



2018-2019



Annual Report

Engaging our community in caring for our environment.

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Cleaning Up the Community

The indiscriminate disposal of trash and litter poses potential health issues for plants, animals, and humans. Each year hundreds of volunteers join EcoAction Arlington to clean up several Arlington parks, highways and streams. In 2018-2019 alone, we removed 438 bags of trash from our parks and waterways.



Increasing Volunteerism

Volunteers make our work possible by sharing their time and energy in support of our mission. Time is the one thing we can never get back, and this year, 991 volunteers contributed 3,912 hours by participating in Energy Masters, stream and highway cleanups, invasive plant removal projects, the Plastic Free Challenge, our fall seed collection, and so much more.



Planting More Trees

Trees are powerful forces of nature that protect and manage our ecosystem. They help sustain our environment by reducing energy use, regulating water, decreasing emissions, cleaning the air, and contributing to our mental and physical health. EcoAction Arlington planted 414 trees at homes and in neighborhoods, increasing Arlington's tree canopy.



Advancing Energy Efficiency

Energy Masters volunteers worked with 107 low-income families to demonstrate how small changes can result in a more energy-efficient lifestyle. Today, these households reap the benefits of decreased carbon emissions and a more comfortable home. This fiscal year our volunteers installed 140 LED light bulbs and 112 low-flow aerators and showerheads.



Preparing the Future

This year our in-school programs empowered 3,371 students with knowledge and skills they can use today to contribute to making their homes more sustainable. The students are taking action and educating their parents and grandparents about how little steps can make a big difference for Arlington and our planet.



Partnering for More Impact

Our collaboration with the Solar and EV Co-op helped 46 homeowners install solar panels at a reduced cost, and 9 vehicle owners transition to solar EV-chargers. By partnering with the Northern Virginia Rain Barrel Program, 238 people installed a rain barrel to conserve water and decrease runoff. Volunteers helped us mark 110 storm drains to educate and deter people from polluting our local waterways.

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Making a difference in our community

Creating real change takes time and commitment. A snapshot of EcoAction Arlington's 2018-2019 accomplishments calls attention to some of the ways we are changing behaviors, repairing damage to our environment, and increasing awareness about individual responsibility thanks to your support of time, energy, and money. Look for more good news in the full report due out in January 2020.