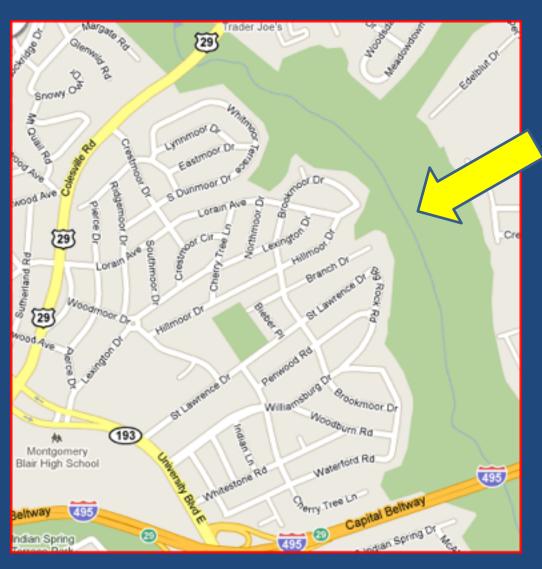
Meet the Woodmoor Green Team

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Who are we?

- A group of neighbors interested in greening Woodmoor by encouraging an environmentally friendly lifestyle that is easy on the wallet, family, and eyes
- Organized in January 2009

Where is Woodmoor?



Northwest Branch

Why form a green team?

- The Woodmoor Green Team (WGT) helps people who want to go green but don't know where to begin, as well as those who want to share green ideas with the community.
- We suggest simple steps that people can do at home to become more environmentally friendly.
- We increase awareness of the resources and activities available that encourage green living.

What are our goals?

- <u>outreach</u>: publicize environmentally friendly efforts/opportunities
 - Neighborhood newsletter column
 - Woodmoor yahoo group
 - Woodmoor Green Team yahoo group
- <u>support individual initiatives by collaboration</u>: encourage individuals to go green at home

Outreach – Neighborhood Workshops to encourage going green at home

- Coldframe
- Composting
- How to apply for RainScapes rebates
- Ideas came from the group
- Held at WGT member's homes



Collaborations with other groups to promote tree planting, rain gardens and conservation landscapes

- Neighbors of the Northwest Branch
- Friends of Sligo Creek
- Dept. of Environmental Protection/Rainscapes Program
- Woodmoor Garden Club
- Girl Scout troops 1549 and 2265

Pine Crest ES community rain garden

First Rainscapes for Schools project in Montgomery County

Collaboration between DEP, Girl Scout Troops 1549 and 2265, Pine Crest GT, WGT, and Woodmoor Garden Club



Conservation Landscaping



Native plants provide food and habitat for wildlife and allow rainwater to percolate into the ground instead of running off into the NW branch





The WGT works because we:

- Focus on projects our members are interested in
- Set reasonable goals & adjust as needed
- Collaborate with other groups that contribute their expertise & resources
- Have someone keeping track of things (more people would be better)





You can start a green team to transform your neighborhood too!