

First Parish Church of Northborough
Green Sanctuary Project

Approved Action Plan
June 2005

CATEGORY & ACTION ITEMS	TIMELINE	LEAD COORDINATION	COMMUNICATION STRATEGIES	STATUS	NOTES
WORSHIP & CELEBRATION					
1) Add an Earth Based Spirituality symbol to the alter that reflects the UU 7 th Principle.	12 months	Standing Committee (Donna Massey, Karen Nelson)	Decided by SC	Symbol selected by congregation (formal vote at Annual Meeting) but not yet placed.	
2) Hold two environmental justice themed worship services that specifically focus on the link between poverty and environmental degradation.	24 months	Worship Committee (Judith Wright)	Regular Service Communication Methods	COMPLETE 1) Jan. '06, GW & impact on world's most vulnerable 2) Oct. 06, Responsible Energy Solutions	
RELIGIOUS EDUCATION					
1) Support RE Program in selecting an environmental awareness/social action project.	12 months	Jeanne Cahill	Individual	Dr. Eric Olson of Brandeis Univ. guest to RWE included energy savings demo of bicycle attached generator to power CFL bulb & incandescent bulb.	
2) Hold two book discussions on environmental awareness topics.	24 months	Denise Frizzell	Standard Methods (email, newsletter, flyers, announcements)	COMPLETE 1) Walk in the Woods Sept '05 2) The Great Turning April '07	

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ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE					
1) Establish a community partnership to raise awareness on environmental issues to include environmental justice	24 months	Green Sanctuary Committee (Sandy, Joan, Marty)	Standard Methods plus direct outreach to community groups and local papers	COMPLETE Redemption of refundable bottle & can deposits to purchase CFL's for local food pantry. Also, team participated in Interfaith Walk for Climate Rescue March '07	
2) Increase education on and promotion of fair trade available through the church and retail outlets.	24 months	Sandy	Standard Methods (flyers, email, announcements, posters, website)	COMPLETE	

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SUSTAINABLE LIVING					
1) Establish a task force to implement priorities identified by the MIP&L energy audit (energy conversation)	24 months	Denise Frizzell (Donna Morris)	Standard Methods and Meetings.	COMPLETE W/I CONSTRAINTS	
2) Develop a policy to guide church management to include activities such as procurement, cleaning supply products, recycling, etc.	12 months	Denise Frizzell (Renee Peace, Marty Flint, Doris Tivnan)	Team meetings, Standing Committee	COMPLETE— SEE “Green Policy Guidelines” document	
3) Encourage members of the congregation to have a free home energy audit by MIP&L through our organizational membership.	24 months	Jeanne Cahill and Karen Nelson	Standard Methods	COMPLETE	
4) Sign up for Mass Electric’s Green-Up Program (renewable energy generation) and encourage individual households to do so.	24 months	Jeanne Cahill and Karen Nelson	Standard Methods	COMPLETE	
5) Engage in on-going education, support and information exchange on personal lifestyle changes that decrease our environmental impact while helping us live in greater accord with our 7 th Principle.	24 months	GS Committee (Denise Frizzell and Jeanne Cahill)	Standard Methods	COMPLETE 1) Lay Led service, Keeping the Earth 2) Public Showings of Inconvenient Truth Nov ’06 approx 95 total attendance 3) Michael Dowd & Connie Barlow lecture Sept ’06	

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				4) Showing of Affluenza Series March-April '06	
6) Establish a church recycling & composting system.	6 months	Denise Frizzell (Pete Mierswa, Renee Peace)	Standard Methods	COMPLETE Feb. '06 (paper, bottle, can, and plastic recycling)	