

Environmental Concerns Committee (ECC)
Report to the ILYM Continuing Committee

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The ECC will be meeting at McNabb on April 15 and 16, 2010, for worship, fellowship, and work! We are currently pursuing three areas of activity. Much of our work will include planning projects that will occur during the growing season.

- 1) **Green roof for the Meeting House kitchen:** We will be discussing the next steps in initiating the project on the roof this growing season.
- 2) **Maintenance and vision for the spiritual and physical care of the land, plants and animals on the ILYM grounds.**

Thanks to the diligent work of Adrian Fisher, we now have guidelines for making the Yearly Meeting grounds supportive to wildlife. In April, we will be planting some trees, shrubs, and herbs along the fence rows to improve their condition, aesthetic appeal, and suitability for wildlife. Plants we have selected include 10 of each of downy hawthorne (*Crateagus mollis*), American plum (*Prunus americana*), American hazelnut (*Corylus americana*), Illinois rose (*Rosa setigera*), and blackhaw viburnum (*Viburnum prunifolium*). We will spend considerable time discussing the placement of landscape features that have been proposed for the grounds, since we want to have an integrative plan. One wonderful idea that has emerged is having a contemplative memorial pergola and sitting place where Friends can go to remember deceased Friends. If time permits we will continue working on the maintenance of the grounds as well. We are also investigating collaborative grounds work with Maintenance and Planning Committee.

- 3) **Memorials of Friends:** We continue to advance the writing and editing of short biographical memorial statements concerning the Friends associated with the memorial trees. We have had two requests to plant memorial trees for Paul Schobernd and Clance Wilson. The ash trees planted at the north end of the prairie were planted by Clance's memory, but the request is for a serviceberry, which is on our list for future plantings. This species is a nice small tree with white blooms in the spring, thus we are in favor of planting this tree on the grounds near the Clear Creek House.