

Environmental Advisory Committee

Meeting: Wednesday, January 22, 2025

Time: 7:00 p.m.

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

January 2025 Meeting Agenda

Roll Call/Attendance

Reorganization: Voting for chair or co-chairs
Meeting Minutes - Review/Approval

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

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Priority for Action

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- ✓ Reform Ordinance subcommittee to work on Electric vehicle charging/parking ordinance
- ✓ Reorganization of all subcommittees (previous subcommittee membership is listed below)
- ✓ Update on AGZA commercial electric lawn equipment presentation
- ✓ Organize workshop on updates to Stormwater Ordinance

Calendar of EAC or Related Workshops/Events/Outreach

Social Media & Outreach Subcommittee

Climate Action Subcommittee

Recycling and Composting Subcommittee

Storm Water & Rain Garden Subcommittee

Public Comment / New Business

Adjournment

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Joy Baxter called the meeting to order at 7 PM.

Roll Call was taken.

Attendance

Noel Smyth (1 - Gondek), William Hitchcock (2 - Forste-Grupp), Joy Baxter (3-McClusky), Melisa Romano (4 - Trombetta), Colette Bannon (7 - Quinn), Peter Puglionesi (8 - Hart), Hank Schwab (9 - McCollum), Alexis De Santi (Township Liaison), Felicia Hurewitz (Shade Tree Commission Liaison), David Roberts, Henry Eichmann
Visitors: Lauren Moylan, Amanda Theodoroson, Brandi Robinson, Alice Grunt, Eli Back

Reorganization: Voting for chair or co-chairs

Nominated: Chair – Joy, co-chair – Will – unanimously approved

Meeting Minutes - Review/Approval

Approved unanimously.

Monthly Update from Alexis De Santi, Haverford Township Special Projects Coordinator
The Havagood times due the end of the month for summer events. Budget, 20,500 approved for 2025. Earth day event – planting at CREC, are we interested in funding the plants?

Presentation by two students from Penn State University's Local Climate Action Program will present the results of their study of Haverford Township's Greenhouse Gas Inventory

17.8% reduction in GHG emissions from 2015 to 2023 for township

Question about how much of the reduction is from the grid mix change – they will follow up

Question about the utility mix inclusive of RECs being transacted – not captured in data

Q: CAP 2021: Did we have a GHG inventory? They only see the 2015 one

Q: For the clearpath analysis, what is the uncertainty? The bigger sectors have better data, the natural gas was estimated. Imprecise tool at best.

Q: Could the township approach the NG supplier to ask for usage? The DEP office made the request and they didn't provide. Maybe the Muni request would work better.
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Q: There is a 400% increase in the charge for capacity proposed by PJM. Heat pump conversions will be captured in the data, the solar you do not see in the data. We could manually include the solar if we can provide the data. Others think solar is captured.

Q: Is clearpath open source? No, but was free to htown this year.

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LED - Battery plus takes them for 1.50 a bulb. Ouch! - There are a couple mail-in options we can offer through Lampmaster (\$0.02/cu in box, \$125/box) (recycling through cleanlites) or Veolia (\$0.04/cu in box, \$168/box))

Motion to pay for recycling of LED lights for \$85 a box until May - Approved

Staples recycles phone cases for free

Natural cork – no discussion

Reform Ordinance subcommittee to work on Electric vehicle charging/parking ordinance

Will and Noel and Peter and Joy to help

Reorganization of all subcommittees (previous subcommittee membership is listed below) – tabled until next meeting

Update on AGZA commercial electric lawn equipment presentation

LM waiting to see about other townships

Organize workshop on updates to Stormwater Ordinance

Will to work on

Calendar of EAC or Related Workshops/Events/Outreach

The website was created as suggested in the Climate Action Plan. It is our biggest outreach tool.

Haverford Climate Action: 586 visitors in the last 30 days (10,511, last 12 months)

Feb 8th 8:30am-noon: 12th Annual Trails Summit, CREC

February 12th 7pm: PFAS: What they are and what we can do [virtual]

February 19th 7pm: Solar for your home [virtual]

March 1st 9am-noon: Rain Garden Workshop, CREC

March 8th 12pm: Haverford Recycling Workshop CREC Haverford Adult School

March 13th 7pm: Demystifying EV ownership [virtual] (tentative)

April 23rd Transform your yard: grass removal, pollinators & native plants [virtual] (DCVA collaboration)

April 26h, Earth Day at the CREC

May 7pm: Heat Pump 101 [virtual] (tentative)

May 14th 7pm: Backyard Composting Workshop [virtual]

(Summer or Fall) Plant based food for the Climate [virtual]

October 4h Haverford Township Day

October 8th 7pm: Backyard Composting Workshop [virtual]

October 16th 7pm Heat Pump 101 [virtual] (tentative)

(Fall Recycling in Haverford Workshop, Haverford Adult School)

Social Media & Outreach Subcommittee – JB, MR

Climate Action Subcommittee – SC, RG, JB, NS, JS, MR

Quarterly Climate Meeting: Next meeting 3/13/25

Township Solar Committee – JB, PP, VD, JL

Solarize Marketing – MR, NS, AM, JM

Regional Municipal / County Update

Expand Residential Tree Canopy – NS, PP

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

Recycling and Composting Subcommittee – MR, AD, JB, HE

Composting Grant Implementation, JB to meet with Alexis next week on next steps

Beyond the Blue Bin Recycling Group: Monthly updates sent by MR

Storm Water & Rain Garden Subcommittee

HHS Liaison on Environmental 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

Meeting on the comprehensive plan next week and there is pushback on the higher density housing. Ask for everyone to read the plan, meeting here Wednesday at 6 pm, here, another in Feb. We meet first Wednesday of Feb. feedback till mid Feb..

The commissioners have postponed a vote on comprehensive plan.

Felicia – plan the day for the tree lottery – meeting Monday. We have been challenged getting volunteers for the deliveries and planting – wondering if the EAC can share volunteers? Alexis to check on this. Need someone with car to deliver and plant trees.