

Environmental Advisory Committee

Meeting: Wednesday, January 03, 2024

Time: 7:00 p.m.

Location: -1014 Darby Rd., Havertown PA, 19083 - Meeting Room C

January 2024 Meeting Agenda

EAC Members 2023-2024: Noel Smyth (1 - Gondek) – Joy Baxter (2 - Forste-Grupp) – Vacant (3 - McClusky) – Melisa Romano (4 - Trombetta) – Victor Barsky (5 - Cavender) – Rob Graff (6 - Holmes) – Henry Eichman (7 - Quinn) – Peter Puglionesi (8 - Hart) – Hank Schwab (9 - McCollum) – EAC Appointees – Steven Clark; Commissioner Liaison – Judy Trombetta; Alexis De Santi – Township Liaison.

1. Meeting Minutes - Review/Approval
2. Monthly Update from Alexis De Santi, Haverford Township Special Projects Coordinator
3. Priority for Action
4. Calendar of EAC or related workshops/events/outreach
5. Social Media & Outreach Subcommittee Update
6. Climate Action Subcommittee Update
7. Recycling and Composting Subcommittee Update
8. Storm Water & Rain Garden Subcommittee:
9. HHS Liaison on Env. Club Collaboration
10. Superfund Site
11. Volunteer opportunities
12. New Business

EAC Minutes

Haverford Twp. EAC – Wed. January 3, 2024 at 7:00 pm, ConfRmC/Conf. Call

1. Attendance

Noel Smyth (1 - Gondek), Joy Baxter (2 - Forste-Grupp), Melisa Romano (4 - Trombetta), Victor Barsky (5 - Cavender), Rob Graff (6 - Holmes), Henry Eichman (7 - Quinn), Peter Puglionesi (8 - Hart), Hank Schwab (9 - McCollum), Steven Clark (EAC Appointee), Alexis De Santi (Township Liaison), John Macera (Visitor)

2. Reorganization

Joy and Peter were elected as co-chairs.

3. Meeting Minutes - Review/Approval

Approved.

4. Monthly Update from Alexis De Santi, Haverford Township Special Projects Coordinator

Spoke to P&R about testing electric leaf blowers, they are open to trying out some of the new products. Want a longer period of time than they are currently allowing. Want to see what a workday is like, maybe rent one. Need some research on what products are best on the market. Maybe a visit to a municipality that has already adopted. Alexis to forward the research that was done by Joy on products.

Commissioners approved putting Solarize DelCo on the website.

Dave sent a report on the library for a solar array. Alexis will send. Payback is 17.2 years, which is longer than desired.

Township design vendors are not following the Climate Action Plan – example, the library renovation is implementing fossil fuel heating. There is no accountability at the Township level.

EAC discussed a plan for every heating system to be replaced with a non-fossil fuel solution. This was discussed so that when they fail, there is a plan

to implement. The Energy Audit will give a guide of expected lifetimes of equipment.

5. Priority for Action

Preliminary Discussion on Drafting EV Parking Ordinance

As part of the Climate Action Plan, we are proposing an EV Parking Ordinance as next priority. Charging at street is a priority. We reviewed the Lower Merion ordinance.

Action for Rob G. to follow up with DVRPC.

Suggestion to breakout to a subcommittee meeting to formulate a proposed solution.

Update on Volunteer Appreciation Event

Preliminary Date: Friday, April 12th, 6:30-8pm

100 people max, Carlino's catering, save the date and/or evites will be sent first to most recent volunteers in EAC, Parks and Rec, Shade Tree Commission, and Tree Tenders

Requested PECO to participate for energy assessments

Discussion of Battery Collection

Alexis spoke to Maurice about diverting functional TVs, but this complexity is challenging for the e-waste team. They suggested a separate event.

They also note batteries are complicated and expensive to take. Only specific batteries can be taken, and it may be best to be a separate event.

6. Calendar of EAC or Related Workshops/Events/Outreach

The website was created as suggested in the Climate Action Plan.

Haverford Climate Action: 501 visitors in the last 30 days (7688, last 12 months), our biggest outreach tool

January 18th 7pm: Backyard Composting Workshop [virtual]

Feb 5th 7pm: Haverford Recycling Workshop [virtual]

Feb 10th 8:30am-12pm: 12th Annual Trails Summit

February 22nd 7pm: How to Cut Fossil Fuels in Your Home: Heat Pumps, Induction Stoves, and Home Electrification [virtual]

March 2nd 9am-12pm: Rain Garden Workshop

March 11th 7pm: Demystifying EV Ownership [virtual]

April 13th 8-11am: Shredding Event [Township Building]

April 18th 7pm: Solar for Your Home [virtual]

April 20th 9am-12pm: Earth Day [CREC]

April 24th 7pm: Transform Your Yard: Grass Removal, Pollinators, & Native Plants

May 8th 7pm: Heat Pump 101 / How to Cut Fossil Fuels in Your Home: Heat Pumps, Electric Lawn Equipment, and Home Electrification [virtual]

May 13th 7pm: Haverford Recycling Workshop [Haverford Adult School]

May 15th 7pm: Backyard Composting Workshop [virtual]

June 15th 9am-1pm: Large E-Waste Event [Township Building]

Summer Haverford Recycling Workshop [virtual]

August 24th 8-11am: Shredding Event [Township Building]

October 5th: Haverford Township Day

October 10th 7pm: Backyard Composting Workshop [virtual]

October 16th 7pm: Heat Pump 101 / How to Cut Fossil Fuels in Your Home: Heat Pumps for HVAC and Water Heating, and Home Electrification

Pumpkin Collection

Fall Haverford Recycling Workshop [Haverford Adult School]

Nov 23rd 9am-1pm: Large E-Waste Event [Township Building]

Township Newsletter Deadlines: 12/8/23, 3/8/24, 7/12/24, 12/6/24

7. Social Media & Outreach Subcommittee Update – JB, MR

Signs and (half sheet) info scheduled for Shredding and Large E-Waste Events.

8. Climate Action Subcommittee Update – SC, RG, JB, NS, JS, MR

Quarterly Climate Meeting – Next meeting is 3/8/24.

Township Solar Committee – JB, PP, VD, JL – Car canopies being investigated by Township.

Solarize Marketing – MR, NS, AM, JM – other PR

Regional Municipal/County Update (DelCo Sustainability Commission, Solar PPAs)

Expand Residential Tree Canopy – (NS)

Ordinance Subcommittee – AC, NS, JB, PP, RG, PH, TG

9. Recycling and Composting Subcommittee Update – MR, AD, JB, HE

Compost Grant Implementation

Beyond the Blue Bin Recycling Group – Monthly updates sent by MR.

Melisa went to the school board meeting to provide communication for the recycle programs, meeting in two weeks to talk to school board.

10. Storm Water & Rain Garden Subcommittee – County model ordinance is out.

100 Rain Gardens Initiative

11. HHS Liaison on Environmental Club Collaboration

12. Superfund Site

13. Volunteer Opportunities

Hav-a-Rain Garden Coordinator for 2025

Hav-a-Rain Garden volunteers to assess, design, order and supervise builds

Solarize DelCo volunteers needed to screen calls / provide online support

14. New Business

Ask for Judy to recognize Mr. Orner for the pumpkin collection.

As per her email, Judy did not have any updates for the Bike Ordinance, it's pending the board re-org.

Question: Can we control fertilizer? We do have an ordinance requiring the clean-up of fertilizer from hard surfaces.