

## For Immediate Release

# People for Change Coalition

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## PFC Coalition Partners with IPC

### **PFC Coalition encourages churches to plant trees as a way to help the environment”**

**Largo, MD:** Thursday, July 7, 2016 – The PFC Coalition and the Interfaith Partners for the Chesapeake (IPC) have built a formidable partnership. The two organizations have come together under the “Trees for Sacred Places Program” to use church grounds to plant trees and help the environment.

To make this wonderful partnership and initiative happen, the PFC Coalition is recruiting churches in Prince George’s County. We have reached out to our members and contacts with strong ties to the faith-based community as we promote the “Trees for Sacred Places Program”. The PFC Coalition will also host educational workshops in partnership with IPC.

Churches who participate in this program are eligible to enroll in the County-based “*Alternative Compliance Program*” to reduce and/or eliminate the Clean Water Act Fee appearing on their tax bill. Why? Because this is a way for churches to help improve the County water quality by reducing and treating storm water runoff. In addition, The “Trees for Sacred Places Program” also gets churches to engage the congregation in tree planting activities.

Congregations will learn that trees can reduce storm water runoff by capturing and storing rainfall in the canopy and releasing water into the atmosphere. Tree roots and leaf litter also create soil conditions that promote the infiltration of rainwater into the soil.

We invite churches to contact us if they would like to learn more about the “Trees for Sacred Places Program”.

**About the People for Change Coalition (PFC Coalition):** The PFC Coalition serves as a nonprofit membership organization in the county that works to build the capacity of nonprofits and small and minority businesses. We do this thru outreach, education and training. For more information visit [www.pfccoalition.org](http://www.pfccoalition.org) or call 301-772-1552.

**About IPC:** Interfaith Partners for the Chesapeake (IPC) is dedicated to educating, supporting and motivating people and communities of faith in the Chesapeake watershed to care for the Earth and all its inhabitants, beginning with our home, the Chesapeake Bay Watershed. For more information visit [www.interfaithchesapeake.org](http://www.interfaithchesapeake.org) or call Bonnie Sorak on 443-799-0349.