



## Show Your Love for Mother Earth

*"For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also."*

*(Matthew 6:21)*

Being instruments of our planet's healing remains a Creation Care Ministry focus, and we are continuing our NexTrex "Bagzilla Challenge," in an effort to tackle single use plastics that are drowning the earth. St. John's "War on Waste" is a collaboration with our Parish Day School and the residents of Millers Grant.

For those new to the project, Howard County picks up our recyclables, but they don't pick up everything! Most people don't know what to do with all the plastic film that can't be recycled, so it ends up in landfills, or in waters and streams, then eventually to oceans. Even though plastic littering has decreased overall, the problem continues because "single use plastic film" continues to grow, and grow! It is the 2nd most frequently found type of litter on our planet!

We ask you to save [qualifying plastic film](#)\* and turn it into a bin each week. Bags will be weighed, recorded, and delivered to drop-off points in Ellicott City. Totals collected are reported to Trex where the company mixes TONS of plastic film with sawdust, heats it to 600 degrees, and turns it into a composite material to make decks and outdoor furniture. As a result, single use plastic trash becomes something to TREASURE! Repurposing litter is more important than earning a bench, but how wonderful it will be to have a reminder of our stewardship efforts and the depth of our **LOVE** of the earth!

To start on collecting plastic film, download [the list of qualifying items and FAQ](#).

If you are interested in leading or participating in the organization of this initiative, contact [CreationCare@stjohnsec.org](mailto:CreationCare@stjohnsec.org). It would even make a great community service hours project for a high schooler.