



# Environmental Advisory Committee

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## Meeting Agenda & Minutes

Date: Wednesday, July 05, 2023

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

Time: 7:00 P.M.

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## **EAC AGENDA**

### **Haverford Twp EAC – Wed. July 5, 2023 at 7:00 pm, ConfRmC/Conf. Call**

EAC Members 2023-2024: 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.

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- Compost Grant Implementation: 2-month free composting service for residents launched at June 5<sup>th</sup> Commissioner Work Session, Selection of proposal update and Township building composting update from Eileen
- What is happening to our current recycling that is sent to Republic? Volunteer to work on this?
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- Lack of volunteers for Waste Diverters for HaverFood Fest, Large E-waste
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Regional municipal/county update (DelCo Sustainability Commission, Solar PPAs).

Expand Residential Tree Canopy - (NS)

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

100 Rain Gardens Initiative.

8. **HHS Liaison on Env. Club Collaboration** - Thanks for participation in the Earth Day Celebration!
9. **Superfund Site:** Public comment period ended March 15<sup>th</sup> on new permanent building.
10. **Volunteer opportunities:** Hav-a-Rain Garden volunteers to assess, design, order and supervise builds., Solarize Delco: Volunteers needed to screen calls/ online support, Waste Diverter Volunteers for HavTwp Day and other festivals.
11. **New Business**

## EAC Minutes

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*Introduced current EAC programs: Solarize Delco, Rain Gardens, Beyond Blue Bin, Tree Planting, Composting, climate action website.*  
*Expressed EAC priorities for Special Projects Coordinator: Writing grants, following up on energy audits for township, Climate action plan objectives tracking, Monitoring township emissions, Vehicles tracking (hybrid, ev and propane)*
- Compost Grant Implementation: 2-month free composting service for residents launched at June 5<sup>th</sup> Commissioner Work Session, Selection of proposal update and Township building composting update from Eileen
  - i. *Township is in the process of hiring a professional services vendor. Will be in one of the next two agenda for the BOC. Selected a resident, women owned business to do this work.*
  - ii. *Mother compost, the residential people are signing up.*
  - iii. *The bins at the township building, coordinating with Ezcomposting on pickup times, signage and location. Training is included.*
  - iv. *Back yard composting request for new bins with Eileen*
- What is happening to our current recycling that is sent to Republic? Volunteer to work on this?
  - i. *Broomall and Lansdowne EACs are partnering on answering what they are able to recycle.*
  - ii. *Would entail reviewing a report from those EACs.*
  - iii. *Bottle underground will take bottles*
  - iv. *No volunteers came up*
- Advertise Cool block program?
  - i. *Alerted that Media is doing a grass roots thing, it's more than sustainability and resiliency but also knowing your neighbors.*
  - ii. *We don't have to lead this but can advertise it?*
  - iii. *Reached out to Media on their process*
- Lack of volunteers for Waste Diverters for HaverFood Fest, Large E-waste
  - i. *Volunteering had dropped off recently. Do not have enough volunteers to keep doing these things and it may affect the grant.*
  - ii. *Ezcomposting has compost ambassadors that can help.*

iii. *HTD is the only event we have left this year and can use the compost ambassadors*

iv. *the high school may be able to help?*

- Opportunities for reducing township vehicle emissions to be presented at Quarterly climate meeting: New funding for conversion of vehicles to propane, EVs and Charging stations and add on equipment for Police vehicles to be able to have emergency lights on without idling.
  - i. *Policy that the police vehicles are running when not moving so that the battery does not run down. Would like to bring up at the qrtly climate meeting.*

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*Discussion of the bike ordinance examples*

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- *Liaison of the School board to the EAC?*
- *Planning for fall trees, is there some way to work In with the tree commission, probably ordering in September. Felicia will talk to shade tree next week. Noel can do a before and after for a township newsletter. Oct 28<sup>th</sup> is the shade tree commission give away.*