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# 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

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### 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

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

### Priority for Action

- ✓ Discussion and vote on use of extra "recycling beyond the blue bin" at township building for LED bulbs, natural cork, or pop sockets/phone cases
- ✓ 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

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#### Social Media & Outreach Subcommittee

#### Climate Action Subcommittee

#### Recycling and Composting Subcommittee

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#### Public Comment / New Business

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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.

ACT129

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.

## Priority for Action

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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

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Quarterly Climate Meeting: Next meeting 3/13/25

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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

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

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

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#### 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.

# Environmental Advisory Committee

Meeting: Wednesday, February 05, 2025

Time: 7:00 p.m.

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

## Regular Meeting Agenda

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Roll Call/Attendance

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# Minutes

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Tree Commission Liaison), Peter Hickman

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Meeting Minutes - Review/Approval - First Joy, Second Hank, Approved

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

Peter Hickman has already ordered some plants for Earth Day, could order more, Alexis ordered box for bulb recycling. Joy verified that Home depot and Lowes collects the CFLs. Survey for the students needs to be completed. Joy and Alexis are working on composting outreach. The Drop off option is to do a community compost bin at Merry Place.

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Discussion on EAC response to 2024 Draft Comprehensive Plan and Safe Streets Study

Table Safe Streets for now as there is no deadline.

Comp plan discussion – the remaining part of the meeting was reviewing the listed goals and actions of the 2024 Draft Comprehensive Plan. The response to the commissioners and township staff was submitted on Feb 15 and is included at the end of these minutes.

Actions under natural resources Page 106, G2, second R – what is meant by ‘small stormwater infrastructure?’

‘Promote and Install Rain Gardens....’

G2 – last R regarding reducing mowing, should also include P&R and Staff in responsible staff column.

Collette to take a cut at rewording the ‘buy local’ statement under G4

Split the G4 action for solar to support energy conservation and support renewable energy.....

Reword the zoning amendment to permit increased building heights....

Add Green Point system to the last R under this objective.

6, G1 - ...for those that chose walking and biking as primary means

Develop an official map to identify the action items locations required to make the connections in the plan

7 G1 – add reference to Pennsy, Darby Creek Trail and other trails

EV and Bike Parking language is missing from this both for transportation and building codes.

Comments due by Feb 15.

2025 Budget discussion, possible vote on native plants for Earth Day

We do have room in budget to support native plants project, share cost with P&R. – Table this til March meeting.

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Public Comment / New Business

February 15, 2025

Re: Haverford Township EAC comments on the 2024 Comprehensive Plan

Commissioners and Township Staff,

The EAC is encouraged by the goals of the 2024 Comprehensive Plan. We acknowledge the errors in mapping in the document and look forward to seeing the new draft. We reviewed the action plan of the document, pg 105-110, in detail during our regularly scheduled EAC meeting on February 5th, 2025 and have the following comments/recommendations if further changes are possible.

The most significant recommendation is the development of an "[Official Map](#)." We understand an updated comprehensive plan is required to do this. Is it helpful for the comprehensive plan to call for one?

Section	Action	Responsible Entities	Reason for suggestion
<i>Pg 106 4. Natural Resources Conservation and Sustainability G1, OBJ Improve the Creeks as Scenic and Recreational Assets</i>	R: Consider <b>Enforce</b> the minimum setback from the top of the primary bank of a perennial creek for building, paving and outdoor business storage.	EAC, BOG, Staff, DCCD	§78-42. Riparian Buffers of the Stormwater Ordinance passed 12/24 establishes a minimum setback
	R: Consider <b>Enforce</b> stream buffer vegetation replacement requirements.	EAC, BOG Staff	§78-42 "B. The Riparian Buffer shall be planted with native vegetation and maintained in a vegetated state (Refer to Appendix B, Pennsylvania Native Plant List, contained in the PA BMP Manual or latest guidance document from PADEP)."
<i>Pg 106 4. Natural Resources Conservation and Sustainability G2, OBJ Improve the water quality of stormwater runoff and to reduce</i>	R: Encourage methods to reduce the amount of stormwater runoff that enters storm sewers, such as installing vegetative green roofs on top of buildings and residential use of <b>small</b>	EAC, Staff	Wrong word - should be green instead of small

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<i>sedimentation of creeks as part of the Federal MS4 (Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System) program.</i>	green stormwater infrastructure		
	R: Promote and install rain gardens with native plantings, cisterns and rain barrels to <del>improve</del> <del>reduce stormwater runoff</del> and <del>promote</del> the installation of cisterns and rain barrels for the capture and reuse of stormwater.	EAC, P&R, Staff	As the township is mostly private property, we believe promote should be added here. “Improve” is suggested to be replaced since it is ambiguous here.
	R: Explore reducing mowing areas of parks and public land not used for active recreation.	EAC, P&R	While the EAC is happy to encourage P&R, P&R is the owner of this action and we are happy they are looking into it.
<i>Pg 107 4. Natural Resources Conservation and Sustainability G2, OBJ Improve the water quality of stormwater runoff and to reduce sedimentation of creeks as part of the Federal MS4 (Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System) program.</i>	<del>Encourage residents and businesses to consider electricity and energy used to produce, package and deliver products that are purchased by seeking locally produced and items without excessive packaging. Publicize ways residents and businesses can choose local products over online shopping, with the goals of supporting the local economy, reducing excessive packaging, and reducing energy consumption.</del>	EAC, BOC, Staff	Rewording
	R: Support energy conservation efforts through encouraging	EAC, Staff	

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	<del>solar canopies over large parking areas, relaxing minimum setbacks for solar canopies, and encouraging buildings to install light colored roofs (to reduce the overall heat in the summer) and orienting buildings to maximize southern exposure in the winter.</del>		
Suggested addition from the breakup of the previous recommendation	R: Support renewable energy production through roof mounted solar PV, solar canopies over large parking areas, relaxing minimum setbacks for solar canopies, and reviewing setback requirements for solar ground mount systems.	EAC, BOC, Staff	
	Consider zoning amendments to incentivize increased building height to be designed and built to Energy Star or LEED platinum certification	Staff, PC, EAC, BOC	Encouraging the highest certification
	Consider incentives through permitting for construction and remodeling that incorporate green practices.	BOC, Staff, EAC	This action is part of the Climate Action Plan and is on the radar of the EAC.
Pg 109 6. Transportation	G1: Improve accessibility by providing opportunities to utilize public transit, walking, and bicycling as primary means of transportation for those that choose.		Although this statement implies choice, it was clear from the public comment session that some were not reading it that way and were afraid car infrastructure was going to be removed

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			rather than more options added.
<i>Pg 109 6. Transportation G3 OBJ: Continuously build upon walking and biking network including pedestrian sidewalks, on-road and off-road bicycle facilities, and intersection improvements for these modes of travel.</i>	<b>R: Develop an “Official Map” for desired areas to make these connections.</b>	<b>BOC, P&amp;R, Staff, EAC</b>	Is it helpful for the desire to develop an official map to be listed as a recommendation?
	<b>R. Develop a bike parking ordinance and infrastructure to enable bike transportation as an optional primary mode of transportation.</b>	<b>BOC, EAC, Staff</b>	
<i>Unclear where this would go in the transportation section or if it can be added</i>	<b>R: Promote the expansion of electric vehicle (EV) charging infrastructure for multi-family housing and provide requirements for new development.</b>	<b>BOC, EAC, Staff</b>	There was no mention on the expansion of EV infrastructure in the township in the comprehensive plan.

Submitted by Joy Baxter and William Hitchcock, Haverford EAC co-chairs

# Environmental Advisory Committee

Meeting: Wednesday, March 05, 2025

Time: 7:00 p.m.

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

## Agenda

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Roll Call/Attendance

Meeting Minutes - Review/Approval

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# Minutes

## HAVERFORD TOWNSHIP Environmental Advisory Committee

Minutes for March 5<sup>th</sup>, 2025 @ 7:00 PM

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Meeting Minutes - Review/Approval. Noel/Peter, Approved

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

Earth Day – same groups as last year from EAC, 9 to noon, April 26<sup>th</sup>.

Mother compost doing the appreciation dinner composting service.

Commissioner McCloskey – gave update and thanks to the committee.

Joy discussed the bike parking ordinance which was waiting for the safe streets study.  
It's time to get this in front of the commissioners.

Commissioner Trombetta is working on Opt-in for circular delivery to homes.

EAC is working on EV charging ordinance

Priority for Action

2025 Budget discussion, possible vote on native plants for Earth Day. –

Native plants for Earth Day – could use some additional \$500 plants to plant at the CREC during the Earth Day event – Joy/Noel – approved by vote

Volunteer Appreciation Dinner - \$1500

AGZA commercial electrification workshop and demos (coordinating with LM)- \$2000

Mailing of bread bag tags for recycling - \$50

LED bulb boxes - \$125 x 8= \$1000

Printing and Mailing of Streamside property letters - \$400

Communication materials - \$200 – Hank to discuss with Alice

Signage for LED collection - \$100

Additional bike racks - ?

Rain barrels - ? include a workshop for installation. Maybe partner with DVCA or PRC? Peter to Ask and find out what upper Darby is doing.

Reorganization of all subcommittees (previous subcommittee membership is listed below) -

Volunteers needed for giving out info sheets at E-waste and Paper Shredding events

Ewaste – March 22, 9 to 1: Noel 9 to 11, Victor 11- 1, Colette 9 to 11, Joy to setup

Shredding March 29, 8 to 11: David, Melisa, Victor

Update on Earth Day at the CREC

Update on AGZA commercial electric lawn equipment presentation - a group of EACs have joined the group to enable more commercial lawn electrification. Partnering with LM in June on an event. We need to start a list of commercial Lawn services for the community and bring to next meeting. Sometime in June during the workday.

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Social Media & Outreach Subcommittee – JB, MR, Joy, Melisa

Climate Action Subcommittee – SC, RG, JB, NS, JS, MR, - Joy, Noel, Peter and Wil. Remove Rob, Melisa and Steve. Add David.

Quarterly Climate Meeting: Next meeting 3/13/25 (may be changed)

Township Solar Committee – JB, PP, VD, JL - do we still need? Wrote RFP and waiting, will stand down for now.

Solarize Marketing – MR, NS, AM, JM – no longer needed

Regional Municipal / County Update- Steve. We do not need anymore

Expand Residential Tree Canopy – NS, PP, Noel, Peter, Joy, Colette, Peter H.

Ordinance Subcommittee – AC, NS, JB, PP, RG, PH, TG: Joy, Colette, Noel, David, Peter

Recycling and Composting Subcommittee – MR, AD, JB, HE: Joy, Melisa, Hank

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Superfund Site – not a committee

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

Cool Blocks program – building community with immediate neighbors, set program. Climate and water focus. A reason to get together with neighbors. Joy is doing with her block.

# Environmental Advisory Committee

Meeting: Wednesday, April 02, 2025

Time: 7:00 p.m.

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Subcommittee Updates

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# Environmental Advisory Committee

Meeting: Wednesday, April 2, 2025

Time: 7:00 p.m.

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

## April 2025 Meeting Minutes

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William Hitchcock called the meeting to order at 7 PM.

Roll Call was taken.

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Meeting Minutes - Review/Approval Joy moved, Hank seconded

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

- ✓ Alexis: Earth Day, lots of activities, discussing EV display, Rivian? Cybertruck? Kona, EV 5-6 spots
- ✓ Alexis working on additional stormwater ordinance changes questions
- ✓ Shade Tree Lottery is open for signups, distribution day May 3rd.

Priority for Action

- ✓ Follow up on budgeting for additional bike racks, still more could be bought for areas already identified about \$6000. Will talk with Jeanne Angell about other. Joy motion to budget up to \$6000, Will second.
- ✓ Rain Barrels: Victor willing to help teach installation.
- ✓ Installation best in Spring. Wait until 2026 to buy? Could we offer Duranti as an installer, Find out who Philly uses for installs for RainCheck. Arrange a Saturday for installer to install multiple houses \$30 for residents, order 25, Maybe have workshop in June
- ✓ Have attendees any - Workshop
- ✓ Will, Joy second \$3000 rain barrel Tack on to already existing workshops?
- ✓ Follow up on budgeting and partnership with DVCA and/or PRC for rain barrels

Kevin McClosky - will check on Library bike parking.

Update on Earth Day at the CREC

Update on AGZA commercial electric lawn equipment presentation (June 17th 9 am – 11 am indoor classroom training, lunch, and then a 12:30-2:30/3 outdoor training. Ludington Library)

- ✓ Follow up on list of commercial lawn services
- ✓ Will there be enough battery charging at the event – trailer with battery recharging? Chargers lined up

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## Subcommittee Updates

- ✓ Social Media & Outreach Subcommittee – JB, MR - No updates
- ✓ Climate Action Subcommittee – JB, NS, PP, WH, DR - Download from March 28 meeting
- ✓ Expand Residential Tree Canopy – NS, PP, JB, CB, Peter H. Felicia- No updates
- ✓ Ordinance Subcommittee – JB, WH, CB, NS, DR, PP -No updates
- ✓ Recycling and Composting Subcommittee – JB, MR, HS
  - Composting Grant Implementation, JB to meet with Alexis next week on next steps
  - Follow up on next steps
- ✓ Beyond the Blue Bin Recycling Group: Monthly updates sent by MR
- ✓ Storm Water & Rain Garden Subcommittee - WH, PP, JB - No updates
- ✓ HHS Liaison on Environmental Club Collaboration
  - Plant potting, May clothing swap to encourage kids not to waste clothes
- ✓ 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 comments

# Environmental Advisory Committee

Meeting: Wednesday, May 07, 2025

Time: 7:00 p.m.

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

## Agenda

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Roll Call/Attendance

Meeting Minutes - Review/Approval

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

Update from Penn State Students

Priority for Action

- ✓ Rain Barrel workshop scheduled
- ✓ Update on AGZA commercial electric lawn equipment presentation
- ✓ EAC tabling at Heritage Festival
- ✓ Identify leader(s) for EV parking ordinance
- ✓ Feedback from Earth Day

Calendar of EAC or Related Workshops/Events/Outreach

Subcommittee Updates

- ✓ Social Media & Outreach Subcommittee
- ✓ Climate Action Subcommittee
- ✓ Expand Residential Tree Canopy
- ✓ Ordinance Subcommittee
- ✓ Recycling and Composting Subcommittee
- ✓ Storm Water & Rain Garden Subcommittee
- ✓ HHS Liaison on Environmental Club Collaboration

Volunteer Opportunities

Public Comment / New Business

# Minutes

## HAVERFORD TOWNSHIP Environmental Advisory Committee

Minutes for May 7th, 2025 @ 7:00 PM

Meeting took place in ConfRmC/Conf. Call, Township Building, 1014 Darby Road, Havertown, PA 19083.

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Joy Baxter called the meeting to order at 7 PM.

Roll Call was taken.

Noel Smyth (1 - Gondek), William Hitchcock (2 - Forste-Grupp), Joy Baxter (3- McClosky),  
Melisa Romano (4 - Trombetta), Colette Bannon (7 - Quinn), Peter Puglionesi (8 - Hart),  
Hank Schwab (9 - McCollum), Alexis De Santi (Township Liaison), Peter Hickman (P&R)

Public: Brandi Robinson, Lauren Moylan, Amanda Theodorson

Meeting Minutes - Review/Approval. Will moved, Joy seconded, unanimous approval

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

The RB workshop, the price is good, room is booked.

The logistics for the Agza event ongoing

Bike Racks are on hold at Library (squiggly racks). Sent the specs for the U shape racks.

Composing grant – need to submit report.

Update from Penn State Students

CAP spring report. Roadmap for action.

Infographics for comms to the community.

Once a week trash collection survey – we should be able to review the content of the survey before it goes out.

Green points system – Doylestown has this that we can model from.

## Priority for Action

Rain Barrel workshop scheduled for June 17<sup>th</sup> 6-7:30pm with PRC, 25 barrels, PRC would order barrels, Haverford Township would set up registration and collect \$30 cost to participants.

Update on AGZA commercial electric lawn equipment presentation: June 17th 9 am – 10:30am indoor classroom instruction, 11-1pm outdoor equipment demos. Registration open.

Need help getting emails for the list of commercial lawn services.

Need help getting the word out to homeowners to encourage their services to attend

## EAC tabling at Heritage Festival – June 1

Identify leader(s) for EV parking ordinance – Will, David and Noel to take this on.

Feedback from Earth Day - went well despite weather. P&R interested in passing baton to the EAC to run more of the festival. Time and financial reasonings. Can still be at the CREC or another location or partner with another festival. Was competing with other community earth day events. Maybe partner up with teams for local park events with civic association.

Maybe take a year off and see other events? We see a lot more people at the other events.

Propose for just a service event without the tabling.

Maybe an opportunity at Discovery day at the Haverford High School?

## 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: 725 visitors in the last 30 days (9,302, last 12 months)

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

May 21<sup>st</sup> 7pm: Heat Pump 101 [virtual]

May 28th 7pm Ways to reduce impervious surface or capture stormwater on your property [virtual]

June 3<sup>rd</sup> 7pm How to...Simplified approach to stormwater management for small projects [virtual]

June 17<sup>th</sup> AGZA workshop for Landscaping professionals 9am-1pm

June 17<sup>th</sup> 7pm Rain Barrel Workshop

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

August 13 – Recycling

August 23 – Ewaste

August 30 – Paper Shredding

October 4th Haverford Township Day

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

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

October 20 – Food Choices

(Fall Recycling in Haverford Workshop, Haverford Adult School)

#### Subcommittee Updates

Social Media & Outreach Subcommittee – JB, MR

Climate Action Subcommittee – JB, NS, PP, WH, DR

Solar on library is moving ahead, Small solar on township building awning will be bid.

Expand Residential Tree Canopy – NS, PP, JB, CB, Peter H.

Ordinance Subcommittee – JB, WH, CB, NS, DR, PP

Recycling and Composting Subcommittee – JB, MR, HS

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 - WH, PP, JB

## HHS Liaison on Environmental Club Collaboration

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

Peter and Melisa are providing bike bells for Lynnwood school field day

# Environmental Advisory Committee

Meeting: Wednesday, June 04, 2025

Time: 7:00 p.m.

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

## Agenda

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Roll Call/Attendance

Meeting Minutes - Review/Approval

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

Update from Penn State Students

Priority for Action

- ✓ Update on AGZA commercial electric lawn equipment presentation: June 17th 9 am – 10:30am indoor classroom instruction, 11-1pm outdoor equipment demos. Registration open. – Help promote – signup on signup genius
- ✓ Clothing Drive, June 14th 9am-12pm- Volunteers to give out handouts
- ✓ Review Penn State Info graphics – decide how to utilize
- ✓ Discuss waste survey/ composting communication

Calendar of EAC or Related Workshops/Events/Outreach

Monthly PA Bulletin Update

Subcommittee Updates

- ✓ Social Media & Outreach Subcommittee
- ✓ Climate Action Subcommittee
- ✓ Expand Residential Tree Canopy
- ✓ Ordinance Subcommittee
- ✓ Recycling and Composting Subcommittee
- ✓ Storm Water & Rain Garden Subcommittee
- ✓ HHS Liaison on Environmental Club Collaboration

Volunteer Opportunities

Public Comment / New Business

# Environmental Advisory Committee

Meeting: Wednesday, June 04, 2025

Time: 7:00 p.m.

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

## Minutes

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Will Hitchcock called the meeting to order at 7pm.

Roll Call was taken.

William Hitchcock (2 - Forste-Grupp), Joy Baxter (3- McClosky), Melisa Romano (4 - Trombetta), Victor Barsky (5 - Cavender), David Roberts (6 - Holmes), Colette Bannon (7 - Quinn), Peter Puglionesi (8 - Hart), Alexis De Santi (Township Liaison), Felicia Hurewitz (Shade Tree Commission Liaison), Guests: Diana Rosenberg & Alice Grunt

Meeting Minutes - Review/Approval – May 2025 minutes approved unanimously

Monthly Update from Alexis De Santi, Haverford Township Special Projects Coordinator AGZA – one person from public works and one person from parks, Alexis will be there also

No response from SD on this...

Updates on other ordinances are working through

Joy: public works did not bring tops for trash and recycling bins, so everything became trash at Heritage Day

Will and Alexis to coordinate on compost permitting at Merry Place

### Priority for Action

Update on AGZA commercial electric lawn equipment presentation: June 17th, 9 to 10:30am indoor classroom instruction, 11-1pm outdoor equipment demos. Registration open.

Help promote

Signup on signupgenius

Need people to contribute to this effort, and we need to use the signupgenius to not duplicate efforts

Note that they can just attend the demonstration if they want to

Not the best time for landscapers, next time we should try to do this in the off-season or in the afternoon

Clothing Drive, June 14th, 9am-12pm, volunteers to give out handouts

Colette and Joy as volunteers

Melisa & Peter going to sustainability

HCAN Climate may be able to help, but also protests going on this day

Review Penn State infographics – decide how to utilize

Nobody will know what CAP stands for

Insert links to other graphics

Consider ordering easiest/lowest hanging fruit to most expensive

Change the heat pump image to something recognizable

## Sustainable Landscaping

Add language about protecting pollinators or reducing pesticides

Include something about reducing or using more environmentally-friendly pesticides (BTI)

## Electrify your life

Different image for electrify your life

Soft language about electrification saving money

Everyone should compile and submit their comments by next meeting

Discuss waste survey / composting communication

Commissioners are going to look at it before it goes out

Rumors going around that the town does not recycle

Get stats on our stream and publish them, how many tons were diverted last year?

Please review and submit comments on the survey

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: 585 visitors in the last 30 days (8697, last 12 months)

June 14th Helpsy Clothing Drive Township Building 9am-12pm

June 17th AGZA workshop for Landscaping professionals 9am-1pm

June 17th 6pm Rain Barrel Workshop

Aug 13th 7pm Recycling in Haverford Twp Workshop

Aug 23rd Large E-waste event

Oct 4th Haverford Township Day

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

Oct 16th 7pm Heat Pump 101 [virtual]

Oct 20th Food choices for the Climate [virtual]

Nov 1-Dec 5th Pumpkin Collection to feed farm animals

## Monthly PA Bulletin Update

E2301224-012. Haverford Township, 1014 Darby Rd, Havertown, PA 19083, Haverford Township, Delaware County. U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Philadelphia District.

Haverford Township is proposing to construct and maintain (4) 1-foot diameter x 60-foot-tall light poles and 515 linear feet of 2-inch diameter conduit by open cut

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impact. The trenching for permanent field lighting electrical conduit will be backfilled with excavated material to match existing grade. This project is located at the existing McDonald Field, near the intersection of Burmont Road and Warrior Road in Haverford Township, Delaware County (USGS PA Chester Quadrangle—Latitude: 39.957177 N, Longitude: 75.333804 W). Application received: September 11, 2024. Accepted: December 5, 2024. Issued: April 8, 2025.

PAC230321 PAG-02 General Permit Issued Llanerch Country Club, Haverford Township Delaware County, Delaware County Conservation District

## Subcommittee Updates

Social Media & Outreach Subcommittee – JB, MR

Climate Action Subcommittee – JB, NS, PP, WH, DR

Solar on library is moving ahead, small solar on township building awning will be bid

Expand Residential Tree Canopy – NS, PP, JB, CB, Peter H. Felicia

Felicia is looking for support for replacement strategy for street trees

Ordinance Subcommittee – JB, WH, CB, NS, DR, PP

WH to work on EV parking ordinance

Recycling and Composting Subcommittee – JB, MR, HS

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 - WH, PP, JB

HHS Liaison on Environmental Club Collaboration

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 / provide online support

Public Comment / New Business

4th of July - looking for people to hand out bike bells at civic association events

3rd ward Diana Rosenberg, joined meeting to learn what the EAC is doing, member of DVCA, did the creek cleanup

National Lands Trust event on the 10th

# Environmental Advisory Committee

Meeting: Wednesday, July 02, 2025

Time: 7:00 p.m.

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

## Agenda

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Roll Call/Attendance

Meeting Minutes - Review/Approval

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

Update from Penn State Students

Priority for Action

- ✓ Purchase of additional recycling cards
- ✓ Review Penn State Info graphics – follow up on comments received
- ✓ Waste survey / composting communication – follow up on comments received
- ✓ Discussion of Sustainable Energy Partnership
- ✓ Update on SolSmart and solar permits
- ✓ July 4th looking for volunteers to give out bells at civic association events

Calendar of EAC or Related Workshops/Events/Outreach

Monthly PA Bulletin Update

Subcommittee Updates

- ✓ Social Media & Outreach Subcommittee
- ✓ Climate Action Subcommittee
- ✓ Expand Residential Tree Canopy
- ✓ Ordinance Subcommittee
- ✓ Recycling and Composting Subcommittee
- ✓ Storm Water & Rain Garden Subcommittee
- ✓ HHS Liaison on Environmental Club Collaboration

Volunteer Opportunities

Public Comment / New Business

# Environmental Advisory Committee

Meeting: Wednesday, July 02, 2025

Time: 7:00 p.m.

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

## Minutes

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Will Hitchcock called the meeting to order at 7pm.

Roll Call was taken.

William Hitchcock (2 - Forste-Grupp), Melisa Romano (4 - Trombetta), Victor Barsky (5 - Cavender), Colette Bannon (7 - Quinn), Peter Puglionesi (8 - Hart), Hank Schwab (9 - McCollum), Kevin McClosky (Commissioner Liaison), Alexis De Santi (Township Liaison), Guests: Zach Greene, Peter Hickman

Meeting Minutes - Review/Approval – June 2025 minutes approved unanimously

Monthly Update from Alexis De Santi, Haverford Township Special Projects Coordinator  
Solar – July for library awarded and installation planned for within the next couple of months; the bid for Police awning solar should go out in July and award hopefully in August.

Peter: Township should move quickly to install to ensure they get the tax credit which is to be phased out in the new Senate budget bill.

Zach: The bill actually gives more time for “commercial” projects like the Township’s.

AGZA event had about 40 attendees, including township employees and landscapers. It was valuable educationally and Parks Maintenance is considering purchasing some equipment to try out. The event could be held virtually in the future.

### Priority for Action

Order another 500 blue bin cards: pros and cons were discussed; motion by Collette, second by Hank, unanimously approved.

Solar permits/SolSmart – Noel’s recent permit took about a month and he had to bother them. Per Commissioner McClosky, several on-line permits were rolled out on July 1 which may have diverted their attention. These include Plumbing, Roofing & Siding, Fences, Sheds, Rental Housing Licenses, Contractor Licenses but not Solar.

Alexis will ask Codes if they are now meeting the 10 day response requirement for Solar permits and when the on-line solar permits might be available (so we can upgrade our SolSmart certification level).

Discussion of Sustainable Energy Partnership = Alexis submitted the questionnaire and is waiting on DVRPC response to see if we will get in the pilot program. Will enable us to use their group purchasing power (currently they are group purchasing RECs).

## 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: 8697585 visitors in the last 12 months

Rain Barrels – 15 attended in person (23 registered), did remove viewing and now 8 left.

Aug 13th 7pm Recycling in Haverford Twp Workshop

Aug 23rd Large E-waste event

Oct 4th Haverford Township Day

Victor to discuss: bike corral (shown on map), recycling cooperation with public works

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

Oct 16th 7pm Heat Pump 101 [virtual]

Need to increase attendance - could pull list of licensed HVAC contractors and reach out

Oct 20th Food choices for the Climate [virtual]

Nov 1-Dec 5th Pumpkin Collection to feed farm animals

Monthly PA Bulletin Update

Evolve Collision Ctr, Primary Facility ID # 877832, 2544 and 2560 Haverford Road, Ardmore, PA 19003, Haverford Township, Delaware County. Douglas Schott, ARM Group, LLC, 515 South Franklin Street, West Chester, PA 19382 on behalf of Butch Cantz, Ardmore Realty Investments, 29 Andrew Lane, Lansdale, PA 19446, submitted a Remedial Investigation Report/Cleanup Plan concerning remediation of soil and groundwater contaminated with PAHs and other organics. The Remedial Investigation Report/Cleanup Plan is intended to document remediation of the site to meet the Statewide health and site-specific standards.

Alexis will check with Dave Burman to see who receives those notices and request that they be forwarded to her for potential EAC review.

Alexis will request from Planning and Zoning that they forward to her any Phase 1 or 2 reports on potential contamination history received for new development for potential EAC review.

## Subcommittee Updates

Social Media & Outreach Subcommittee – JB, MR

Climate Action Subcommittee – JB, NS, PP, WH, DR

Expand Residential Tree Canopy – NS, PP, JB, CB, Peter H. Felicia

Joy ordered some trees/shrubs from IPL/CBF for a fall giveaway.

Alexis said it could be scheduled for a fall planting event

Ordinance Subcommittee – JB, WH, CB, NS, DR, PP

WH to work on EV parking ordinance

Recycling and Composting Subcommittee – JB, MR, HS

Storm Water & Rain Garden Subcommittee - WH, PP, JB

5 spring gardens completed. Alexis visited one of last year's gardens on Grand Avenue to answer a resident's question on plant vs. weed and liked the rain garden. Peter explained that the homeowner receives a planting plan and plant list with links to informational sites and photos but we don't offer plant maintenance support. 6 or 7

rain barrels remain.

#### HHS Liaison on Environmental Club Collaboration

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

Hank proposed outreach to HVAC contractors based on seeing a neighbor's project replacing in kind a fuel oil furnace. Peter suggested he lead the effort given his HVAC background.

7th ward Zach Greene, joined meeting to learn what the EAC is doing, has a professional background in energy and renewable (worked in the SolSmart program, Philadelphia Benchmarking, and for NERC which regulates energy facility reliability).

Adjournment

# Environmental Advisory Committee

Meeting: Wednesday, August 06, 2025

Time: 7:00 p.m.

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

## Agenda

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Roll Call/Attendance

Meeting Minutes - Review/Approval

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

Priority for Action

- ✓ Purchase of additional recycling cards approved - who will order these?
- ✓ No further comments received on LCAP handouts - ready to finalize
- ✓ Commissioner feedback on waste/composting survey - Alexis
- ✓ Commissioner feedback on new permitting system and solar permits

Calendar of EAC or Related Workshops/Events/Outreach

Monthly PA Bulletin Update

Subcommittee Updates

- ✓ Ordinance Subcommittee
- ✓ Recycling and Composting Subcommittee
- ✓ Storm Water & Rain Garden Subcommittee
- ✓ HHS Liaison on Environmental Club Collaboration

Volunteer Opportunities

Public Comment / New Business

Adjournment

# Environmental Advisory Committee

Meeting: Wednesday, August 06, 2025

Time: 7:00 p.m.

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

## Minutes

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Will Hitchcock called the meeting to order at 7pm.

Roll Call was taken.

William Hitchcock (2 - Forste-Grupp), Joy Baxter (3 - McClosky), Victor Barsky (5 - Cavender), Colette Bannon (7 - Quinn), Peter Puglionesi (8 - Hart), Alexis De Santi (Township Liaison), Guests: Alice Grunt, Nancy Bower

Meeting Minutes - Review/Approval – July 2025 minutes approved unanimously

Monthly Update from Alexis De Santi, Haverford Township Special Projects Coordinator  
No further comments received on LCAP handouts, Alexis to make revisions based on feedback received.

Waste/composting survey: no commissioner feedback received, but will be incorporated into the composting grant flyer. Alexis is working on a draft. Colette suggested we add “real stories” about composting from residents or commissioners. Monday would be a good today to pick up composting, since brush collection is so light. Route planning software would be helpful to optimize routes.

Commissioner feedback on new permitting system and solar permits: Solar applications not accepted in the online portal. Peter thinks it would not be that difficult to combine the two application components. We are not sure if DOE solar permitting assistance is still available.

Peter asked about the vehicle plan. Alexis will ask Dave about it.

### Priority for Action

Order another 500 blue bin cards: Joy to send the updated file to Alexis for ordering.

EAC budget needs to be put in front of Commissioners, so we need to vote on it at September mtg. Ideas to spend money: leaf blower, displays, rain barrels, composters, t-shirts, bandanas, bamboo travel forks/knives, reusable straws, countertop composters, a drawing for something nice, free apples, lids for recycling cans (with instructions printed?), stick-on labels for recycling instructions.

RFP for solar installation on awning: Commercial installation might still receive credit. Federal guidance is expected to clarify funding cutoff soon. Residential has to be installed and connected by Dec 31.

#### 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.

Aug 13th 7pm Recycling in Haverford Twp Workshop

Aug 23rd Large E-waste event

Oct 4th Haverford Township Day

Victor: Bike corral location is shown on the map

Alexis: can we get the lightning into the EV lineup, and a public works rep to show off the truck and its charging capabilities?

Joy to send invites to vendors - we need to remind vendors about plastic straws and bags.

Joy will do the green zone

Do we want to give away recycling stickers or apples or something?

Do we want to try composting? We could have a few buckets at the EAC location if people want to compost their food.

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

Oct 16th 7pm Heat Pump 101 [virtual]

Oct 20th Food choices for the Climate [virtual]

Nov 1-Dec 5th Pumpkin Collection to feed farm animals

Peter: Workshop attendance generally has been down for a few reasons. We could do some giveaways. We could push collaboration with other EACs or league of women voters.

Monthly PA Bulletin Update

PAG-Q2 general permit for construction stormwater issued to HT school district.

Coopertown is the project.

Subcommittee Updates

Social Media & Outreach Subcommittee – JB, MR

Climate Action Subcommittee – JB, NS, PP, WH, DR

Expand Residential Tree Canopy – NS, PP, JB, CB, Peter H. Felicia

Need to coordinate tree giveaways for fall planting events.

Ordinance Subcommittee – JB, WH, CB, NS, DR, PP

WH and DR to work on EV parking ordinance

Need to push bike ordinance with commissioners

Recycling and Composting Subcommittee – JB, MR, HS

Storm Water & Rain Garden Subcommittee - WH, PP, JB

5 spring gardens completed. Alexis visited one of last year's gardens on Grand Avenue to answer a resident's question on plant vs. weed and liked the rain garden. Peter explained that the homeowner receives a planting plan and plant list with links to

informational sites and photos but we don't offer plant maintenance support. 6 or 7 rain barrels remain.

#### HHS Liaison on Environmental Club Collaboration

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

Hank proposed outreach to HVAC contractors based on seeing a neighbor's project replacing in kind a fuel oil furnace. Peter suggested he lead the effort given his HVAC background.

7th ward Zach Greene, joined meeting to learn what the EAC is doing, has a professional background in energy and renewable (worked in the SolSmart program, Philadelphia Benchmarking, and for NERC which regulates energy facility reliability).

# Environmental Advisory Committee

Meeting: Wednesday, September 03, 2025

Time: 7:00 p.m.

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

## Agenda

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Roll Call/Attendance

Meeting Minutes - Review/Approval

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

Priority for Action

- ✓ Haverford Township Day Green Zone planning: Vendors for Green Zone, EV display & parade
- ✓ Representatives to attend EAC Fall Gathering Saturday, November 15 morning and early afternoon at Penn State Great Valley in Malvern
- ✓ Review 2025 EAC budget and expenditures
- ✓ Review proposed 2026 EAC budget
- ✓ Any updates on: LCAP handouts? Commissioner feedback on composting mailer? waste/composting survey?

Calendar of EAC or Related Workshops/Events/Outreach

Monthly PA Bulletin Update

Subcommittee Updates

- ✓ Social Media & Outreach Subcommittee
- ✓ Climate Action Subcommittee
- ✓ Expand Residential Tree Canopy
- ✓ Ordinance Subcommittee
- ✓ Recycling and Composting Subcommittee
- ✓ Storm Water & Rain Garden Subcommittee
- ✓ HHS Liaison on Environmental Club Collaboration

Volunteer Opportunities

Public Comment / New Business

Adjournment

# Environmental Advisory Committee

Meeting: Wednesday, September 03, 2025

Time: 7:00 p.m.

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

## Minutes

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Joy Baxter called the meeting to order at 7pm.

Roll Call was taken.

Noel Smyth (1 - Gondek), William Hitchcock (2 - Forste-Grupp), Joy Baxter (3 - McClosky), Melisa Romano (4 - Trombetta), Victor Barsky (5 - Cavender), David Roberts (6 - Holmes), Colette Bannon (7 - Quinn), Peter Puglionesi (8 - Hart), Hank Schwab (9 - McCollum), Alexis De Santi (Township Liaison), Felicia Hurewitz (Shade Tree Commission Liaison), Guests: Peter Hickman

Meeting Minutes - Review/Approval - August 2025 minutes approved unanimously

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

- Discussion of various EV vehicles for Township Day parade / green zone.
- Alexis to ask about potential storage of replacement recycling lid tops and distribution during brush pick-ups.
- Continuing work on updating LCAP handouts.
- Meeting with Dave to discuss results of the composting survey - no other feedback yet received.
- Agenda needed for the climate meeting next week.
- Peter was asked to assist with design and maintenance recommendations for a rain garden for a park project.
- Input from EAC needed on Earth Day and workshops for next year for the upcoming newsletter.

### Priority for Action

- Planning discussion regarding Township Day green zone service providers, booth locations, incentives, supplies, and timing.
- EAC representatives (David, Colette, Joy and Will) to attend EAC Fall Gathering Nov 15 and present on behalf of Township.
- Review and discussion of 2025 EAC budget and expenditures, including bike rack installation and rain barrels. Motion and vote to purchase 100 replacement recycling can tops (2007 style can, and big blue can after confirming details) was approved unanimously.
- Discussion of rain barrel workshop and expenditure. Motion and vote to purchase up to 25 rain barrels and have one workshop for \$1,845 was approved unanimously.
- Discussion of purchase of additional signage, including plastic-free as well as more durable option for Beyond the Blue Bin. Motion and vote to purchase "Ask Us About..." sign for \$50 was approved unanimously.
- Discussion of other, actually useful items to give out e.g. branded letter openers, bike bells, bike helmets, flashlights, etc.

- Review of proposed 2026 EAC budget. Joy to get info on trash can inserts for budgeting and proposal to Public Works. Discussion of other locations for bike racks, including Manoa shopping center, Bailey Park, Pennsy Trail, Gest (sp) track to Little League fields, Richland Farms Park.
- Joy to send a list of workshops for EAC planning and comment.

#### 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.
- Oct 4th Haverford Township Day
- Oct 8th 7pm: Backyard Composting Workshop [virtual]
- Oct 16th 7pm Heat Pump 101 [virtual]
- Oct 20th Food choices for the Climate [virtual]
- Nov 1-Dec 5th Pumpkin Collection to feed farm animals
- Nov 15th Fall EAC Gathering
- Nov 18th 7pm Recycling in Haverford Township
- Monthly PA Bulletin Update
- PAG-02 General Permit (construction stormwater) issued to Haverford College

#### Subcommittee Updates

- Social Media & Outreach Subcommittee – JB, MR – No updates
- Climate Action Subcommittee – JB, NS, PP, WH, DR – No updates
- Expand Residential Tree Canopy – NS, PP, JB, CB, Peter H. Felicia – No updates
- Ordinance Subcommittee – JB, WH, CB, NS, DR, PP – No updates
- Recycling and Composting Subcommittee – JB, MR, HS – No updates
- Storm Water & Rain Garden Subcommittee – WH, PP, JB – No updates
- HHS Liaison on Environmental Club Collaboration – No updates

#### Shade Tree Commission Updates

- Oct 25 is the tree giveaway. Felicia is looking for H.S. liaison. Shade Tree Commission has a new program allowing residents to request replacement street trees. Looking for signage re: protection of pollinators.
- 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 comments

# Environmental Advisory Committee

Meeting: Wednesday, November 05, 2025

Time: 7:00 p.m.

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

## Agenda

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Meeting Minutes - Review/Approval

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

Priority for Action

- ✓ Native tree and shrub giveaway and Native Plant Swap, Nov 9th 12-3pm
- ✓ Earth Day planning: April 25th Bailey Park, fenced in area reserved
- ✓ LCAP handouts, Finalize Energy Efficiency Handout. Havertown neighbors?
- ✓ Update on Recycling can tops.
- ✓ Update on electric blowers/equipment for Parks and Rec

Calendar of EAC or Related Workshops/Events/Outreach

Subcommittee Updates

- ✓ Social Media & Outreach Subcommittee
- ✓ Climate Action Subcommittee
- ✓ Expand Residential Tree Canopy
- ✓ Ordinance Subcommittee
- ✓ Recycling and Composting Subcommittee
- ✓ Storm Water & Rain Garden Subcommittee
- ✓ HHS Liaison on Environmental Club Collaboration

Volunteer Opportunities

Public Comment / New Business

Adjournment

# Environmental Advisory Committee

Meeting: Wednesday, December 03, 2025

Time: 7:00 p.m.

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

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Priority for Action

- ✓ Attendees report on EAC Network Fall Gathering, model Naturalized Landscape Ordinance, etc.
- ✓ Review of Native tree and shrub giveaway and Native Plant Swap, Nov 9th 12-3pm
- ✓ Review of Lower Merion gas-powered blower phase out, possible joint education efforts, and discussion.
- ✓ LCAP handouts, Collaboration with Library, Kill a Watt power meter, Sustainable Landscaping, Waste Reduction.
- ✓ Update on Recycling can tops.

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