

QuakerEarth Campaign Draft





At Quaker Earthcare Witness, we recognize our unique position as the only international Quaker organization whose core focus is Earthcare. As such, we see our role as a vital connector and networker within the global Quaker community, particularly in the context of the climate crisis. The goal of QuakerEarth is to leverage this capacity to facilitate and amplify the efforts of Friends taking bold and creative action for the Earth.

The QuakerEarth Campaign is our vision to bolster Quaker efforts and meet the need for unity and coordination. By building a network that brings together Quaker-led environmental initiatives, we aim to strengthen and support the Quaker environmental movement during this critical time.

The foundation of this effort is the Quaker Climate Map, a powerful tool designed to visualize, broadcast, and celebrate Quaker actions globally. It holds the potential to allow Friends to share resources, learn from one another's successes, and make critical connections that inspire further action, instilling hope and optimism in our collective efforts.

Another core aspect of this effort is collaborating with Earth Quaker Action Team. Through the map, we hope to empower the meetinghouse, and other Quaker institutions as a powerful catalyst for change and unify a Quaker movement for a more livable planet. EQAT has experience organizing with Quakers to build campaigns and discerning a collective way forward.

As we embrace spirit-led action on climate change, we can offer a model of living in deep accordance with conscience—a model that speaks to the growing number of young people who are committed to addressing the urgent issues of our time and are also seeking a spiritual home. Quakerism has the potential to once again be recognized as a movement that stands on the right side of history, leading with compassion, integrity, and a clear moral vision.

QEW is uniquely positioned to serve as the central hub of this global effort. Through the QuakerEarth Campaign, we aim to unify and energize the Quaker environmental movement, creating a powerful collective force for a sustainable future.

In this document, we are seeking your approval to move forward with Phase 1 of the QuakerEarth Campaign; the creation of the Quaker Climate Map. This phase will be essential in connecting Friends across the world, amplifying efforts, and fostering collaboration as we address the climate crisis.

As we gather this week, we ask for your support in seasoning the next two phases of our campaign. Phase 2 will deepen our engagement by equipping meetings with tools to be hubs for climate resilience and engage in collective action. Phase 3 will expand our impact by aligning with broader peace and justice movements and moving towards global solidarity. Your insight and discernment will help shape these critical phases as we work together to lead with integrity and vision for a sustainable future.

Phase 1 (2024-2026)

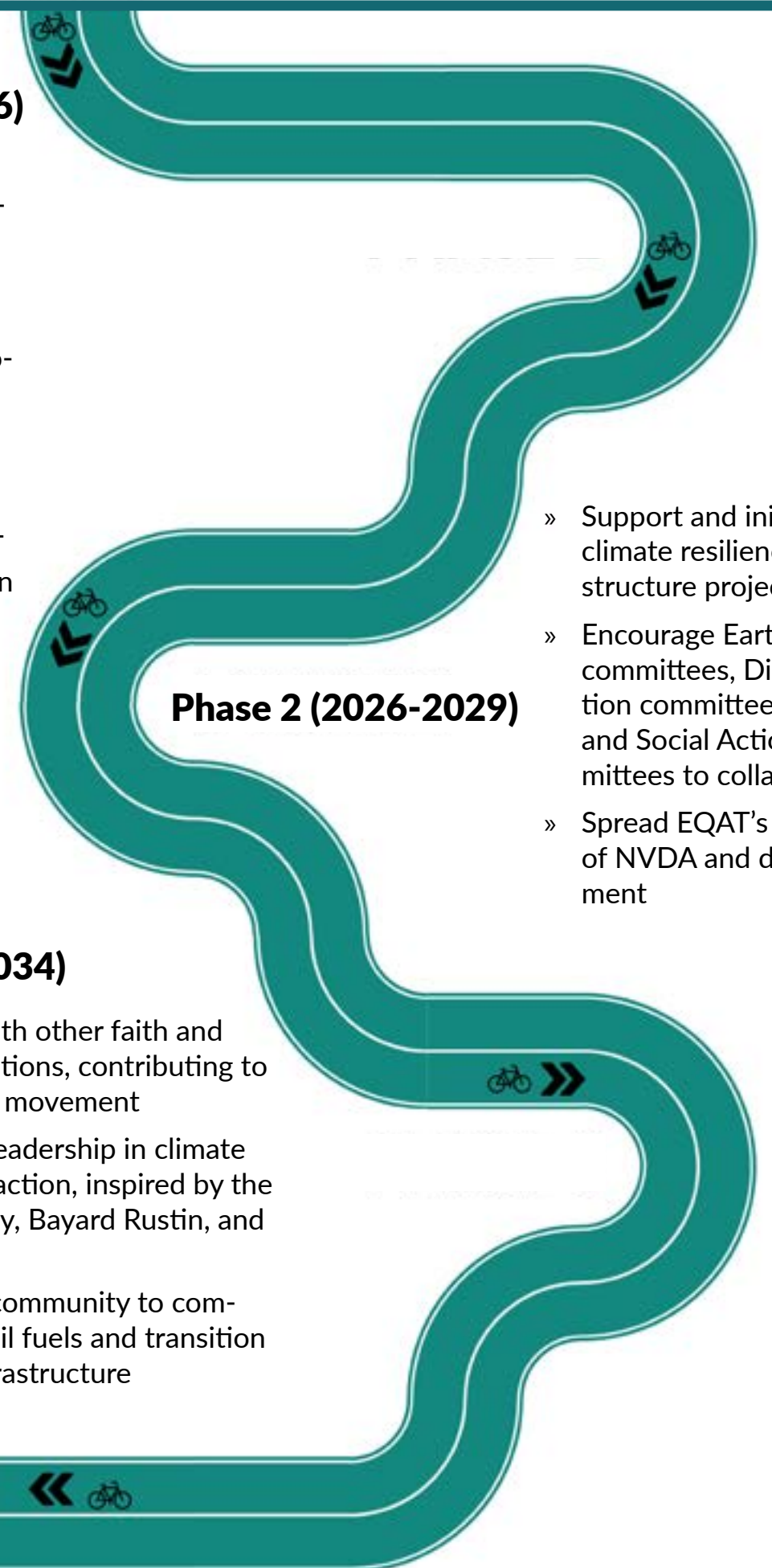
- » Establish a Quaker Climate Map in collaboration with FWCC
- » Develop and launch a digital resource library and consultancy to provide direct support to meetings interested in climate resilience projects.
- » Collaborate with EQAT on global days of action in the Vanguard S.O.S campaign

Phase 2 (2026-2029)

- » Support and initiate climate resilience infrastructure projects
- » Encourage Earthcare committees, Direct Action committees, Peace and Social Action committees to collaborate
- » Spread EQAT's model of NVDA and divestment

Phase 3 (2029-2034)

- » Solidify partnerships with other faith and climate justice organizations, contributing to a unified global climate movement
- » Promote bold Quaker leadership in climate justice and nonviolent action, inspired by the work of the Valiant Sixty, Bayard Rustin, and George Lakey.
- » Become the first faith community to completely divest from fossil fuels and transition into carbon-neutral infrastructure



Phase 1: The Network (2024-2026)

The Quaker Climate Map is envisioned as a dynamic, interactive tool that will serve as the heart of our efforts to unify and amplify Quaker environmental initiatives across the globe. This map will be more than just a visual representation of Quaker-led climate actions; it will be a platform for sharing resources, success stories, and opportunities for collaboration. By marking each meetinghouse, project, and organization involved in climate justice work, the map will help Friends connect with one another, foster mutual support, and inspire further action.

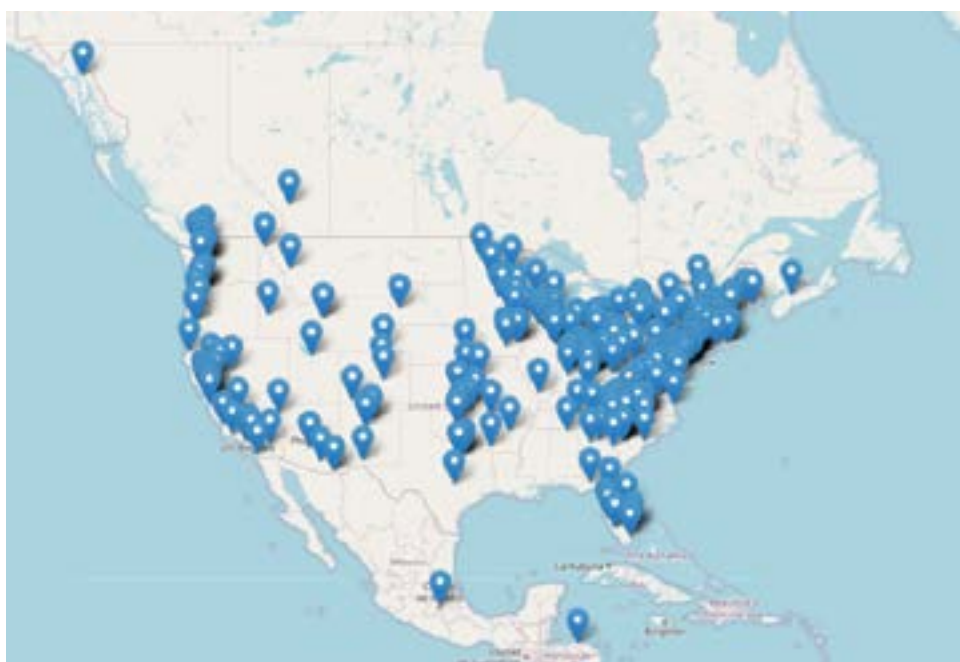
We have partnered with Friends World Committee for Consultation Section of the Americas (FWCCSoA). Their Find Friends Map is an interactive tool designed for Friends to find in-person or online meetings near them. We are currently working on a layer for that map that can display climate action. This partnership allows us to acquire GIS (Geographic Information System) expertise for a very low cost and will support FWCC's mission to bring Friends together.

The map also serves to highlight the strengths of QEW; mini-grants and our steering committee. For years, mini-grants have encouraged and supported Friends groups, meetings, and organizations that are looking for ways to enhance their practical and spiritual relationship with Earth. We hope to highlight these projects and utilize these connections around the world. Our steering committee is comprised of Quaker communities across the United States and represent thousands of Friends who are committed to Earthcare.



Actions

- Solar/Renewables Installation
- Green Infrastructure Upgrades
- LEEDs Certification (Mtghouse)
- Carbon Neutral
- Native Ecology Restoration
- Eco-Gardening
- Regreening Degraded Land
- Pollinator Gardens
- Rainwater Catchment
- Waste Reduction
- Disaster Prep
- Electrification Infrastructure
- Repair Cafe
- Ride/Bike Share Program
- Advocacy Team
- Activist Team
- Earthcare Committee
- ESG & Divestment
- Carbon Offsets
- Community Garden
- Indigenous Land Return
- Climate Action Plan
- Eco Education Program / Resources
- Ecospirituality Group or Programs
- Ecogrief Group / Program
- Counseling / Pastoral Care on Earthcare
- Other



Phase 2: Nucleating Action (2026-2029)

Phase 2 is all about deepening the connections and engagement initiated in Phase 1 and translating the network's potential into real, on-the-ground transformation. This phase focuses on equipping Quaker meetings and institutions with the tools, resources, and guidance needed to take bold, concrete steps toward climate resilience and ecological restoration.

Phase 1 will produce case studies and success stories that we can translate into toolkits and materials for Quaker institutions.

Examples of these case studies include:

Southeastern Yearly Meeting, a community facing sea level rise, salt-water intrusion in their water sources, and frequent hurricanes, appointed Beverly Ward as their Field Secretary for Earthcare who has helped meetings develop resilience plans for disasters.

Earth Quaker Action Team has incubated campaign organizing committees around the country to take action in their Vanugard S.O.S campaign.



Phase 3: Movement of Movements (2029-2034)

Phase 3 marks the most ambitious stage of the QuakerEarth Campaign, where Quaker-led climate action will expand beyond the Quaker community to collaborate with global movements for peace, justice, and sustainability. This phase is about scaling up the work done in Phases 1 and 2, uniting Quaker efforts with other movements to achieve large-scale, systemic change in addressing the climate crisis and related social issues.

In Phase 2, we will have initiated the development of climate-resilient meetinghouses and Quaker Resiliency Hubs. In Phase 3, these hubs will become central to both the QuakerEarth Campaign and the broader

global response to climate change. These hubs, particularly in the Global South, will play a critical role in creating resilient, interconnected communities that are capable of responding to both immediate climate crises and long-term ecological degradation.

By Phase 3, Quaker-led climate action will be recognized not only within the Quaker community but also as a significant force in the global climate movement. We hope to develop large-scale advocacy campaigns, where Quaker institutions use their collective power to influence government policies, corporate practices, and international climate agreements.



Goals and Outcomes



Quaker Institutions as Resilience Hubs by 2035

Goal 1: Carbon Neutrality of all Quaker Institutions

Goal 2: Active Ecological Restoration on Majority (80%) of Quaker Lands

Goal 3: Disaster Resilient Infrastructure in Majority of Quaker buildings

Quaker Institutions as Catalysts for Change

Goal 4: Community Engagement around Earthcare in Majority of Quaker Institutions

Goal 5: Fossil fuel Divestment in Majority of Quaker Institutions

Goal 6: Majority of Yearly Meetings and Quaker institutions have Recognized Climate Change

At its core, the QuakerEarth Campaign envisions a future where Quaker communities are not just participants in the global response to climate change but are leaders in creating resilient, sustainable models for living in harmony with the Earth. Our goals are ambitious because the times demand ambition. We are focusing on transforming Quaker institutions, meetinghouses, and lands to be carbon neutral and disaster resilient by 2035. This transformation will not only reduce our environmental footprint but will also serve as a tangible witness to the world of our commitment to sustainability and justice.

In addition to transforming our physical spaces, the QuakerEarth Campaign is about fostering deeper connections between Quaker communities. We believe that the path forward requires collective action, and we are committed to building the networks necessary to support this. Through the Quaker Climate Map, we aim to create a platform where Friends from different regions can share resources, skills, and stories, helping each other meet the challenges of the climate crisis. This map will not only visualize the work that is being done but will also serve as a source of inspiration, showing what is possible when we come together in common purpose.

The campaign is not just about addressing immediate environmental concerns; it's about building long-term resilience within Quaker communities. We are working to establish Quaker Resiliency Hubs that will provide support during climate-related disasters and serve as centers of ecological restoration and community empowerment. These hubs will be focused particularly on areas most vulnerable to climate change, including the Global South, where the impacts of environmental degradation are already being felt most acutely.

Ultimately, the QuakerEarth Campaign is about aligning our actions with our testimonies. It's about divesting from systems that harm the planet and investing in solutions that restore it. It's about recognizing that our care for the Earth is deeply intertwined with our care for each other and for future generations. And it's about ensuring that the steps we take today build the foundation for a more just, sustainable, and resilient future.