

BALTIMORE GREEN FORUM

a monthly environmental education and discussion forum

Sunday March 25, 2012

4:00-6:30 PM

Maryland Presbyterian Church
1105 Providence Road, Towson, MD 21286

<http://www.mpchurch.org/About.htm>

Ken Donithan

[Earth and Air Technologies, LLC](#)

Renewable Energy for Home and Business

What *you* can do

Ken will present information about solar and wind power systems that can be installed in residential homes, farms, and businesses. Earth and Air Technologies is a local company in Hampstead, MD, and they have experience and knowledge of the latest alternative energy systems which are designed for point-of-use, easing the strain on grid-based transmission and distribution for optimum efficiency. He will bring some materials for hands-on demonstration, and will answer questions about the technical aspects as well as economic issues, such as government incentives and PPAs.

Our own BGF member Paul Schoen will be the coordinator of this meeting, and he will present some "do it yourself" options and technical details of solar cells and wind power generators. He will provide samples of raw solar cells that can be purchased for less than \$0.50/watt, but need skilled assembly and additional materials that explain why ready-to-use systems are more than \$3/watt. And he will show how an inexpensive DC motor can be used with a home-made windmill for less than \$0.10/watt. But there are also technical issues that prove TANSTAAFL.

The Baltimore Green Forum format starts with a 45 minute presentation, followed by break-outs into Affinity Groups, then report backs. As always, there will be time for announcements and networking.

The Purpose of the Baltimore Green Forum is to seek to improve the quality of *all* life in the greater Baltimore area. Our contribution to this goal will be to gather monthly in order to: **Discern** the progress towards regional sustainability that has already been achieved, **Discover** the connections amidst the chaos of the movement and build a community of like-minded individuals, and **Do** take appropriate action to address the challenges we face together. BGF is open to the public and is free of charge, but donations to Maryland Presbyterian Church are greatly appreciated. For questions, to co-sponsor, or to RSVP, contact baltimoregreenforum@gmail.com or 301-345-2234.

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