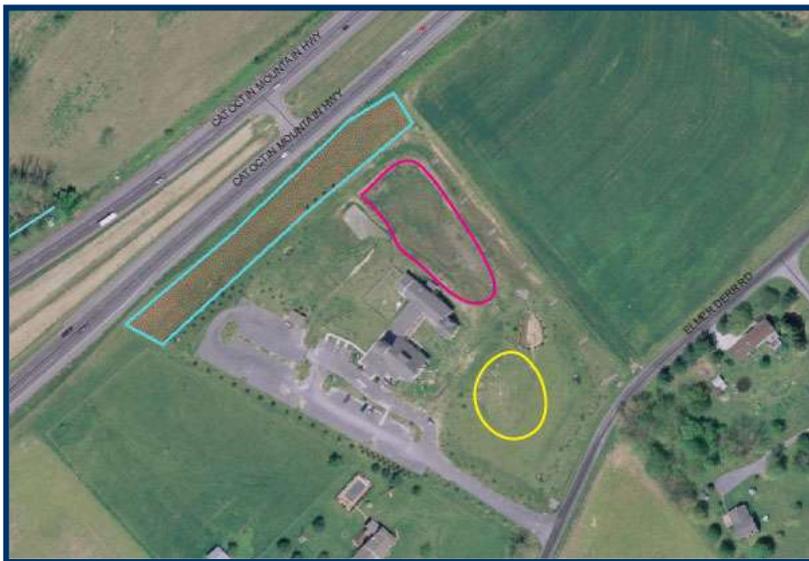


UUCF'S NEW WATERSHED STEWARDSHIP PROJECT FOR ALL AGES TO BE DISCUSSED AT A GREEN CHARRETTE (WORKSHOP) ON OCTOBER 23!

The Watershed Stewardship project is a natural outgrowth of UUCF's commitment as a Green Sanctuary to conserve natural resources and implement green practices in our congregation's operations. Through this project we expect to:

- Become a watershed conservation leader in the greater UU community by sharing our experiences and stressing the important connections between community and watershed health;
- Broaden our connections within our local community;
- Demonstrate to our congregation and others that small changes can result in big impacts when we work together;
- Track how our actions to restore and maintain our adopted park have resulted in a cleaner, healthier watershed habitat; and
- Cultivate watershed stewardship principles and practices in congregation members of all ages.



An aerial view of UUCF. The area being considered for the ROW warm season grass meadow is outlined in blue. The Meadow Plantings are outlined in yellow and the Detention Area Plantings are outlined in pink.

Watershed conservation starts at home, so our project will focus on improvements we can make on UUCF's property. These initiatives will include:

Meadow Plantings: Our native wildflower and grass meadow is in need of rehabilitating and we need to create a plan to successfully re-establish this garden.

Detention Area Plantings: A plan will be developed to successfully eliminate invasive species and keep them under control.

ROW (Right-of-Way) Plantings: We will work with the Maryland State Highway Administration (SHA) to convert a turf

grass right-of-way that lies between UUCF and the Catoctin Mountain Highway (MD State Route 15) into a native warm season grass meadow.

Seed Growout Station: The native tree and shrub seedlings raised through the program by our youth will be used in community watershed planting initiatives.

Volunteering for a Public Park in the Watershed: Twice yearly visits to a local park to assist with maintenance and restoration will expand our presence in the community and offer some opportunities for social events, like a congregation picnic!

The Green Team hopes you will join us as we kick start these exciting new initiative. Join the Green Team at 1pm on October 23 for a Green Charrette (workshop) about the project, which will follow a vegetarian potluck immediately after the second service. Interested members and friends of the congregation can also contact Pam Gromen, the Watershed Project Coordinator at greensanctuary@frederickuu.org with any questions.

