



# Environmental Advisory Committee

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## Meeting Agenda & Minutes

Date: Wednesday, September 06, 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. September 6, 2023 at 7:00 pm, ConfRmC/Conf. Call

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

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100 Rain Gardens Initiative.
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  - *Amy wanted to mention that we are only spending \$304 out of 15k. there is money left in budget for conference and such.*
  - *Quarterly meeting – Friday, Sept 22, 11 am set aside for this meeting. Send Agenda to Alexis in advance to coordinate.*
  - *Running composting grant at the township, some success at the township building and CREC. May adjust the buckets to where it's working. Going well.*
  - *Working with Peter on the DCNR grant for the fall.*
  - *Rain gardens, we have someone coming to get those restored and a plan to maintain.*
  - *Sunday workday – for the DCNR grant, at Cobbs Creek. Signup Genius is out. Planting near the Karakung swim club, near the ball field.*
  - *Energy audit: reached out to the CREC, Skatium and Township directors and didn't hear back. Created a tracking sheet and will schedule a monthly update.*
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    - i. *Need volunteers*
    - ii. *With Bike parking, we have one that can setup and break down – the sentiment is to not do it. If its publicized, we should do it. Will there be an email blast? There is typically an email sent and it will be included in that. Joy to check if public works can help setup. Its in the Brookline parking area. Volunteer tasks: take the bike and give them a ticket to get the bike back later. Peter to write up a description, Joy will include with the high school volunteers. Peter will go ahead and plan for this to happen.*
  - EAC representative? for October 21<sup>st</sup> EAC Network Fall Gathering West Chester
    - i. *Alexis will be there for the conference. Who from EAC can attend? Hank will let Joy know.*
  - Tree/Shrub giveaway in November – PP
    - i. *We ordered a bunch and will do pickup along with rec planning on Darby creek. As of now, rec is planning cobbs creek. Alexis to send email to Peter to coordinate. Peter P. top send the list to Peter H.*
  - Review proposal from Discover Haverford for installation of Bike racks in Haverford Business Districts with ARPA funds
    - i. *The reason some were not installed in the past was because of pushback from the store owners, we should do reach out and gain buy in before adding. Adding to the car parking lots may not be used because it's not as close to the retail establishments. The ask from the Friends of Hav trails is for funds, this is certain, but the hard part is to get the business owners to agree. Certainly, the big shopping centers should all have hoop style bike parking and we can help pay for materials if she can get owner to allow installation. There are larger bikes with kiddy carts that take more space, would need to accommodate for the library.*

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Bike racks?
  - Ask for more bike lanes*
  - Ride share for elderly*
  - Some bike racks for some of the remaining bus routes?*

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*Slow on uptick, but expected for the summer. About 40 this quarter, Target is 75 per quarter.*

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- **Introductions to new**

*i. Lynn Elliott – visiting, issue at polo field, would this group want to discuss*

*1. Low point in park that could use a rain garden*

*2. Township is entering agreement with LM township schools for use of the field. They want to put in a bus pulloff, cutdown trees lining the street to accommodate. Want to maintain the trees.*

- ii. Lucia Schwasburg – 20 year resident, also a master gardener. Interior designer, LEED cert. interested in this group.*
- iii. Need a spend plan for the remaining 13k in budget. Can use in the rain garden budget for equipment. Recycling equipment? Some spend for H-twn day. Tree Tenders equipment. Pete P to put a spend plan together for Alexis. Replacement recycling bins? Educational signs for rain gardens?*