

Environmental Concerns Committee (ECC)

Report to the ILYM Continuing Committee

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The ECC met at McNabb on October 7 and 8, 2010, for worship, fellowship, and work!
We are currently pursuing six areas of activity.

1) **Green roof for the Meeting House kitchen:** This project is being supported by a Quaker Earthcare Witness Mini-grant of \$250 and matching funds from ILYM. We will be doing a trial with at least three different trays and covering about 70 square feet. The experimental roof will be initiated in the spring to give the plants a complete growing season to grow and mature. An article about the green roof

project will be published in the fall 2010 *Among Friends*, based on ECC's report to QEW on the progress of the project this summer and fall. A final report, once the trial is completed, will be submitted to *Among Friends*.

2) **Maintenance and vision for the spiritual and physical care of the land, plants and animals on the ILYM grounds.**

We continued the work of clearing brush and debris from the new property. The bat house was placed on the front side of the barn. We also planted one bur oak tree donated by Urbana-Champaign Friends Meeting (UCFM) on the northwest side of the property south of the road where there open lawn. A chinkapin oak donated by a UCFM neighbor was also planted in line with the bur oak and parallel to the road. Bur oak acorns were also planted on the south side of the barn and in the fence row west of the campground. We continue to work on the green roof which will be placed on the west half of the kitchen roof next spring. Weeds were cleared around the Meeting House and daffodils were planted mostly along the red bud row on the campground side of the property.

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.

4) **Global Change:** The ECC is willing to assist the ILYM representatives to FWCC to bring Global Change clusters to the yearly meeting.

5) **Nancy Halliday statement concerning environmental toxins:** The article that was published in *BeFriending Creation* is being submitted to *Among Friends*.

6) **Recycling in Putnam County:** We recently learned there is a county effort at recycling. We plan to find out more so that the impacts of this program on recyclables produced at the Clear Creek grounds can be discerned.

We encourage Friends to watch the visually awe inspiring, compelling, and hopeful video called HOME by at Yann Arthus-Bertrand which highlights the miracle of life on earth from the air at <http://www.goodplanet.org/en/>