

Haverford Township - Environmental Advisory Committee

Meeting: Wednesday, March 06, 2024

Time: 7:00 p.m.

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

March 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. Public Comment
3. Meeting Minutes - Review/Approval
4. Monthly Update from Alexis De Santi, Haverford Township Special Projects Coordinator
5. Priority for Action
6. 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

Adjourn

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Minutes

Attendance

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Meeting Minutes - Review/Approval

Approved.

Monthly Update from Alexis De Santi, Haverford Township Special Projects Coordinator
Earth Day April 20 - what tables to plan for? CREC parking lot, tree planting

EAC Table

Solarize Delco

Clean Energy Co-op

EV display

8 to 10 maple trees taking down in Veterans Park -

They were dead, Tree Tenders is replacing (email after meeting)

Priority for Action

Update from Kate Ferry of KRF Environmental who has performed an analysis of potential curbside composting in the township as a service. This would serve as an opportunity to ask questions before the final presentation to the Commissioners at the April 1st working session.

Assessed feasibility, cost benefit for both in house and third party.

Media has curbside

Detailed review of recommendations, going to the April Commissioners working session

Can apply for grant which are due in May this year.

Judy reflected the proposed timeline is probably too aggressive, maybe push to 2025 start. Costs outlined are not concerning.

One-day trash pickup may also cause concern.

Plan to start proposed implementation in Spring 2025

DRAFT Stormwater ordinance (except Appendixes) has been received from Pennoni and will be reviewed to see if the draft ordinance matches with the Climate Action Plan goals and best practices by subcommittee later this month - tabled

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

Update from meeting on multimunicipal EV Charging grant -tabled

Invitations have gone out for the Volunteer Appreciation Event: Friday, April 12th 6:30-8pm, Currently 50+ have RSVPed 100 p max, Carlino's catering, most recent volunteers in EAC, Parks and Rec, Shade Tree Commission, and Tree Tenders, free Energy Assessments available for attendees - tabled

Two Delco Daily news articles on Haverford Township environmental initiatives this past month

Tabled discussion on Drafting EV Parking Ordinance

Calendar of EAC or related workshops/events/outreach

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

Haverford Climate Action: 1144 visitors in the last 30 days (8294, last 12 months), our biggest outreach tool

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]

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 - (NS)

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.

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 - no public comment