

**Lower Gwynedd Township**  
**Environmental Advisory Council**  
**Meeting Agenda**

**March 13, 2024, 7:00 PM**  
**Township Building Conference Room**

**Zoom Link:** <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/85928526701pwd=YzNNEauqY9B8lI2a4bOWpL5PK5wt3r.1>

**Meeting ID:** 859 2852 6701    **Passcode:** 682980    **Call in:** 646-931-3860; 929-205-6099

1. Call to order, attendance, introductions of new members, participants or visitors
2. Approval of prior minutes (attached)
3. Request to move items from Consent Agenda to Regular Agenda, and any other items to be considered as part of the Regular Agenda
4. Approval of Regular Agenda
5. Consent agenda: February 14, 2024 Meeting minutes; various reports
6. New Business
  - a. Wissahickon Environmental Club donation request help offset cost of recycling event April 27.
  - b. Montgomery County EAC Resources Webinar – 3/28 or 3/29
7. Old Business
  - a. Wrap Up - Save Energy to Save Money Program March 6<sup>th</sup>
  - b. Inflation Reduction Act – Energy Tax Credit ~ Wednesday April 24
  - c. Wrap Up - We Conserve Pa Virtual Conference February
  - d. EAC Volunteer Handbook
8. Long Range Plan Items
  - a. Review of joint meeting and road map for future
9. Standing Items – Committee and Liaison updates
  - a. Parks & Recreation Department & Staff Liaison report review
  - b. Planning Commission liaison
  - c. LGT Comprehensive Plan liaison
10. Points of interest/General comments
  - a. Other meetings of interest
  - b. Sustainability Committee Lower Merion Township Letter of Support HB1842

**Upcoming EAC Events**

- March 9<sup>th</sup>, Battery & Techno Trash Recycling 9 am – 11 am Township Building
- March 12<sup>th</sup>, Bird Walk @ Crossways Preserve 8:30 a.m.
- April 9<sup>th</sup> Bird Walk @ Penllyn Woods 8:30 a.m.
- April 13<sup>th</sup> Trail Cleanup 9-12 @ Township Building
- April 24 Inflation Reduction Act Energy Tax Credit, 7 pm
- May 11<sup>th</sup>, E-Waste Recycling Day & Paper Shredding Event 8-11am, Township Building

**Next meeting: April 10, 2024**

**Environmental Advisory Committee  
Meeting Minutes  
February 14<sup>th</sup>, 2024**

**Members in Attendance:**

Lisa Brown  
Mark Schafer, Chair (Zoom)  
Rea Monaghan  
Maureen Nunn  
Brenda Doll  
Marianne Grey

**Associate Members:** Rich Valiga

**Board Of Supervisors Liaison:** Tessie McNeely

**Staff in Attendance:** Sandi Feight

1. **Call to Order.** The meeting was called to order at 7 pm.
2. **Approval of prior minutes.** Minutes accepted as submitted.
3. **Request to move items from Consent Agenda to Regular Agenda, and any other items to be considered as part of the Regular Agenda.** Agenda approved as presented with a few Going Green Award comments from Maureen.
4. **Approval of Regular Agenda.** Agenda approved as is.
5. **Consent Agenda: January 10<sup>th</sup> meeting minutes; various reports**
6. **Old Business -**
  - a. **EAC Long-Range Planning Document-** There are a few grammatical errors to fix but the document is ready to give to the board of supervisors for review. Sandi will make the grammatical changes needed. The calendar attached shows the projects the EAC has traditionally completed during the year. There was a unanimous vote to approve the document.
  - b. **Agenda for the Joint Meeting –** Joint meeting with the BOS is scheduled for 2/29. Will present our Declaration of the EAC Chapter, introduce who we are, present our committee list and touch on our sub committees and present our accomplishments for the prior year. Sandi will need all documents for the BOS packet by Wednesday, 2/21. The EAC would like the BOS to let us know if things are a no-go or a go on their list of long-range plans.
  - c. **March 6<sup>th</sup> Save Energy to Save Money-**
    - a. **Action item:** The EAC unanimously voted yes to purchase Home Energy Savers Starter kits. Sandi will ask for the necessary funds for educational purposes for these kits. We will order 2 of item #1; the Energy Wise attic stairs covering and 4 each of items #2-5; the Flex Fix insulating duct tape, outlet socket sealers, can of insulating foam & tube of latex caulk. Kits will be assembled of items #2-5.
7. **Standing Items – Committee and Liaisons updates**
  - a. **Parks & Recreation Department & Staff Liaison report review –** P&R board did not meet in January. The staff are looking at grants and timelines for the 3 master plans. The Township trail clean-up is 4/13, the EAC is welcome to help. February 24 is the Virtual Conference with Conserve PA; Tessie, Marianne, Maureen, Rea, and Lisa have showed interest. The May battery collection is the same day as the Townships e-cycle and paper

shredding event; therefore, May battery collection will not take place and will resume the next scheduled collection date. Rea made the decision to step down from the board, but she will still help when she can.

b. **Planning Commission Liaison-** The members of the Planning Commission challenged Gwynedd Mercy University to produce a plan regarding the number of trees they are going to cut down. Gwynedd Mercy stepped up and came back with a great plan including planting native trees with a diversity of species, installing 2 electric chargers on campus, solar panels and hired an arborist who did an analysis of the CO2 calcs and savings in the excess of the number of trees that they were cutting down. At the next meeting they will be presenting a signage ordinance bill.

c. **LGT Comprehensive Plan Liaison-** The steering committee meeting discussed transportation issues in the township and surrounding townships. Lower Gwynedd falls into the category of using the least amount of public transportation. 21% of residents work from home. A sidewalk gap analysis was performed, and it appears that Lower Gwynedd has a huge sidewalk gap. The trails were not mapped either and we are trying to have more walking trails and bike lanes here in Lower Gwynedd. Most of the focus of the plan is to produce improvements along Sumneytown Pike. Rich will find out if these reports are available to the public and let the EAC know if they are and where to find them.

#### 8. **Points of Interest/General Comments**

Mark shared two events that he will pass along to the members.

#### Other Upcoming Events.

- a. Upper Dublin Environmental Open House is March 9<sup>th</sup> – anyone can attend.
- b. PA Land Conservation Conference, April 3-5<sup>th</sup>, Wind Creek Bethlehem
- c. May 11<sup>th</sup> – Interpretative bog hike in Dingmans Ferry
- d. June 9<sup>th</sup> – Wetland restoration project at Duke Farm Hillsborough Township; planting 55,000 native plants in this project. Must pre-register.
- e. 100-year anniversary of the Wissahickon this year

**Meeting concluded: @ 8:37 pm**

#### **Upcoming Events:**

February 29<sup>th</sup> Joint EAC and Board of Supervisors Meeting @ Township Building 7pm

March 6<sup>th</sup> PECO Speaker @ Township Building 7pm

March 9<sup>th</sup> Battery and Techno Trash Collection 9 – 11 am @ Township Building

April 9<sup>th</sup> Bird Walk @ Penllyn Woods 8:30 am

April 13<sup>th</sup> Trail Cleanup 9-12 pm @ Township Building

**Next Meeting: March 13, 2024**



## Montgomery County Planning Commission

### Montgomery County EAC Resources Webinar



Thursday, March 28, 2024, 3:00–4:30 PM\*



[Register for March 28](#)

Friday March 29, 2024, 12:00–1:30 PM\*



[Register for March 29](#)

*\*Please note that the agenda is the same on both dates. Two meetings are planned to accommodate EAC members' schedules.*

Environmental Advisory Committees add value to their municipalities by promoting policies and proposing projects that benefit the local environment. County and state agencies have resources that can assist EACs in their mission, but these resources may not be familiar to EAC staff. The Montgomery County Planning Commission has organized this webinar to assist local EACs as they educate, promote, and advocate on environmental issues. In addition to our own staff, we have invited the Montgomery County Conservation District and WeConservePA to be a part of this webinar. EAC members who attend will learn what resources are available from all three agencies and will have an opportunity to network with other municipal EACs.

The meeting is open to members of EACs in Montgomery County. In addition, if your municipality is considering forming an EAC or if you have a committee similar to an EAC, such as a shade tree commission, please consider sending a representative.

#### **PROGRAM (Tentative)**

- **Welcome** - Montgomery County Commissioners
- **EAC Mixer Event (Activity)**
- **Intro. to WeConservePA** - Carol Grayshaw, Director of Education, WeConservePA
- **Intro. to MCCD** - Brian Vadino, Watershed Specialist, Montgomery County Conservation District
- **Intro. to MCPC** - Drew Shaw, Environmental Planning Manager, Montgomery County Planning Commission
- **EAC Partnership Discussion** – Panel and Attendees
- **Adjournment**

DRAFT EAC Handbook—suggested layout for project protocols

1. **Title of program/project:** *Compost bin giveaway*

2. **Description of program/project:** *PowerPoint/slide presentation of key issues and steps to ensure successful composting followed by an opportunity to interact with individuals with experience/instruction/advice on several different composting approaches. Giveaway of compost bins and kitchen scraps collection container. If a Power Point or slide presentation, include printout of slides and/or disk.*

3. **Dates/seasons/locations:**

4. **Budget:**

*Giveaway items: 15 stationary bins @\$xx (brand); one tumbler @\$xx (brand); 10 kitchen scraps containers @\$xx (brand). Ordered from Amazon.*

*Raffle tickets: \$xx*

5. **Program presenters/leader(s):** *EAC members? Outside experts (names/organization)? How many of each?*

6. **Equipment needed:** *Computer/projector and hdmi cable; chairs in the Community building for attendees; table for registering and giving out drawing tickets; tickets for raffle; table for each presenter (4).*

7. **Volunteers:** *How many? What are their roles? How were they solicited? Who supervised them? etc*

8. **Pre-program/project planning steps and responsible party:**

*a. Set date after determining availability of space and presenters/volunteers and after EAC has approved.*

*b. Price out cost of giveaways; prepare spending request for BoS enough in advance to order and receive giveaways.*

*c. Work with twsp staff to order materials once spending is approved, also to figure out where to store items before/after the program. Note what was purchased, where it was purchased, cost, etc.*

9. **Publicity/marketing:** *Attach examples of what was done. Note how long in advance the materials needed to be developed. Note ways information is/could be disseminated (e-news; print news; flyers; Patch; social media; etc.*

10. **Other/future considerations:** *Location in community building was great for indoor/outdoor space but power point was hard to read because of lighting. Quite a few bins were not taken— maybe get fewer next time? Expand publicity.*

# THIRD ANNUAL ENVIRONMENTAL OPEN HOUSE

**Saturday, March 9th | 10:00am-12:00pm**

**Upper Dublin Public Library**

520 Virginia Drive, Fort Washington, PA 19034

## AUDITORIUM PRESENTATION TOPICS (10AM-11:15AM) INCLUDE:

- Upper Dublin Comprehensive Plan
- Renewable Energy Transition Plan
- Recycling Dos & Don'ts
- Energy Audits
- UDT Municipal Building Update
- Single-Use Plastic Bag Ban
- Residential Stormwater Management
- WeConservePA Initiatives
- Litter Patrol in UDT
- UDHS Environmental Project-Based Learning Presentation
- Sustainable Property Program
- Twining Valley Park Update
- UDT Tornado Recovery Update

***Hosted by the Upper Dublin Township Environmental Protection Advisory Board (EPAB) and Upper Dublin Parks & Recreation***



## TABLE DISPLAYS & DEMOS (11AM-12PM)

- UDT Comprehensive Plan
- UDT EPAB Initiatives
- Practical Energy Solutions
- Butterfly - Solar Panels
- Upper Dublin Tree Tenders
- Shade Tree Commission
- Back to Earth Compost
- Wissahickon Trails
- Upper Dublin Historical Commission
- UD Library/Maple Glen Garden Club
- Temple University, Ambler
- WeConservePA
- UDHS Environmental PBL Project
- Whitpain EAC-Sustainable Property
- Birdtown
- Journeywork - Native Plants
- Women's National Farm & Garden

**Join Us!**

**QUESTIONS? Contact Eric Lindhult, EPAB Co-Chair at [eric.lindhult@gmail.com](mailto:eric.lindhult@gmail.com)**

<b>Topic #</b>	<b>Topic</b>	<b>Speaker / Organization</b>	<b>Suggested talking points (but it is your presentation)</b>
1	Introduction / Format	Mike Haas; Chair - UDT EPAB	Welcome, EPAB background; how the presentations will run, vendor tables in the lobby after the presentations
2	UDT Comprehensive Plan	Samantha McLean; Michael Baker	Discuss the Comprehensive Plan and need for input from UDT residents
3	WeConservePA Initiatives	Carolyn Grayshaw, WeConservePA	Introduce WeConservePA; initiatives; EAC interaction
4	Recycling	Ed Landau; UDT EPAB	Recycling Dos and Don'ts
5	Residential Stormwater Management	Domenic Rocco; Conshohocken EAC	Stormwater management for residential properties
6	Single-Use Plastic Bag Ban	Austin Faberman; UDT EPAB	Discuss the bag ban and the impact of bans in surrounding communities
7	Energy Audits/Efficiency	Paul Spiegel; Practical Energy Solutions	Energy audits in municipal buildings and improved energy efficiencies
8	UDT Municipal Campus Reconstruction	Gary Scarpello; UDT Commissioner	Update on the new building and environmental/energy saving aspects incorporated into the design
9	Energy Transition Plan	Melissa Laffen; UDT EPAB	UDT's Energy Transition Plan
10	UDHS PBL - Erin Loch	Dalton McMaster; UDHS Student	UDHS's Project-Based Learning Program project
11	Litter Control	Laina Stricker; UDT EPAB	How it got started, its mission, how to get one started in your community and volunteer
12	Twining Park / Tornado Recovery / Tree Grant	Derek Dureka and Colleen Kenny; UDT Park & Rec	Status of Twining Park, tornado update and the tree grant
13	Whitpain Sustainable Property Program	Ruth Chang; Whitpain EAC	Discuss the Sustainable Property Program initiative and the results
14	Sewer Etiquette	Eric Lindhult; UMHJSA	Quick sewer etiquette presentation
15	Introduce vendors at tables	Eric Lindhult; UDT EPAB	Thanks for coming and discuss groups in lobby to visit



# Think Global Act Hatboro



Come celebrate a day of fun,  
friends and our beautiful world  
@ Pennypack Community Center  
130 Spring Avenue  
Saturday·April 13·2024·10-2

**\* Animal Artifacts**

AQUA

Back to Earth Composting

**\* Bike Traffic Garden**

**\* Bindy the Recycling Mascot**

**\* Birdhouse Painting**

**\* Briar Bush Nature Center**

**Wildlife of PA presentation 12-1**

**\* Bubbles and Sidewalk Chalk**

Community Advocates for Clean Energy

Community Choice Aggregation (CCA)

**\* Community Mural Mosaic**

DCNR (Dept of Conservation and Natural Resources) - Forestry, Wildlife, Parks

**\* Dig for Dinosaurs**

Don Weiner- Underwater Photography

Doris Lloyd- artwork

Donna Rosenbaum- artwork

Drive Electric Earth Month

**\* Enterprise Fire Company of Hatboro**

**Fire Truck**

4 Brothers Honey- live beehive

Flower Bulb Fundraiser

Gardeners of Crooked Billet

Hatboro Borough Council

Hatboro Borough Staff

Hatboro Chamber of Congress

Hatboro EAC

Hatboro Federal Bank

Hatters for Music Marching Band

**\* Hatboro Public Works**

**Recycling & Trash Trucks**

Hatboro Shade Tree Commission

**\* Live Bugs and Worms**

**\* Make a Grapevine Wreath**

**\* Make a Seed Pod**

Marvelous Monarchs

Model Environmentally Sustainable

Household

National Arbor Day Foundation

**\* Nature Drawing & Coloring Activities**

National Wildlife Federation

PA Bat Rescue Society

PA Dept of Geology

**\* Paint a Mandala**

PECO- Home Energy Audit

Penn State Master Watershed Stewards

Penn State Master Gardeners- Container Gardening & Integrated Pest Management (IPM)

Pennypack Ecological & Restoration Trust

Pennsylvania Horticultural Society (PHS)

Philadelphia Mycology Club-

Beginner's Foraging

PHS Hatboro Tree Tenders

PlanetBee Seed Pods

**\* Plant a Meadow**

**\* Quiver Farm Petting Zoo**

Rewire America

Rocks and Fossils of PA

**\* Sam's Drum Circle**

Septa- Bike Rack for Buses

Sierra Club Pennsylvania-

Climate Reality Project

**\* Scout Badgework**

Solar for All

Stone Age Band

**\* Storytime with Mr. Jim**

Suburban Cycling Unlimited

Sustainable Eating

Temple Ambler Arboretum

**\* Toy Rescue Vehicle City**

Union Library Company of Hatborough

Vermiculture

Warminster Tesla- Electric Vehicles

Weaver's Way Ambler Co-op

Women's National Association

of Farmer's & Gardener's- Ambler

Wyncote Audubon Society- BirdTown &

Bird Collision Deterrents

**\* Youth Art Contest Submissions**

....and much more

**\* = Kids' Activities**

A HATBORO ENVIRONMENTAL COUNCIL EVENT