

## **TUUC Attains Green Sanctuary Candidacy**

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On September 26, 2006, the Green Sanctuary Committee received notice from UU Ministry for Earth that TUUC's application for Green Sanctuary candidacy had been reviewed and accepted. This is wonderful news indeed and means that our congregation is on its way toward official Green Sanctuary accreditation. We have previously outlined the Green Sanctuary Action Plan (also posted on the TUUC bulletin board) and will be working in the coming months and year toward accomplishing the goals set forth in that Plan.

The candidacy letter also contained advice and suggestions for us to consider as we proceed; included was the suggestion that we spend a bit more effort on the "building" portion of the required environmental audit. While we provided substantial data on how much energy our building uses, we may need to analyze in more depth how our building uses energy. Do we have energy leaks, is our HVAC system efficient, and are there hidden uses of energy in our building? If any TUUC member or friend has expertise in such matters, we would welcome hearing from you. Please contact Green Sanctuary Committee co-chairs Michelle Collins (roadsister95 [at] yahoo.com) or Uta Hussong (uhussong [at] hotmail.com).