

Haverford Township Environmental Advisory Committee – Summary report for 2011

Jan Marie Rushforth presented with Terry Watkins on 12/12/2011

Public Outreach: 10% Challenge, promoting recycling, providing education, etc.:

- 1) Our EAC did public outreach on Sunday, April 17, 2011 for **Arbor Day at the Grange** with a slide show by David Hartke and tabling by Jan Marie Rushforth.
- 2) Our EAC presented at the **HPED** (Haverford Partnership of Economic Development) **Energy Cost Saving** program on Wed April 20, 2011 at the Hav Twp Free Library; with talks by David Hartke and Tom Morgan.
- 3) **Heritage Festival** Tabling on Sunday June 5, 2011 by Jan Marie and others
- 4) **Haverford Township Day** on Sat Oct 1, 2011 with a tent: Peter Puglionesi, and Jan Marie Rushforth, served at the table with prep assistance by Dave Hartke and Carol McCabe.

Work with other Township Groups:

- 1) We met with and assisted the **Planning Commission** on **amending the Solar – Alternative Energy Ordinance** (over several months.) By our understanding, the final version would go to Delaware County then to Commissioners.
- 2) At request of Township Assistant Manager, Lori Hanlon Widdop, we began to **benchmark what other communities are doing to improve Storm Water Management**. This can include stormwater utilities/authorities to conduct planning; to collect fees; to improve monitoring and enforcement; to eliminate illegal sanitary or storm-sewer connections; to conduct community outreach; to provide financial incentives for voluntary stormwater improvements; to fund township stormwater mitigation and infrastructure redevelopment and measures to improve stormwater management. Philadelphia and at least one other mid-sized PA municipality have created a stormwater utility fee for this purpose and others, including Radnor Township, have been exploring it.
- 3) We supported working with the **Planning Commission** on land use amendments for a green village design overlay and solar photo voltaic panel canopy for the parking lot at the new YMCA.
- 4) We attended an **EPA Public Meeting** on Feb 16, 2011 on the **TCE Vapor Intrusion Assessment**. TCE is a volatile organic compound or chemical, trichloroethylene, which was found in groundwater of homes south of the EPA Superfund Site. TCE is used to degrease metal parts. Homeowners in the affected area were given the opportunity to have their homes tested for presence of TCE vapors within their homes.
- 5) We have been receiving regular updates from Rich Kerr and Peter Puglionesi on the **Haverford Walks & Bikes Committee** and **Friends of Haverford Trails**.
- 6) We issued a **letter of support for a grant** for the North Brook Wetlands Restoration in the Community Park of Haverford Reserve, to the WREN Grant Partners, requested by Peter Hickman in March 2011.
- 7) **Request for Comments:** Rob Graff from **DVRPC** (Delaware Valley Regional Planning) invited our EAC members to comment on ICLEI's Green House Gas Inventory Protocol Framework (1/20/2011).

- 8) We participated in a **tour and review of the Township Composting Program** in coordination with Marple Township in February 2011.

ICLEI Update- Haverford Township Accomplishments reducing Green House Gases as reported to ICLEI

- 1) Annual public education events in spring and Haverford Township Day in fall
- 2) 3 years since our ICLEI inventory and Action Plan, so we are up to documenting progress
- 3) Haverford Township renewed membership with ICLEI
 - a. Training & working with other ICLEI municipalities might be available – Philadelphia, Nether Providence, Narberth join Hav Twp on Eastern PA, then several in Western PA.
- 4) Some of the outstanding green initiatives that Haverford Township has done:
 - a. **More efficient street lighting**
 - b. **Removed yard waste and grass clipping hauling** – cooperating with Marple Township on equipment – saving money, saving energy, saving man hours, re-use, creating “black gold” compost, will be generating funds
 - c. **Brine equipment** – to use less salt on the roads and reduce the amount of salt that makes it into the streams, save money, time, make icy roads safer with less plowing
 - d. **Stop delivering notices** - Reduces employees time with hand carrying notices
 - e. **Auto phone services to notify residents of emergency information:** Safety + Energy Savings + Money Saving (usually \$35K and Larry Gentile did it for \$7 K)
 - f. **Replace de-humidifier at Stadium** – to save energy
 - g. **Approved Geo Thermal for Recreation/ Environmental Center at Haverford Reserve + LEED rating**
 - h. The Township is working on getting **solar electric (PV) canopies for parking lots** for YMCA and other parking lots. Lori Hanlon Widdop has identified funding with power purchase agreement (getting energy from the islands of macadam)
 - i. For next 3 years, Twp has negotiated **cheap price of electricity of under 8 cents per KW** (Kilo Watt) including taxes

Some plans for 2012:

- 1) Green Home Tour in Haverford Township planned for Earth Day, Sunday April 22, 2012 to include a Tour of about 4 homes: homes of Brian Dooner and Brian Walters have been volunteered. Tour will also include the new Haverford Reserve Community Recreation and Environmental Center, followed by a presentation and social networking. Brendan Goggin, President of Haverford Partnership for Economic Development is interested.
- 2) Youth teaching a Green Curriculum to younger children: Carol McCabe’s niece, Grace Reilly, at Notre Dame private-girl’s school is working on a Climate Plan Curriculum as an educational project for older young people to teach younger children.
- 3) Improved Web Presence: Mike Doyle is working on this
- 4) EAC Logo Contest – idea is to promote creativity and outreach for youth and residents
- 5) Media Outreach with the Haverford High School TV
- 6) Continued review of the TCE & Havertown Superfund Site: Peter Puglionesi has volunteered his professional expertise to review documents from the EPA.
- 7) Continued emphasis on Storm Water Management and Energy Savings for Haverford Township

2011-’12 EAC Appointee Members: 2 year term to Dec 2012:

Teresa Watkins (1); Michael Doyle (2); David Hartke (3); Jan Marie Rushforth (4); Carol McCabe (5); Brett McGovern (6); Thomas Morgan (7); Alfred Baginski (8); Brian Kennedy (9)

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2009-'10 EAC Appointees
Terms expired December
2010 – Last year's members

Thomas Chiomento
Regina Pfeiffer
Phil Whitmer
Jan Marie Rushforth
Carol McCabe
Brian Dooner
Thomas Morgan
Alfred Baginski
Brian Kennedy

Commissioners
Wards

1st S D'Emilio
2nd M Oliva
3rd R Trumbull
4th D Siegel
5th J Heilmann
6th L Holmes
7th J McGarrity
8th C Connell
9th B Wechsler