

Salisbury Township Environmental Advisory Council
February 15, 2012

Order of Business

1) Call to Order

2) Roll Call

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a) Glenn Miller, Chair	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
b) Louis Cinquino, Vice Chair	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
c) Jane Benning	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
d) Mary Ann Stinner	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
e) Joseph Hebelka (PC Rep)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
f) Bruce Burchard	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
g) Joanne Ackerman, (BOC liaison)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
h) Cynthia Sopka (Secretary)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
i) Randy Soriano (Township Manager)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Task Force Members

➤ Glenn Minnick	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
➤ Samantha Dorney	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
➤ Sandra Thomas	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

3) Notifications:

- a. *All public sessions of the Salisbury Township Environmental Advisory Committee regular meetings are electronically monitored (tape recorded) for the purpose of taking the Minutes. Public comment on agenda items will be entertained at the time the item is up for discussion; non-agenda related public comments will be entertained after the agenda*

4) Review December 21, 2011 minutes (Lack of quorum in January prevented approval)

5) Review January 18, 2012 minutes

6) Report of officers and committees (include BOC, PC, Manager and/or Planning/Zoning)

- a) Zoning: No hearing in December
b) Planning: Comprehensive Plan Update Public Meeting and Conditional Use hearing for the Flower Tent
c) Board of Commissioners Meet the 2nd and 4th Thursday of the month at 7:00.

7) Old Business

- a) Audubon Pennsylvania Bird Town – on hold til 2012

8) New Business

- a) Election of Officers
b) Annual Report finalization

- c) **15th Annual EAC Conference** on Saturday, March 3, 2012 at the Montgomery County Community College (Pottstown Campus, 101 College Drive, Pottstown, PA 19464). The registration fee for EAC members who are PEC members is \$20. This year's conference agenda features three tracks: Water, Energy and Trails, and EAC Basics. Topics being covered include an update on the MS-4 program, storm-water basin and meadow retrofitting, and how to work more effectively with your local school districts. Details of the conference are still being finalized, but a draft agenda can be viewed at the registration website: <http://www.pecpa.org/eac2012>
- d) Comprehensive Plan DRAFT document –placed on the website
- e) Possible Guest Speaker, Karen El Chaar Friends of Allentown Parks to address Bird Town USA project.
- f) Discussion regarding January 24th meeting with Salisbury Township School District regarding future coordination of efforts for joint projects associated with environment and educational possibilities.

6) Public Comments

7) Agenda for next meeting

8) Adjournment

Section 2 – A motion from the floor must be made and passed in order to dispense with any item on the agenda

INFORMATION ON OTHER EAC'S:

- The Upper Milford/Emmaus EAC meets every 4th Monday of the month at 7PM and also has information posted on the website of Upper Milford.
- The Allentown EAC meets every 2nd Monday of the month from 5:15 PM to 7:15 PM on the 3rd floor of the City offices.
- The Upper Saucon EAC meets every 3rd Tuesday of the month and starts at 6:00 PM.
- The Whitehall Township EAC meets the 2nd Thursday of each month and starts at 7:00 PM.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Water Resources Education Network Now Accepting 2012 Grant Applications

The [Water Resources Education Network](#), a project of the League of Women Voters of Pennsylvania Citizen Education Fund, is offering funding to help launch community coalitions that will raise awareness, conduct water education projects, and promote action to protect water resources now and for future generations within Pennsylvania. **Proposals are due March 23.**

WREN Projects work to help communities protect and improve our most precious natural resource, our

water. To see examples of prior funded projects for creative ideas, visit WREN's [Local Projects](#) webpage. No need to re-invent the wheel.

Two separate funding tracks are offered for 2012:

Track 1: Watershed Protection Education/ Non-point Source Pollution Prevention Grants. WREN will award 10-12 grants of up to \$5,000 each for community-based partnerships to conduct Watershed Protection Education projects that raise awareness and educate Pennsylvania citizens and local officials about their roles as environmental stewards to protect, improve, and remediate the watershed from the impacts of nonpoint source pollution (polluted runoff).

- To encourage awareness of land use impacts on water quality, a municipality is required to be an active partner in the project.
- Nonpoint source pollution includes: drainage or runoff from resource extraction, abandoned coal mines, oil or gas wells; inadequate erosion control practices during construction, urban runoff; improper agricultural practices (erosion and sedimentation, nutrient management, pesticide application); improper timber harvesting practices; improper lake management practices; failing on-lot septic systems or other abandoned waste disposal sites.
- NPS also results from altered hydrology (changing the way water flows through an area) due to impervious surface area and stormwater runoff.

Track 2: Source Water Protection Education Grants. WREN will award 3 grants of up to \$7,000 each to develop a county-wide or regional partnership, known as the Source Water Environmental Education Team (SWEET) that will raise awareness and conduct public education in multiple municipalities for local officials and community members about proper stewardship of source water areas and ways to prevent, manage, and reduce the risk of contamination to public drinking water supply sources.

While many Pennsylvanians get their drinking water from on-site private wells, the majority of consumers rely on public water supply systems. Over 2,100 community water supply systems in the Commonwealth service more than 10.2 million people. The goal is to ensure high quality drinking water today and for future generations, and keep water treatment costs down.

How To Apply

Proposals are due at the League of Women Voters of PA Harrisburg office, located at: 226 Forster Street, Harrisburg, PA 17102. Funded project activities must take place July 1, 2012 – June 30, 2013.

Questions? Please review [grant guidance and application forms](#) and then contact: Julie Kollar, WREN Project Director at 267-468-0555 or send email to: juliekwren@verizon.net.

ANNOUNCEMENT

Date: Saturday, February 18th 2012 (snow date 2/19/2012) Time: 9-1 pm

Would you like to learn more about Birds, Bats and Bees? Then check your calendar for this FREE, fun, and educational event. Longswamp Township EAC is hosting Backyard Wildlife Workshop: Birds, Bees, and Bats too! Location: TEK Park, 9999 Hamilton Blvd, Breinigsville PA 18031, 1st floor.

Directions: http://www.tekpark.net/local_info.asp

Registration Now Open For 2012 Great American Cleanup Of PA

[Keep Pennsylvania Beautiful](#) announced Friday registration is now open for the 2012 Great American Cleanup of PA. Event coordinators can visit the [Great American Cleanup of PA](#) webpage to register their event. This annual event is held in conjunction with the Great American Cleanup of Keep America Beautiful and in partnership with support from the Department of Environmental Protection, PennDOT, and Pennsylvania Waste Industries Association. Additional partnering businesses include the American Chemistry Council, Keystone Sanitary Landfill, Pennsylvania Beverage Association, Pennsylvania Food Merchants Association, Republic Services, Steel Recycling Institute, and Waste Management.

The 2012 Great American Cleanup of PA will begin on March 1st and end on May 31st. During this period, registered events can get free bags, gloves, and vests from PennDOT district offices.

Events consist of litter cleanups, illegal dump cleanups, beautification projects, special collections, and educational events. Events must be registered through the Great American Cleanup of PA website to get these free cleanup supplies.

Pick It Up PA Days

As part of this event, the Department of Environmental Protection and Pennsylvania Waste Industries Association are sponsoring Let's Pick It Up PA – Everyday. During the Pick It Up PA Days, registered event coordinators will be able to take the trash collected during their cleanup to participating landfills for free disposal. The Let's Pick It Up PA – Everyday event will begin on April 21st and end on May 7th. The focus day will be April 21st.

All 67 counties in Pennsylvania were represented in the 2011 Great American Cleanup of PA. There were 4,222 events with 159,922 volunteers. Volunteers collected 354,267 bags of trash or 7,085,340 pounds. They cleaned 13,140 miles of roads, railroad tracks, trails, waterways, and shorelines, and 5,887 acres of parks and/or wetlands. Additionally, volunteers planted 3,321 trees, bulbs, and plants in an effort to keep Pennsylvania beautiful. Since the inception of this event in 2004, over 61 million pounds of litter and waste have been removed from Pennsylvania's landscape, and tens of thousands of trees, bulbs, and flowers have been planted.

To register your event, find an event near you, or to find additional resources, visit the [Great American Cleanup of PA](#) website. Any additional questions can be answered by Michelle Dunn, Great American Cleanup of PA Program Coordinator, at 1-877-772-3673 ext. 113 or send email to: mdunn@keepbeautiful.org.