

West Vincent Environmental Advisory Council 2023 Activities Summary

January

- Jan. 17 – assisted West Vincent Elementary School Nature Club -12 students
- Pollinator Pitstop Activity – Jan 21 - gave out free New England Aster PA ecotype seeds to interested residents with instructions posted on website – 40 families participated
- EAC members planted common milkweed seeds in Opalanie Park in tree tube area – Jan 21
- NCC-EAC meeting Jan 30

February

- Feb. 14 – Planned WV Elementary Birding event with Nurse Becky and Patty Werth
- Feb. 21 and 28 – assisted West Vincent Elementary School Nature Club -12 students
- Nature Club Great Backyard Bird Count Opalanie Park Feb. 19 - 5 attendees
- Attended PA EAC Network Conference by Zoom Feb. 25

March

- March 7, 14, 21, 28 - assisted West Vincent Elementary School Nature Club -12 students
- Planned Amphibian Crossing event – weather and amphibians did not cooperate
- Birdtown – installed kestrel house at Opalanie Park – March 4
- Birdtown – new West Vincent Bird Town Facebook page
- Woodcock Walk Opalanie March 16 – 27 attendees – 10 woodcocks
- Nature Club Activity – invasive removal on WV land along Weatherstone Trail – March 26 – 20 volunteers!

April

- April 4, 11, 18, 25 - assisted West Vincent Elementary School Nature Club -12 students
- April 10 – first HYRP yard visit – Beth Miller
- Nature Club Activity – invasive removal on WV land along Weatherstone Trail – April 22 – 6 volunteers
- Bird Town Birdwalk with Valley Forge Audubon April 16 – so many people they divided into 2 groups – 35 people

May

- May 2, 9 – assisted West Vincent Elementary School Nature Club -12 students
- Second HYRP visit – Robin Austin – advised on native, non-native, how to reduce lawn size, how to care for woods and native spaces
- May 24 – Pollinator event at the Pitstop – gave away New England aster plants, EAC members spoke with the community members about how to grow plants for pollinator and bird support – 25 households came

June

- Healthy Yard Recognition Program debuted in printed newsletter – people started to fill out the application

July

- July 22 – hosted NCC-EAC at Donna's house
- July 27 - Tree Health talk at township building and by Zoom – DCNR Service Forester for our area gave a presentation – about 50 people participated – filmed and posted on website

August

- August 3 – Planted and presented a swamp white oak in Vic Laubach's honor – held a little ceremony – 10 participants
- August 12 – Bird Talk at Township Building – Bird Town - Bird Talk - *A Few Birds...The Basics of Bird Watching, August 12, 2023, 4:30 – 6:00 PM* - filmed and posted on website – 25 attendees
- August 15 – Healthy Yard visit – Meryl Joblin - advised on what was native or invasive – 1 hour
- August 26 – Table presentation at Chester County Grows on Pollinator Pitstop and HYRP. Doug Tallamy speaker.

September

- September 7 – participated in Gravel Road workshop at township building. 40 participants

October

- October 15 - Fall Fest – bird walks, tree id, invasive foraging walks, table for all our projects – hundreds of participants
- October 21 – Presented at PA EAC Fall Gathering on Healthy Yard Recognition Program, which was featured in their newsletter
- October 26 – Presented at PA Birdtown conference

November

- The Edge Farm recycled pumpkins!

December

- Spoke with Cheryl Wanko at West Bradford township – she is on their "EAC" – wants to copy HY, was also contacted by their director of planning and zoning
- Corresponding with Whitpain, Perkiomen, and East Vincent about HY
- Spoke with Sue Royer from Whitpain EAC about hy
- The Edge Farm recycled Christmas Trees