



Repair Café In Howard County, MD

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Repair Café International

<https://www.repaircafe.org/en/>



- First event held in Amsterdam in in October, 2007
- Went International in 2009
- Over 1500 local organizations worldwide



Our Vision: Sustainable and thriving communities within Howard County.

Our Mission: Promote practical solutions for Howard County's transition to greater sustainability.

Our Slogan: Live Local and Prosper!

Transition Howard County (Transition HoCo) became the 144th officially recognized Transition Initiative in the United States and is the first official Transition Initiative in Maryland.



Repair Café in Howard County

- Joined Repair Cafe International In November 2016
- Held migrating events at least quarterly
 - In Libraries, Community Centers, and Churches
 - Typically 20 to 30 “fixers”, helping 50 or more customers per event
- Collaborated with others, including
 - Georgetown University Maker Hub
 - Baltimore’s Station North Tool Library



Community Ecology Institute

Freetown Farm

- Transition HoCo became associated with CEI in 2019
- In July 2020, we began work on a permanent home for Repair Café
- COVID has put a serious crimp in thing, BUT our plans include
 - More frequent repair events, both at the Farm and on the road
 - Classes in a wide variety of subjects
 - Community shop spaces



Key Considerations

- Beyond fixing things, these are truly community building events
- We found that volunteers were always there when we needed them
- It always is FUN!!



"THE IMPULSE TO REPAIR IS PRESENT IN EVERY PART OF OUR LIVES. THIS BOOK TELLS THE IMPORTANT STORY OF THE PEOPLE LEADING THE REPAIR MOVEMENT." — KYLE WIENS, CEO of iFixit



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HOW FIXERS ARE TRANSFORMING
OUR THROWAWAY CULTURE

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