

ENVIRONMENTAL ADVISORY COUNCIL
AGENDA
Wednesday, November 19, 2025 – 6:00 PM

Radnorshire Room

1. Call to Order

2. Public Comment

3. EAC Membership

We welcome Melissa Zaffin as our new member!

4. Review/Approval of Minutes

4.a. Environmental Advisory Council - October 15, 2025 Meeting Minutes

[Minutes 15 October 2025 EAC Meeting.pdf](#)

5. Announcements

- **Leave the Leaves Or Move Them Just a Little**

Haverford Climate Action is calling on Delaware County residents leave your leaves on the ground! Leaves will break down naturally over time and enrich your soil. They also provide habitat for pollinators and small creatures. Learn more here, https://xerces.org/blog/leave-the-leaves?utm_source=H-CAN+Newsletter&utm_campaign=cdd7e52f80-EMAIL_CAMPAIGN_2017_07-09_COPY_01&utm_medium=email&utm_term=0_4f6f6fe79b-cdd7e52f80-451164968

- **The Bee Lab**, a small federal department housed in the U.S. Geological Survey, helps research and protect bees. However, while bee colonies across the country are collapsing and wild bee species are approaching extinction, the Bee Lab might lose its funding. Its researchers catalogue and monitor over 4,000 bee species, studying their genetics, numbers, behavior and habitat needs. Penn Environment has been campaigning tirelessly to save America's bees. For more information, click here <https://environmentamerica.org/pennsylvania/articles/whats-the-u-s-bee-lab-and-why-we-should-protect-it/>

- **Reduce, Reuse, Recycle! A Recloth Recycling Bin** is now available at Radnor Memorial Park located at 61 Matsonford Rd, Wayne! Learn More https://reclotheart.com/?utm_medium=email&utm_source=govdelivery

- **Important: Fishing Line Clean Up & Recycling Matters!**

Each year, more than 100,000 mammals die from ingesting debris or becoming entangled in fishing lines, nets, and other types of fishing gear. Please recycle your fishing line and netting at our recycle stations located at Saw Mill Park in Newtown Square near the fishing stream, or take your fishing line material with you.

- **Tree Canopy Assessment 2010 – 2022 Delaware County, PA** Published: May 2025

<https://www.delcopa.gov/sites/default/files/2025-10/TreeCanopyStudy.pdf>. This assessment commissioned by Delaware County measured the extent of the County's tree canopy and how it has changed over the past twelve years. Tree canopy assessments rely aerial imagery and light detection

and ranging (LiDAR) data. As of 2022, 43% of Delco was covered by tree canopy. For Radnor Township, it was just over 50%, representing about a 2% loss from 2010. This loss is sizably less than other municipalities.

- **Recloth Earth** (<https://reclotheearth.com/donate-clothing>) works to prevent textiles and other household items from ending up in landfills, and donated items have the potential to enrich someone's life. It accepts all clean and dry:

- o clothes like dresses, jeans, shoes, sleepwear, and undergarments
- o accessories like hats, belts, scarves, ties, handbags, backpacks and suitcases,
- o household items like bedding linens, drapes, towels, and fabrics,
- o games, toys, arts and crafts kits
- o sporting goods, and
- o musical instruments

Local donation bins:

- o Radnor Memorial Park, 61 Matsonford Rd Wayne PA
- o St. David's Episcopal Church, 763 South Valley Forge Rd Wayne PA
- o Whole Foods Market, 821 Lancaster Avenue Wayne PA

6. Ongoing Business

- **Municipal energy conservation and electrification**
- **Public Education**

Radnor EAC Lecture Series

NOTE: EAC Lectures at the Township Building are now live-streamed on Zoom.

- Wednesday January 21 at 7:00 PM, Steve Shreiner, Shreiner Tree Care: Beechtree Leaf Disease.
- Tuesday April 28, 2025 at 6 PM, Mike Weilbacher, The Buzz About Bees – Pollinators in Peril.

The Radnor News Community Newsletter (winter)

Other publications?

Collaboration with Lower Merion EAC

Our EAC again has the opportunity to share its Lecture Series with Lower Merion EAC; their pending Education Workshops:

- January 15th 7pm Backyard Composting Workshop [virtual]
- January ____ virtual AGZA Workshop in collaboration with others
- February 12th 7pm: PFAS: What they are and what we can do [virtual]
- February 19th 7pm: Solar for your home [virtual]
- March 7 th 9am-noon: Rain Garden Workshop, CREC
- March 13th 7pm: Demystifying EV ownership [virtual]
- April 23rd Transform your yard: grass removal, pollinators & native plants [virtual] (DCVA collaboration)
- May 13th 7pm: Backyard Composting Workshop [virtual]
- May ____ Watershed Education/Rain Barrel Workshop
- May 21st 7pm: Heat Pump 101 [virtual]
- September Watershed Education/Rain Barrel Workshop

- October 8th 7pm: Backyard Composting Workshop [virtual]
- October 16th 7pm Heat Pump 101 [virtual]
- October 20th 7pm Food Choices for the Climate

Jenkins Arboretum & Gardens

- Thurs, Nov 20 • 7:00 PM (virtual). **Wild Turkey Conservation in PA.** To register:

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/wild-turkey-conservation-in-pa-tickets-1380911897659>

- Thursday Dec 18, 7:00–8:30 PM, from Tredyffrin EAC, Jenkins Arboretum & Trout

Unlimited: **'Salt—A Winter Water Conundrum'**, Kate Hutelmyer, Water Resources Planner, Chester County Water Resources Authority. Thursday, December 18 at 7 PM. Register at:

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/salt-a-winter-water-conundrum-tickets-1380912479399>

- ***Promoting native plants and sustainable landscapes***

New tips

- *Beech Leaf Disease*
- *"The Mosquito Bucket Challenge"*
- *"Leave the Leaves: alternatives to leaf removal"*
- *"Fall Planting: the best time to plant is now"*
- *"Using the 3-3-3 Rule to Mulch your Trees"; avoid mulch volcanoes and tree moats*
- *"The Invasive Eleven; common invasive plants to avoid in your yard:*
 1. *English ivy*
 2. *Japanese barberry (ticks)*
 3. *Butterfly bush*
 4. *Privet*
 5. *Orange day lily*
 6. *Winged Euonymus ("burning bush")*
 7. *Japanese pachysandra*
 8. *Japanese and Chinese wisteria*
 9. *Norway maple*
 10. *Periwinkle vines (Vinca major and minor)*
 11. *St Johns Wort (poisonous to animals)*

Fall stream water sampling for salt content

Results of October baseline stream sampling in Radnor Township: October 19, 6:30 PM

<https://stroudcenter.org/event/2025-fall-salt-stream-snapshot-wrap-up/>

Eco-Friendly Yard Award program

EAC community survey

Seed library at Radnor Memorial Library

Garden/nature club at local elementary schools

Maintenance of rain gardens in the Township

Fenimore Pond algae overgrowth

- ***Gas leaf blower (GLB) phaseout***

On Wednesday, November 19, 2025, the Lower Merion Board of Commissioners will consider adopting the ordinance restricting the use of gas powered leaf blowers during the late spring and summer. The proposed ordinance is available for review here: https://www.lowermerion.org/home/showpublisheddocument/30901/638974993529170000?utm_medium=email&utm_source=govdelivery

7. New Business

- **Municipal ordinance regarding grass height**
- **Aronimink Golf Club clear-cutting 9 acres for a temporary PGA Broadcast Center**
- **Recycling and waste management in Radnor Township**
- **Budget**

In August, the EAC proposed a 2026 EAC total budget of \$15,000.

For 2025, the EAC was funded \$7,246.50.

2025 current expenses:

\$500.00 (RML seed library)
\$200.00 (Santoro honorarium)
\$300.00 (Weilbacher honorarium)
\$3,971.50 (perennial plants, New Moon Nursery)
\$250.00 (Mike Cranney honorarium)
\$200.00 (Forsyth honorarium)
\$5421.50 current total expenses
\$1825.00 current balance

Pending 2025 expenses:

- \$156.15 for native perennial seeds from American Meadows (for RML Seed Library).
- \$250.00 for 10 STEELS books on environmental sustainability and stewardship for the Township's 5 school district libraries.
- \$200.00 honorarium for Mike Weilbacher talk on Fungi November 13
- \$500.00 second contribution to RML Seed Library
- \$90.00 registration fee for Dan for Nov 15 WeConserve EAC Fall Gathering
- \$200.00 honorarium for Mike Weilbacher talk on bees (date pending)

Total pending: \$1396.15