



West Vincent Township Environmental Advisory Council
January 9, 2025, 7:00 P.M.
Agenda

Call Meeting to Order

Attendance -

Appoint Chair, Vice-Chair, Secretary

Appoint member to Open Space Review Board

Select liaisons to other committees

Approve Minutes of Previous Meeting

Manager's Report

Subdivisions/Variance Applications - 1414 Birchrun LTD

Heritage Trees

Nature Tenders

- Goals
- Riparian buffer planting at Griffith Farm with Dame Juliana plants plus live stake demo plus outreach to landowners with streamside properties/ponds; could combine with new riparian buffer presentation by Vic and Ed; Invasive foraging, for instance when garlic mustard appears in spring; frog crossing sign placement and timing and social media posts
- Chester county lawn to meadow conversion

Botanical Sanctuary

Healthy Yard

- Goals
- Tour
- Fix problems with survey– it doesn't ask for the person's name; it shakes on reduce size of lawn; pg 11 after neonics, the question about stormwater is missing

Pollinator Pitstop

- Goals – pick March date Laura Cruz talk & seed giveaway; pitstop in Opalanie by sign managed by township

Birdtown

- Goals – how many bird walks? Coordinate with Valley Forge? Woodcock walk in March?
- chimney swift tower
- File annual Bird Town report

Nature Book Club

- Goals

Stormwater Management

- Goals – Raingarden presentation? Stormwater basin maintenance talk for HOA's? Salt watch?

Discuss tree protections in our ordinances

- Lower Makefield Township's Tree Bank Ordinance
<https://docs.google.com/document/d/1e64LRsYo5Hit8taC8jH-8f-2ELsF9AzL/edit>

Open space

- Historically, our township has purchased land for the purpose of creating parks. Our committee discussed if it would be prudent for the sustainability of our community for the township to purchase wooded lots to preserve them. Wooded lots benefit the community by cleaning our air and water; stormwater management and aquifer recharge; sequestering carbon; temperature mitigation; wildlife and biodiversity support; and public viewsheds. Step 1 – Find the legal definition of "Public Access."

North coventry light pollution talk

- <https://northcoventrytownship.com/eac-presents-the-environmental-impact-of-light-pollution/>

Updates From Other Committees

- Board of Supervisors, Phoenixville Regional Planning Committee, Sustainability Committee, Parks and Recreation Commission, Planning Commission, Open Space Advisory Board, Litter Lifters, CETT, Stream-naming, Trails, and Historical Commission.

Public Comment

Adjourn

Future Dates

Feb. 6- Zoom with Lansdale EAC re meadow installation

Jan. 14 - 7pm – First ChesCo EAC/Sustainability meeting - Zoom

Jan. 27 – 7pm - First Trail Committee meeting

Elementary School Earth Day – to be scheduled – mosquito dunks?



April 26 – Shredding Event
May 3, Community Day, Opalanie Park

2025 Event Schedule Draft

- Late Winter – social media post to see if landowners with a stream/pond would like plant material
- March – good time for Laura Cruz talk as a special presentation, giveaway Monarda fistulosa seeds for milk jug sowing
- March – live stake propagation clinic at Griffith Farm with planting the pond border to shade the water
- Early to mid-March – chimney swift tower installation
- April 26 – we could join the shredding event with our own project – plant giveaway?
- May – Medicinal plants at Opalanie Botanical Sanctuary
- May 3 – Wild Bergamot plant giveaway at Community Day
- July – Healthy Yard Garden Tour
- Possible other presentations – Stormwater management - rain gardens/riparian buffers; meadows by Miller Road resident or Refugia, the company that installed the Miller Road meadow; riparian buffer talk
- Healthy Yard Activities
- Bird Walks
- Nature Club activities, invasive removal, tree tube care,

