

Environmental Advisory Committee

Meeting: Wednesday, April 03, 2024

Time: 7:00 p.m.

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

April 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. 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

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1. Attendance

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2. Meeting Minutes - Review/Approval

Minutes approved unanimously.

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

Composting proposal going to the commissioners.

EV charging for CREC going to bid, plans for the police dept.

4. Priority for Action

Recap from Composting Presentation by Kate Ferry at Commissioners Work Session, April 1st

Kate recommended using a third-party service followed by in-house solution in a couple of years. Will need to go through the budget process which affects the timing. We should know after the budget. Utilization of Curbside composting incentives was lower than anticipated, looking to increase the incentive next month. More advertising to go out as well. Ordered the compostable materials and updated the website

Volunteer Appreciation Event: Friday, April 12th 6:30-8pm, free Energy Assessments available for attendees

Several attendees to be thanked at the event (pumpkin lead volunteer Randy Orner, and a few additional)

Earth Day at the CREC , April 20th 9am-noon: Discuss details

Not yet asked for the Rivian to attend. EAC tabling, Solarize Delco, several volunteers were noted. Alexis to confirm how many tables are available.

Suggested revisions to the DRAFT Stormwater ordinance reviewed to see if the draft ordinance matches with the Climate Action Plan goals and best practices.

Main comments are related to our climate action plan, the draft does not meet it yet. People are not to connect downspouts to sewer or stormwater. It is not a pre-condition to resolve before selling. Another part addresses what is checked at that time, so we can suggest for that change. Also want a development spec for green installed infra.

How to hold the municipality in accordance with the standards. Alexis to check on this with the township codes dept to understand what the case is today. And if not, how to add this requirement.

Open invitation for anyone who wants to take a look at.

Discussion and vote on increased costs for paid Beautycycle Terracycle program (10 per year x \$345 = \$3450 per year), free Nordstrom Terracycle program, Rabbit recycling, or discontinuation of our program.

Robust discussion regarding the pros and cons of the bc program.

Unanimous vote to phase out the bc program, high cost vs the marginal benefit was driving factor Update from meeting on multimunicipal EV Charging grant

Joy attended a meeting. Consulting company that does the grants. The grants are heavily skewed towards EJ communities, all the grants have gone there. Does not look promising in the near term but may in the future as the EJ communities have progressed more.

Grants coming for multi house communities. Could be an opportunity for us to educate them now.

Update on EV Parking Ordinance

Not all cords are allowed to cross the pavement in Portland Oregon, only level 1.

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

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

Haverford Climate Action: 762 visitors in the last 30 days (8488, last 12 months), our biggest outreach tool

April 5th-May 3rd Glass Collection for Recycling in Township Building lower lot

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]

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

No updates discussed this meeting.

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

Quarterly Climate Meeting

Next meeting is 6/14/24.

Township Solar Committee – JB, PP, VD, JL

No updates discussed this meeting.

Solarize Marketing – MR, NS, AM, JM

No updates discussed this meeting.

Expand Residential Tree Canopy – NS

No updates discussed this meeting.

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

No updates discussed this meeting.

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

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.

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

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

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

10. HHS Liaison on Environmental Club Collaboration

No updates this meeting.

11. Superfund Site

No updates this meeting.

12. Volunteer Opportunities

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http://www.havtwp.org/Boards_and_Commissions.html#sec3

Still looking for Hav-a-Rain Garden coordinator for 2025.

Still looking to expand Hav-a-Rain Garden volunteers to assess, design, order and supervise builds.

13. New Business

The township sustainability award from county, will be at the sustainability conference.
Superfund update.