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Take the Eden Mill Challenge and Save Energy

Eden Mill Nature Center in partnership with Harford County Public Library is reaching out to the community to educate residents on how to protect their health, their environment and their pocketbooks. Through the donation of the award-winning film *Kilowatt Ours: A Plan to Re-Energize America* DVDs and *Kill-A-Watt* meters by Eden Mill Nature Center to the Library, people can learn how to lower their heating bills and use energy responsibly.

Kilowatt Ours is the story of filmmaker and conservationist Jeff Barrie's journey across the U.S. to document our energy-related problems and present practical, cost-saving solutions for consumers. Widespread problems revealed in *Kilowatt Ours* include mountaintop removal, air pollution, global warming, childhood asthma and mercury contamination. The film illustrates practical solutions that can help homeowners save approximately \$1000 per year on energy bills while helping the environment and protecting human health.

The *Kill-A-Watt* meter is a small device (the size of a remote control) which provides a fun and simple way for the whole family to get together and measure energy usage in the home. People who have tested their homes with the meter are amazed at how much energy some appliances are using and it's a fun project for kids to actually see how dollars can be saved by smart usage. The device identifies the electrical appliances in the home that use the most power and is useful for finding 'phantom loads' – electricity that is used even though appliances are turned off.

Harford County Public Library will have three showings of *Kilowatt Ours: A Plan to Re-Energize America* presented by the Eden Mill Nature Center "Challenge Team." They will present simple, practical and affordable solutions to America's energy crisis. These ideas will help consumers save electricity, money and reduce the carbon footprint on the environment. The programs will be held at the Havre de Grace Branch on Saturday, April 4 at 1:00 PM; the Bel Air Branch on Wednesday, April 8, at 7:00 PM; and the Jarrettsville Branch on Wednesday, April 22, at 6:30 PM. Please call the branch to register. Take the Eden Mill Nature Center Challenge and reduce your energy bill by 25%!

Harford County Public Library operates eleven branches located throughout Harford County, Maryland. The library serves over 180,000 registered borrowers of all ages and has an annual circulation of over 4,000,000. The mission of Harford County Public Library is to provide access, service and information to the citizens of Harford County anytime, anywhere and to create an environment that encourages the acquisition of knowledge and the love of reading.

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Photo caption #1: Harford County Public Library receives donation of the award-winning film Kilowatt Ours: A Plan to Re-Energize America DVDs and Kill-A-Watt meters from Eden Mill Nature Center. The donation was presented by Sheryl Pedrick, Aimee Harris and Frank Marsden, long-time volunteers at the Eden Mill Nature Center, to Audra Caplan, Director, Harford County Public Library and Mary Hastler, Associate Director, Harford County Public Library.