



# Environmental Advisory Committee

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## Meeting Agenda & Minutes

Date: Wednesday, March 01, 2023

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

Time: 7:30 P.M.

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## EAC AGENDA

### Haverford Twp EAC – Wed. March 1, 2023 at 7:00 pm, ConfRmC/Conf. Call

EAC Members 2021-2022: 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 - Wechsler) – EAC Appointees – Steven Clark; Commissioner Liaison – Judy Trombetta; Eileen Mottola - Township Liaison.

#### **1. Meeting Minutes - Review/Approval**

#### **2. Priority for Action**

- Superfund site public comment period until March 15<sup>th</sup>, Public meeting held Feb 23<sup>rd</sup> at Township Building (recorded available at the Havertown PCP EPA superfund website)
- Composting Grant Implementation: Residential incentives, composting at township buildings, consultant for determining logistics of curbside pickup as part of trash service
- FYI: Special Projects Coordinator position added in Haverford Township
- Haverford Road Diet responses/action
- Haverford Township Compliance and Communication: Refrigerant-containing items picked up for trash
- Proposal from Howard Sherman for County level Community-focused Grants Writer

#### **3. Calendar of EAC or related workshops/events/outreach**

The website created as suggested in the climate action plan, Haverford Climate Action: **505** visitors in the last 30 days (6127, last 12 mo), our biggest outreach tool

March 9th 7pm: Demystifying EV ownership

March 25<sup>th</sup> 8-11am: Shredding event [township building]

April 23rd, 7pm: Climate Adaptation Discussion for Haverford Township [

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

May 11th 7pm: Heat Pump 101 [virtual] (tentative)

June 24<sup>th</sup> 9am-1pm: Large E-waste event [township building]

Summer Haverford Recycling Workshop [virtual] (tentative)

August 26<sup>th</sup> 8-11am: Shredding event [township building]

October 11th 7pm: Backyard Composting Workshop [virtual] (tentative)

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Fall 7pm Heat Pump 101 [virtual] (tentative)

Fall EV (if well attended in Spring)

#### **4. Social Media & Outreach Subcommittee Update. JB, MR**

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

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

Quarterly Climate Meeting –next meeting March 10<sup>th</sup> 11am

Township Solar Committee – In budget

Solarize marketing– (MR, NS, AM, JM), other PR.

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

Expand Residential Tree Canopy - (NS)

Ordinance subcommittee- have not met yet not started (NS, JB, PP, RG)

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

Composting grant award – JB working on RFP for consultant

Beyond the Blue Bin recycling group – 2 yr anniversary

Recycling/Composting Technical Assistance Grant (PA DEP, – still on hold by state)

#### **7. Storm Water & Rain Garden Subcommittee: County model ordinance is out**

100 Rain Gardens Initiative.

#### **8. HHS Liaison on Env. Club Collaboration**

HHS Liaison on HHS Env. Club on planned and possible future collaboration projects.

#### **9. Superfund Site: Public comment period until March 15<sup>th</sup> on new permanent building**

#### **10. Volunteer opportunities: Solarize Delco: Volunteers needed to screen calls/ online support, Waste Diverter Volunteers for HavTwp Day/ other festivals**

#### **11. New Business**

## EAC Minutes

### Haverford Twp EAC – Wed. Mar 1, 2023 at 7:00 pm, ConfRmC/Conf. Call

In Italics were present EAC Members 2023-20242: Noel Smyth (1 - Gondek) – *Joy Baxter* (2 - Forste-Grupp) – *Amanda Camacho* (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 - Wechsler) – EAC Appointees – *Steven Clark*; Commissioner Liaison – *Judy Trombetta*; *Eileen Mottola* - Township Liaison; *Peter Hickman* - Recreation. High School: *Remy Dufresne*, *Kelly Murray* Guests: *Howard Sherman* (UD EAC); *Felicia Horowitz* (Tree Commission)

#### **1. Feb 2023 EAC Meeting Minutes - Review/Approval**

- *Approved without amendments*

#### **2. Priority for Action**

- EPA is taking Havertown Superfund Site public comments until March 15<sup>th</sup>.
  - i. Reviewed Feb 23<sup>rd</sup> public meeting info (video posted on Havertown PCP EPA superfund website) – Rittenhouse work complete, new wells indicate deeper contamination, additional wells to be installed to find the “bottom” and to determine direction of bedrock “bedding planes” that influence groundwater and contaminant movement. New permanent expanded treatment system tentatively selected as a “non-time critical” action to be built in the next year or so to accept additional groundwater wells/flows. Although surprising that depth and bedrock questions were not previously answered, EPA appears committed to getting a complete understanding of subsurface conditions and developing a more robust groundwater control system to prevent recurrence of the two prior “breakout” events downstream of the site that required cleanup.
  - ii. No formal EAC input appears necessary at this time, but we should request a timetable and updates on results of additional investigations.
- Composting Grant Implementation: USDA confirmed award but authorization pending. ~\$90,000 grant (plus “in-kind” personnel time and volunteer hours) will fund:
  - i. JB wrote RFP for Consultant to evaluate long term food and other compostable waste implementation options and logistics of public works curbside pickup;
  - ii. Residential - will pay for backyard bins and incentives for commercial curbside compost pickup services - 600 “new” customers will get 2 months free over 2 year period (current customers not eligible) to expand from 250-300 currently;
  - iii. Food waste collection for composting at township buildings and festivals;
  - iv. School food waste pickup is not part of grant but HHS Environmental Club will discuss involvement in getting this off the ground. Prior SDHT administration resistance to environmental initiative makes this a challenge (A. Camacho mentioned pushback regarding recycling at Chestnutwold ES ).
- Special Projects Coordinator position added in Haverford Township
  - i. EAC offered to help screen candidate resumes, many already received
  - ii. E. Mottola advised there will be competition for time with “non-E” projects
- Haverford Road Diet responses to PennDOT
  - i. *Commissioners received EAC comments and indicated at their meeting they would be providing Township input to PennDOT and possibly holding a public meeting for additional input.*
- Haverford Township Compliance Communication: J. Baxter alerted public works to stopping a Refrigerant-containing dehumidifier from being placed in a trash truck.
  - i. *There are no local regulations and no current information on either the Township web site or on the annual recycling calendar and nothing on Delco web site.*

- ii. *EPA regulations are decades old and younger staff and residents are mostly unaware that refrigerant from dehumidifiers, water coolers, air conditioners and refrigerators must be removed by an EPA certified technician.*
- iii. *Communication with DSWA - their staff “watch the conveyor” and pull out things like dehumidifiers, although prior release in truck compacting is likely.*
- iv. *Actions needed include:*
  - 1. *Clear information that bulk waste pickup is required for dehumidifiers, water coolers, air conditioners and refrigerators – web site / annual recycling calendar*
  - 2. *Training for public works employees*
  - 3. *Outreach in township newsletter, etc.*
- County level Community-focused Grants Writer proposal from Howard Sherman (UD EAC) for EAC to recommend a resolution to the Board of Commissioners
  - i. *J. Baxter indicated EAC has put a lot on the Board’s plate and HT is specifically hiring for that position, so they may not want to recommend to the county.*
  - ii. *H. Sherman indicated a county level person can help HT staff by compiling a grant source list and calendar. A county grant writer is being hired.*
  - iii. *EAC members of the Delco Sustainability Plan subcommittees offered to endorse this idea to help get some version of it included in the County Plan.*

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31 solar installations in 2023

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

Expand Residential Tree Canopy - (NS)

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Beyond the Blue Bin recycling group –yearly totals

-reusable and paper bag (take a bag/leave a bag) added at an individual home

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**7. Storm Water & Rain Garden Subcommittee:** County model ordinance is out

Updated Stormwater / Curb Connection Ordinance and Twp. Subdivision Design Standards).

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- *Peter stepping down in 2 years, need a continuation plan*

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- *Working on the thrifting project - Secondhand clothing shop in the school. Funds to be used for sustainable practices at the school.*
- *Planning more outside activities for springtime*
- *Planning annual creek cleanup and community service*
- *Plan to participate in the watershed meetings*

**9. Superfund Site:** – see priority action.

**10. Volunteer opportunities:** Solarize Delco: Volunteers needed to screen calls/ online support, Waste Diverter Volunteers for HavTwp Day/ other festivals, Hav-a-Rain Garden volunteers to assess, design, order and supervise builds.

**11. New Business: Tree Commission** - Felicia Horowitz asked for assistance publicizing their upcoming tree lottery give away. These will be large potted trees. They will email a description of the giveaway and also may come to publicize it and do tree education at the CREC Earth Day event.