

Hatboro Environmental Advisory Council
Meeting Agenda
Thursday, January 16th, 2025
Borough Hall, 414 S. York Road, Hatboro, PA 19040

1. Call to Order

0. Pledge of Allegiance

0. Public Comment (Agenda Items Only)

0. Announcement of Vacancies on the EAC

0. Approval of December 2024 EAC Meeting Minutes

- . December EAC 2024 minutes

Motion: Motion to approve the December 6, 2024, EAC Meeting Minutes

6. Schedule: EAC Meeting Dates and Educational Events

- a. Solar United Neighbors Presentation by Monica Carey:

Wednesday, January 29, 2025, 7:00-8:30 pm, Borough Hall

- b. Birding 101 Presentation by Barbara Beck, Bird Town Leader in Richland Township:

Tuesday, February 18, 2025, 7:00-8:30 pm, Borough Hall

- c. March 2025 Gardening for Birds and Wildlife Presentation by Barabara Beck or Leigh

Kieser: discuss dates; contact presenters; submit Event Request Form to Borough

Motion: Motion to schedule March educational presentation, pending Borough approval for the date.

- d. Review dates for 2025 EAC meetings and suggest changes for any conflicts.

Motion: Motion to schedule 2025 EAC meetings dates, pending Borough approval.

7. Planning for 2025

- a. Membership, interests and skill sets

- b. Budget

- c. Complete the Annual Report for 2024

- d. Begin discussion of environmental vision and goals for Hatboro in 2025

8. Committee Reports:

A. Energy Transition Plan and Clean Energy Initiatives

- 1. CCA for PA- Legislative update; 2025 Projections

2. Solar Resources

a. Solar Resources for Homeowners

<https://www.rewiringamerica.org/>

<https://solarunitedneighbors.org/>

b. Recording of Solar Energy Webinar

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Mz19tJk3WSk>

[https://docs.google.com/presentation/d/e/2PACX-](https://docs.google.com/presentation/d/e/2PACX-1vQ2IMgDBGwpwkvus2R29amuli4JdVwZBtc4ogqh3OgEwPhVfiJ-mO-PuTubuYHQ0Q/pub?start=false&loop=false&delayms=3000&slide=id.p1)

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B. Watercourses and Riparian Buffers

1. Discuss Second Draft Riparian Corridor Conservation District Ordinance

Motion: Motion to approve second draft of Riparian Corridor Conservation District Ordinance and submit to Borough Council.

2. Discuss the plans for stormwater management at Victorian Village Phase 2 and other development sites along York Road.

3. Memorial Park- Riparian buffer development

C. Trees/Gardens/Meadows

1. Review Heritage Tree Ordinance from Whitpain Township [Heritage Tree Ordinance](#)

2. Pennypack Community Garden

a. Final tasks for 2024

b. Pennsylvania Horticultural Society (PHS) 2025 Garden Tenders:

Educational programs for volunteers and community garden managers:

[https://phsonline.org/events/know-to-grow-organic-vegetable-gardening-101-](https://phsonline.org/events/know-to-grow-organic-vegetable-gardening-101-kyonne-isaac)

[kyonne-isaac](https://phsonline.org/events/know-to-grow-organic-vegetable-gardening-101-kyonne-isaac)

<https://phsonline.org/events/knowtogrow-brooklyn-bridge-park-rashid-poulson>

<https://phsonline.org/events/garden-tenders-fall-sept-oct-2024>

3. PHS Tree Tenders

a. Final tasks for 2024

b. Penn State Online Tree Tenders Training January 2025

<https://web.cvent.com/event/a416625d-968c-4644-915a-7facfaaf2115/summary>

c. Planning for Spring 2025 Tree Plantings- Borough and/or Residential

Application deadlines for ordering trees- not published yet

<https://phsonline.org/programs/tree-programs/for-current-tree-tenders>

d. Begin discussion of long-term plan for maintenance of Borough trees

D. Wildlife and Habitat

a. Miller Meadow- Discuss involvement with Borough in future planning- Open Space, habitat, wildlife corridor, signage, bridge

b. [Pennypack Park Plan](#)- Review and discuss

c. Natural Features Conservation- Use of herbicides, pesticides and other toxic chemicals on Borough property

<https://wildones.org/neonics-advocacy-protecting-pollinators/>

E. Trash Reduction and Sustainable Living

1. Holiday Lights recycling initiative [Holiday Lights](#)

2. NexTrex Plastic Bag recycling initiative

<https://delrangreenteam.wordpress.com/trex-plastic-recycling-challenge/>

<https://nextrex.com/view/recyclingchallenge>

F. Bird Town, PA Committee

1. Application status and next steps

2. Outreach to public for anyone interested in joining committee. [Bird Town Invite](#)

G. Earth Day Planning

1. Date: Saturday, April 12, 2025

2. “Earth Month” concept

3. Discuss formation of a committee

4. Vision for Earth Day 2025

5. Budget

9. Unfinished Business

A. Write document to Borough recommending use of lower impact fireworks.

B. America 250 PA Liberty Tree Project Status

10. New Business

A. Discussion of Memorial Park Trail and its associated environmental impact study.

Public Comment

Next Meeting: Monday, February 3, 2025

Adjournment