

# Environmental Advisory Committee

Meeting: Wednesday, February 07, 2024

Time: 7:00 p.m.

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

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

# Environmental Advisory Committee

Meeting: Wednesday, February 07, 2024

Time: 7:00 p.m.

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

## Minutes

---

### 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), Judy Trombetta (Commissioner Liaison), Alexis De Santi (Township Liaison), Felicia Hurwitz (Shade Tree Commission), John Macera (Visitor), William Hitchcock (Visitor)

Meeting Minutes- Review/Approval (Approved unanimously)

Monthly Update from Alexis DeSanti, Haverford Township Special Projects Coordinator  
Bread bag tag collection tube is installed, and ready for communication plan.

Glass Bin coming back in April for the month, \$1,500 for 3 to 4 Tons. Not out of EAC budget.

EWaste Bins, rough estimates, it looks like admin collects 525 and Crec 87 per week. About 31850 lbs. for year. Great numbers.

DVRPC and EV charging station program. More conversation to come on these.

### Priority for Action

Discussion of battery collection

There is possibility we could do a drop off collection at the township building. Do we want to spend EAC budget on this.

Does not include lead acid.

Should we do a collection event where the collection can be monitored?

Alexis to contact Radnor on how they do this, Peter to send contact info.

Initially offer battery recycling at Earth Day and Haverford Township Day

Residential solar installations increased in 2023: 53 new installs, previous years averaged around 20-30, totaling 216 in township [already exceeded CAP goal] – positive press to keep trend going?

Proposal to send communications to continue to build momentum

The State of Stormwater Symposium: Programs and Fees in a post-West Chester Landscape -Feb 28th 9-11am, register now

Peter to tentatively attend, Alexis maybe attending.

Pennoni will be providing update on stormwater ordinance as well

Any update on Volunteer Appreciation Event:

Friday, April 12th 6:30-8pm, 100 p max, Carlino's catering, save the date and then evites will be sent first to most recent volunteers in EAC, Parks and Rec, Shade Tree Commission, and Tree Tenders

Subcommittee tomorrow at 3. Save the date flyer to go out soon. At CREC.

Peter to send the list of the rain garden volunteers to Joy.

Continued discussion on Drafting EV Parking Ordinance

Joy to remind Rob to work on this.

Berkley only allowed for people without driveway.

Other cities are requiring no structure in the ROW but run a cord across sidewalk with cover over cord.

Concern over the potential neighbor disputes that may evolve from this type of setup. Continue to explore options

This Saturday trail summit at the CREC, over 100 signups. Could use some help, let peter know.

Need a guest speaker on pollinators (April 24th)

Larry Walters wants to do a blog on natural yards. He may be interested.

Aurora might be an option or suggest someone

Calendar of EAC or related workshops/events/outreach

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

Haverford Climate Action: 643 visitors in the last 30 days (7766, last 12 months), our biggest outreach tool

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 5th - May 3rd: Glass Collection for Recycling [Township Building, lower lot]

April 12th 6:30-8pm: Volunteer Appreciation Dinner [CREC]

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]

~ page 3 ~

[http://www.havtwp.org/Boards\\_and\\_Commissions.html#sec3](http://www.havtwp.org/Boards_and_Commissions.html#sec3)

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

Social Media & Outreach Subcommittee Update. JB, MR

Signs and (half sheet) info scheduled for shredding and Large E-waste events

Climate Action Subcommittee Update. SC, RG, JB, NS, JS, MR to report:

Quarterly Climate Meeting – Next meeting 3/8/24

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

Solarize marketing– (MR, NS, AM, JM), other PR. Solarize Delco will appear on new HavTwp environmental page.

Regional municipal/county update (DelCo Sustainability Commission, Solar PPAs).

Expand Residential Tree Canopy -

Ordinance subcommittee- (AC, NS, JB, PP, RG, PH, TG)

Recycling and Composting Subcommittee Update. MR, AD, JB, HE to report:

Compost Grant Implementation 29 new households completed trial in Q4, 2 households partially completed trial in Q4, 27 new households completed trial in Q3, 2 households partially. 23 new backyard composters since start of Grant. Consultant report coming soon.

Can apply for a no costs extension.

Beyond the Blue Bin recycling group – Monthly updates sent by MR

Storm Water & Rain Garden Subcommittee:

County model ordinance is out

100 Rain Gardens Initiative. New Hav-a-Rain Garden coordinator(s) needed for 2025.

HHS Liaison on Env. Club Collaboration

Superfund Site

Volunteer opportunities:

Hav-a-Rain Garden coordinator 2025, Hav-a-Rain Garden volunteers to assess, design, order and supervise builds., Solarize Delco: Volunteers needed to screen calls/ online support.

Public Comment/New Business

Vote to fund the terra cycle razor collection for \$13 per year.

Tree Lottery, we need more people to put trees out front. 120 trees, 12 varieties. April 20th tree pickup.

Swarthmore College is exploring opportunities for a multi-municipal community charging application through the Charging and Fueling Infrastructure Grant Program. EACs already in the conversation include Swarthmore, Media, Springfield, Morton, and Upper Darby. If this is of interest to EAC, please let me know, so I may make the proper connections.

Coming from the county. Federal grant.

If we are interested in earning more, meeting Feb 21, 11-1230 in Swarthmore. Last year the program opened in March, closed in June, there is cost share component.

We are interested and will send someone to the meeting.

Radnor is signed on

Multipurpose housing and visitors would be the target audience

DVRPC is leading a regional benchmarking program, in which they are seeking pilot municipalities to implement energy benchmarking. This would be very similar to Philadelphia's program but adapted for regional implementation across a variety of municipalities. They are looking for about 1 more municipality to join from Delco (Radnor is currently signed on). Any interest to participate?

DVRPC looking to benchmark energy use. Just a pilot, not a commitment, explore how it would work. Would be helpful for the program. If we are interested, someone is available to talk more about this.

DVRPC is cooling on this but if we are interested in trying it out, they may be interested. Potential ordinance in the future. What is the township commitment? Some amount of time of people in township to participate. Alexis can talk to Township mgr to evaluate. But this is not a high priority for us now.

Library parking

Alexis to followup on proposal to install EV conduit