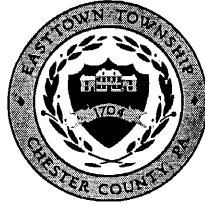


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Township

ENVIRONMENTAL ADVISORY COUNCIL

Regular Meeting Agenda

Thursday, December 23, 2021, 7:00 p.m.

- 1. Call Meeting to Order**
- 2. Consideration of Draft November 18, 2021 Regular Meeting Minutes**
- 3. Finalize Details on the Water Quality Workshop**
- 4. Consideration of Draft Single-use Plastic Bag Ordinance**
- 5. Discussion on Draft Single-use Plastic Bag Ordinance and Chester County Solid Waste Authority Grant Program**
- 6. Discussion on Open Space Goals and Pennsylvania Department of Conservation and Natural Resources Grant Program**
- 7. Discussion on Tredyffrin/Easttown Environmental Advisory Council E-newsletter Articles**
- 8. Review of Board of Supervisors Public Comment Guidelines for Meeting of Township Authorized Groups**
- 9. Liaison Reports**
 - A. Board of Supervisors**
 - B. Planning Commission**
 - C. Parks and Recreation Board**
- 10. Other Business**
 - A. Darby Creek Spring Clean Up**
 - B. Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection Grant Workshop**
 - C. Chester County Solid Waste Authority Zero Waste Luncheon**
 - D. Green Roof Tour**
 - E. 2022 Goals and Positions**

11. Public Comment

12. Announcement

A. Next regularly scheduled meeting is Thursday, January 27, 2022, 7:00 p.m.

13. Adjournment

**EASTTOWN TOWNSHIP ENVIRONMENTAL ADVISORY COUNCIL
REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING
MEETING MINUTES**

Thursday, November 18, 2021

The regular meeting was called to order at 7:06 pm by Chairperson Cara Rash. Environmental Advisory Councilmembers in attendance were Kathryn Goddard Doms, Gary Ellis, Heather Hill, Cara Rash, and Radha Pyati. Also attending were Supervisor Michael Wacey; Eugene Briggs, Township Manager; and Syed Islam, a member of the public.

Consideration of October 28, 2021 Regular Meeting Minutes.

The October minutes were approved 5-0 with a motion and second.

Presentation on Single-use Plastic Ordinances.

Faran Savitz, Conservation Associate at PennEnvironment, gave an oral presentation to the EAC about single-use plastic ordinances. They have put together a model ordinance, and several recommended features are listed below:

- Definition of single-use plastics using their manufacturing process (blown-film extrusion), not thickness.
- Fee of 15 cents per paper bag, which has been effective in changing people's behavior.
- Hybrid ban-fee ordinance, which includes both a single-use plastic bag and a fee on paper bags. West Chester Borough and Pittsburgh have adopted this. Philadelphia started with a ban only but is considering an amendment to add a fee.
- Application of the ban to a range of retailers.
- Transition period for retailers, for example, a 30-day period of signage notifying customers, and then a 90-day period to switch completely.
- Plastic straws by request only, rather than a ban on plastic straws.

Presentation of the Single-use Plastics Business Survey Results and Discussion on Next Steps.

Chairperson Rash gave a presentation on the results of the business survey on single-use plastics conducted by her and Councilmember Hill. Key takeaways from the survey include the following points:

- Businesses are aware of single-use plastics' environmental impact and are likely to make a change.
- Plastic bags are the most impactful item because they are used the most.
- Businesses can use up their current plastic stock in 90 days.
- 56% of businesses surveyed support a Twp ordinance banning single-use plastic bags.

Chairperson Rash reported that many positive comments about this effort were heard. Businesses expressed the need to know about alternatives and suppliers. Philadelphia has a list of supplies on its website. The big chains, such as grocery and drugstore chains, know how to make the transition and are already compliant in other municipalities.

Faran Savitz commented that the survey data are good and that the window of opportunity to pass an ordinance is now. The EAC was in consensus that for now a bag ban is the next step, and that additional matters such as plastic straws and utensils might be part of an educational effort. Chairperson Rash and Councilmember Ellis will develop a draft ordinance for BOS consideration.

Discussion on the Rescheduling of the Water Quality Workshop.

The water quality workshop will be held on Thursday, February 3, 2022. The Upper Main Line YMCA is interested in hosting but is still finalizing their schedule; if it is not available, the Easttown Library will be pursued as a venue. The workshop cannot be advertised in In Community due to the timing of the workshop and the magazine issues, but it can be publicized in a potential EAC newsletter.

Discussion on the Pennsylvania Department of Conservation and Natural Resources Grant Workshop.

The EAC discussed the DCNR grant and its applicability toward projects that would fit under the open space plan. The current 1993 open space plan can be examined for project ideas. Chairperson Rash will reach out to the Parks and Recreation board chair to see if there are any projects of mutual interest. All EAC members will look at the 1993 plan to gather ideas and share with Chairperson Rash.

Discussion on Homeowners Association Contact List.

Councilmember Hill reported on her efforts to contact homeowners' associations (HOAs). Manager Briggs noted that the emails will come from an Easttown Twp email address.

Liaison Report: Board of Supervisors.

Chairperson Rash reported on the BOS. The BOS discussed LED street lighting and will decide on Phase 2 of that project on either December 6 or December 20. The preliminary budget and the EAC e-newsletter plan were approved. Tredyffrin EAC still working on the e-newsletter proposal.

Liaison Report: Planning Commission.

Councilmember Ellis reported on the PC, specifically on the facts that Chester County has a climate action plan, and that the Historic Commission and PC are discussing how expansive a roster of historic buildings might be.

Liaison Report: Parks and Recreation Board.

Councilmember Doms had no further items from the Parks and Recreation Board.

Compost Swap Program Update.

Councilmember Hill reported on the compost swap program. Trinity Church is advertising the program now with its members and its preschool and are waiting to set a date for the swap.

Spring Cleanup of Darby Creek Update.

The DCVA is asking for an in-kind donation of \$140 to offset the cost of supplies; the EAC budget will be able to cover this. Manager Briggs told the EAC members to seek BOS approval of doing the cleanup once the details are settled.

Tredyffrin/Easttown Environmental Advisory Council E-newsletter.

Chairperson Rash noted that the BOS has approved and that Tredyffrin EAC is working to present this to their own BOS for approval.

Chester County Solid Waste Authority Grant Update.

Several ideas for grant projects were discussed, the most promising of which is a reusable Easttown Township bag. Sponsorships for the bag might be attractive to local businesses, such as members of the Berwyn Devon Business Association, and this could assist with the 25% match required for the project. Chairperson Rash will follow up on this.

Visit to Mascaro Recycling Facility.

Supervisor Wacey and Councilmember Hill attended a tour of Mascaro's recycling facility.

Public Comment

Mr. Syed Islam asked whether there is a dropbox in the Twp for lithium batteries; there is one at Tredyffrin-Easttown Middle School.

Announcements.

The next regularly scheduled meeting is Thursday, December 23, 2021, at 7:00 pm.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 9:58 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Radha Pyati
Secretary, Easttown EAC

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ORDINANCE NO. XXXXXX

AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF EASTTOWN, COUNTY OF CHESTER, COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA, TO ADD A NEW CHAPTER xx IN THE "GENERAL LAWS OF THE TOWNSHIP OF EASTTOWN" TITLED, " SINGLE USE PLASTIC BAG REGULATIONS" TO REGULATE THE DISTRIBUTION AND USE OF SINGLE-USE PLASTIC CARRY-OUT BAGS; TO ADD FINDINGS, DEFINITIONS, REQUIREMENTS, ENFORCEMENT, PENALTIES, AND EXEMPTIONS RELATING TO THE DISTRIBUTION AND USE OF SINGLE-USE PLASTIC CARRY-OUT BAGS.

WHEREAS, Article 1, Section 27 of the Pennsylvania Constitution, known as the Environmental Rights Amendment, (the "Amendment") provides that people have the right to clean air, pure water, and to the preservation of the natural, scenic, historic, and esthetic values of the environment. Pennsylvania's public natural resources are the common property of all the people, including generations yet to come. As trustee of these resources, the Commonwealth shall conserve and maintain them for the benefit of all the people; and

WHEREAS, the Amendment imposes two basic duties on the Commonwealth and its political subdivisions such as the Township- one is to prohibit the degradation, diminution and depletion of the public natural resources and the second is to act affirmatively via legislative action to protect the environment, (Pennsylvania Environmental Defense Foundation v. Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, 161 A.3d 911 (Pa. 2017)); and

WHEREAS, this Ordinance is enacted to achieve the Township's duties under the Amendment by minimizing the degradation, diminution and depletion of the public natural resources and to affirmatively enact legislation designed to protect the environment; and

WHEREAS, single-use plastic carry-out bags degrade at a slower rate than recyclable paper carry out bags and release toxic materials during degradation that pollute waterways; and

WHEREAS, for the reasons additionally set forth below, the Township Board of Supervisors intends to preserve, maintain, and enhance the health of its residents and visitors, as well as the public natural resources and common property within the Township, by prohibiting the distribution of single-use, carry-out plastic bags within the Township; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Supervisors, after due consideration of the proposed ordinance at a duly advertised public hearing, has determined that the health, safety and general welfare of the residents of the Township will be served by this Ordinance which regulates the distribution of single-use, carry-out plastic bags within the Township.

Chapter XX

Single Use Plastic Bag Regulations

NOW BE IT ENACTED AND ORDAINED by the Board of Supervisors of the Township of Easttown, County of Chester, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, and it is hereby enacted and ordained by the authority of the same:

SECTION 1. The Township of Easttown Code shall be amended by adding a new Chapter XX entitled " Single Use Plastic Bag Regulations ", to provide as follows:

§ XX-1. Purpose and Findings.

A. The purpose of this Chapter is to reduce the use of single-use, plastic carry-out bags by commercial establishments within the Township of Easttown, curb litter on the streets, in the parks, and in the trees, protect the local streams, rivers, waterways and other aquatic environments, reduce greenhouse gas emissions, reduce solid waste generation, promote the use of reusable, compostable, and recyclable materials within the Township of Easttown, and to preserve the natural, scenic, historic, and esthetic values of the Township of Easttown.

B. Findings.

1. Distribution of single-use, plastic carry-out bags causes severe environmental impacts, including greenhouse gas emissions, litter, harm to wildlife, water consumption and solid waste generation.
2. There are numerous commercial establishments within the Township of Easttown which provide single-use, plastic carry-out bags to their customers.
3. Most single-use, plastic carry-out bags are made from plastic or other material that does not readily decompose.
5. Numerous studies have documented the prevalence of single-use, plastic carry-out bags littering the environment, blocking storm drains, entering local waterways, and becoming stuck in or upon natural resources and public property.
6. The taxpayers of the Township of Easttown pay costs related to the cleanup of single-use, plastic carry-out bags from the roadways, trees, sewers, waters, and parks within the Township.
7. From an overall environmental and economic perspective, the best alternatives to single-use, plastic carry-out bags are reusable, compostable or recyclable paper bags.
8. There are several alternatives to single-use, plastic carry-out bags readily available in and around the Township of Easttown.

9. As required by the Environmental Rights Amendment to the Pennsylvania Constitution, the Township of Easttown seeks to preserve the natural, scenic, historic, and aesthetic values of the Township.

11. It is the Board of Supervisors' intent to conserve resources, reduce the amount of greenhouse gas emissions, waste, litter, water pollution, and to protect the public health and welfare, including wildlife, all of which increases the quality of life for the Township's residents and visitors.

§ XX-2. Definitions.

For the purposes of this Chapter, the following definitions shall apply unless the context clearly requires otherwise:

COMMERCIAL ESTABLISHMENT - any store or retail establishment that sells perishable or nonperishable goods, including, but not limited to, clothing, food, and personal items, directly to the customer and is located within or doing business within the geographical limits of the Township of Easttown. Commercial establishments include: a business establishment that generates a sales or use tax; a drugstore, pharmacy, supermarket, grocery store, farmers' market, convenience food store, food mart, or other commercial entity engaged in the retail sale of a limited line of goods that include milk, bread, soda and snack foods; a public eating establishment (i.e. a restaurant, take-out food establishment, or any other business that prepares and sells prepared food to be eaten on or off its premises); and a business establishment that sells clothing, hardware, or any other nonperishable goods.

COMPLIANT BAG - Certain paper carry-out bags and reusable bags.

A. A paper bag that meets all the following minimum requirements:

(1) It is considered a recyclable material based on the Township Code, as the same may be amended from time to time, contains a minimum of 40% postconsumer recycled material and displays the words recyclable and/or reusable in a highly visible manner on the outside of the bag; or

(2) It can be composted.

B. A reusable bag is a bag made of cloth, fabric or other material that is specifically designed and manufactured for multiple re-use. If the bag is made of plastic, it must be a minimum of 4.0 mils thick.

CUSTOMER - any person purchasing goods or services from a Commercial Establishment.

OPERATOR - the person in control of, or having responsibility for, the operation of a Commercial Establishment, which may include, but is not limited to, the owner of the Commercial Establishment.

POST-CONSUMER RECYCLED MATERIAL - a material that would otherwise be destined for solid waste disposal, having completed its intended end use and product life cycle. "Post-consumer recycled material" does not include materials and by-products generated from and commonly reused within an original manufacturing and fabrication process.

PRODUCT BAG - a very thin bag without handles used exclusively to carry meats or other uncooked food items to the point of sale inside a Commercial Establishment or, for reasons of public health and safety, to prevent such food items from coming into direct contact with other purchased items.

RECYCLABLE - material that can be sorted, cleansed and reconstituted using available recycling collection programs for the purpose of reusing the altered, incinerated, converted or otherwise thermally destroyed solid waste generated therefrom.

SINGLE-USE PLASTIC CARRY-OUT BAG - any bag made predominantly of plastic derived from either petroleum or a biologically based source, such as corn or other plant sources, that is provided by an Operator of a Commercial Establishment to a Customer at the point-of-sale. The term does not include bags intentionally designed for reuse or product packaging. This definition specifically exempts the following from the category of single-use plastic carry-out bags:

- A. Product Bags;
- B. Newspaper bags;
- C. Bags sold in packages containing multiple bags intended for use as food storage bags, garbage bags, or pet waste bags.

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§ xx-3. Single-Use Plastic Carry Out Bags Prohibited.

Effective Date XX, 2022, no Commercial Establishment shall provide to any Customer a Single-Use Plastic Carry-Out Bag, as defined in §xx-2 above. This prohibition applies to bags provided for the purpose of carrying goods away from the point-of-sale.

This prohibition applies to Single-Use Plastic Carry-Out Bags used for takeout deliveries from Commercial Establishments within the Township of Easttown. The point-of-sale in such transactions is deemed to be at the Commercial Establishment, regardless of where payment for the transaction physically occurs.

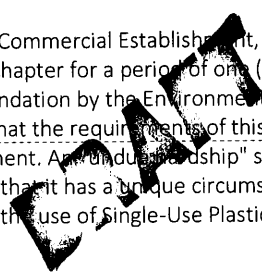
§ xx-4. Compliant bags.

A. If the Commercial Establishment provides a Compliant Bag, as defined in §81-2 above, for the purpose of carrying goods or other materials away from the point-of-sale, they shall charge a fee in the amount of \$0.10 per Compliant Bag. This charge shall be reflected in the sales receipt.

B. Customers may use bags of any type that they bring to the Commercial Establishment themselves, without incurring a fee for a Compliant Bag.

§ xx-5. Exemptions.

The Township of Easttown may, upon written request of a Commercial Establishment, exempt a Commercial Establishment from the requirements of this Chapter for a period of one (1) year from the effective date of this Ordinance upon a recommendation by the Environmental Advisory Council and finding by the Board of Supervisors that the requirements of this Chapter would cause undue hardship to the Commercial Establishment. A "undue hardship" shall be found only if the Commercial Establishment demonstrates that it has a unique circumstance or situation such that there are no reasonable alternatives to the use of Single-Use Plastic Carry-Out Bags.



Commented [CLR1]: If we are not willing to take on this responsibility, who will we designate to serve this purpose?

Commented [GE2R1]: The Planning Commission typically makes recommendations to the BOS, which makes the actual decision. The EAC could adapt this precedent by similarly making recommendations to the BOS. However, the BOS may not want to deal with minutiae like plastic bags. Maybe we start with having the BOS making such decisions and then accept however they may wish to delegate, including to us.

Commented [CLR3]: Again, is this something we want to place on the Township Manager?

Commented [GE4R3]: We need Eugene's recommendation as to who the "designee" should be.

§81-6. Enforcement.

A. The Township Manager, or his designee, has the responsibility for enforcement of this Chapter and may promulgate reasonable rules and regulations in order to enforce the provisions thereof, including, but not limited to, investigating violations and issuing fines.

B. Any Commercial Establishment that violates or fails to comply with any of the requirements of this Chapter, after an initial written warning notice has been issued for that violation, shall be liable for a violation.

C. Any Commercial Establishment that receives an initial written warning notice may file a request for an exemption pursuant to the procedure in §816 above.

D. If a Commercial Establishment has subsequent violations of this Chapter after the issuance of an initial written warning notice of violation, the following penalties shall be imposed and shall be payable by the Operator of the Commercial Establishment:

- (1) A fine not exceeding \$100.00 for the first violation;
- (2) A fine not exceeding \$200.00 for the second violation in the same year dating from the first violation;
- (3) A fine not exceeding \$500.00 for the third and each subsequent violation in the same year dating from the first violation.

E. In addition to the penalties set forth in this Chapter, the Township may seek legal, injunctive, or other equitable relief to enforce this Chapter."

SECTION 2. SEVERABILITY. If any sentence, clause, section or part of this Ordinance is for any reason found to be unconstitutional, illegal or invalid, such unconstitutionality, illegality or invalidity shall not affect or impair any of the remaining provisions, sentences, clauses, sections or parts hereof. It is hereby declared as the intent of the Board of Supervisors of the Township of Easttown that this Ordinance would have been adopted had such unconstitutional, illegal or invalid sentence, clause, section or part thereof not been included therein.

SECTION 3. REPEALER. All Ordinances or parts of Ordinances conflicting with any provision of this Ordinance are hereby repealed insofar as the same affects this Ordinance.

SECTION 4. EFFECTIVE DATE. This Ordinance shall become effective upon enactment as provided by law.

ADOPTED this day of Month, 2022.

Attest: Eugene Briggs
Township Manager/Secretary

Chair, Board of Supervisors
Easttown Township

ADDENDUM TO THE MODEL ORDINANCE DRAFT

For your additional consideration are several sections of the Model Ordinance from PennEnvironment.

(1) Beginning 90 days after the Effective Date, Retail Establishments are prohibited from providing a Single-use Plastic Bag to a customer at the retail establishment or through a delivery.

§[*section number*]. Single-use Paper Bags.

(1) Beginning 90 days after the Effective Date, Retail Establishments are prohibited from providing a non-Recycled Paper Bag to a customer at the retail establishment or through a delivery. (2) A retail establishment may provide a consumer a Recycled Paper Bag at the point of sale if the bag is provided to the consumer for a charge of not less than \$0.15 per bag.

(3) All monies collected by a retail establishment under this section for provision of a Recycled Paper Bag shall be retained by the retail establishment.

(4) Any charge for a Recycled Paper Bag shall be separately stated on any receipt provided to the customer at the time of sale and shall be identified as the "Carry-Out Bag Charge" thereon.

§[*section number*]. Reusable Bags.

(1) A retail establishment may provide a consumer a reusable bag at the point of sale if the bag is provided to the consumer for a charge of not less than \$0.15 per bag.

(2) All monies collected by a retail establishment under this section for provision of a Reusable Bag shall be retained by the retail establishment.

(3) Any charge for a Reusable Bag shall be separately stated on a receipt provided to the customer at the time of sale and shall be identified as the "Carry-Out Bag Charge" thereon.

§[*section number*]. Signage Requirement.

(1) Beginning 30 days after the effective date, and for six months thereafter, Retail Establishments are required to post at all points of sale conspicuous signage: informing customers that Single-use Plastic Bags and non-Recycled Paper Bags will no longer be provided by the establishment as of the date the prohibition begins; explaining what types of bags and purchases are impacted; and providing any other information the [*Municipality*] may require by regulation.

Open Space Plan Goals

It would be great to have more nonmotorized trails/paths in the township, as well as safe street crossings. I know it can be difficult to add new trails and sidewalks alongside some of our fast-moving roads, but it certainly would improve quality of life. And if we could just make safe street crossings to quieter areas or existing open space, that would be good too.

Establishment of a public stream network along the Darby Creek connecting the YMCA creek property to Leopard Lakes.

Establish and display an official Township map at the Administration building and library depicting remaining open space.

Create tree preservation standards for trees of significance, protection of woodlots, native tree planting ordinance, tree inventory.

Land preservation program to encourage conservation easements specifically for headwater areas of the Crum Creek watershed, significant woodlands lots.

Create walking paths and a picnic pavilion at Historic Waynesborough.

The Hilltop Park stream access project would be my pick. That is because:

- it is a feasible timing fit within the open space, environmental, and recreational plan revision project,
- seems like a good fit within the size, scope, and shovel ready parameters of the grant programs, and
- is very well supported by the 1993 Plan

Review private lands under easements for trail access.

Address light noise (if any)

Reiterate importance of using native plants (even though mentioned)

plant pollinator/butterfly gardens

Leave leaves

Lower amount of mowing/let grasses grow longer

No Spray Zones

Habitat - Conscience need for bugs/bats/butterflies/birds/bees

Monitoring Stream Water Salinity in Crabby Creek with Sunrise Berwyn

By Jonathan Wilson, EAC

Salinization, or an increase in salt concentration in freshwater streams, is an environmental problem that can be amplified by human activity. In most streams, there are two sources of salts: natural weathering from rocks and soils, and salts used for surface de-icing that have washed into waterways during rainstorms and spring thaw. Recent scientific research has shown that the use of rock salt for winter surface de-icing has measurably increased river salinity over the last several decades, particularly in streams that flow through urban and suburban areas. High salt concentrations cause physiological stress to organisms in freshwater streams: they can reduce the number and size of invertebrates, which are important food for fish—and, consequently, the many organisms that feed on fish. If salt concentrations rise high enough, salinity in freshwater streams can even affect fish and amphibian populations directly.

In order to monitor the health of critical habitats in the Township, such as Valley Creek, representatives from the Tredyffrin Township Environmental Advisory Council (EAC) have been working with activists from Sunrise Berwyn to monitor salinity concentrations in Crabby Creek, an important tributary of Trout Creek and Valley Creek—and, therefore, the Schuylkill River. Throughout February and March, volunteers have been sampling water at regular intervals to track the amount of salt that is introduced to Trout and Valley Creeks through the Crabby Creek watershed. Led by Sunrise Berwyn's Sofia Khugaeva and Keira Celebuski, volunteers monitored salinity in Crabby Creek before, during, and after this year's snowpack melted.

Preliminary results suggest that Crabby Creek's watershed may be contributing to the elevated salinity observed in Valley Creek. Salinity has been higher in Crabby Creek than values reported from other streams, both before and after the spring thaw in March. Future work will help determine whether the source of this elevated salinity is within the bedrock and soil of the watershed, or if its source is ultimately de-icing salt. These findings will help us identify problem areas and choose strategies to improve water quality throughout the Township.

Residents can support this project in two ways:

- If you live in the watershed and would like to help, use salt for de-icing sparingly or only when necessary. Rely on the sun to melt snow or use alternative, stream-safe materials, such as dark sand or ashes.
- If you would like to volunteer to collect additional data next fall, winter, and spring, please contact the TE Green Team at TEGreenTeam@gmail.com.

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Photo of Crabby Creek in March by Anne Murphy:



Tredyffrin EAC Student Projects Make an Impact - Since autumn of 2020, the EAC has had the privilege of partnering with local high school students on long-term projects in support of EAC initiatives. Students were able to dive deeply into projects of interest to them and accelerate progress for our Township.

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Conestoga Students Win a Commitment from TESD for a Transition to Renewable Energy.



Conestoga Students and EAC Associate Members, Aishi Debroy [right], Lilly Shui [middle] and Clara Steege [left], educating community members about their Renewable Energy Resolution for the TE School District at Tredyffrin’s “Party in the Park” in September.

In support of the Township’s commitment to reduce greenhouse emissions and the EAC’s Clean Energy Initiative, Conestoga students Lilly Sui, Aishi Debroy and Clara Steege authored and negotiated a resolution that was passed unanimously by the TE School Board on November 22nd, 2021. Their resolution establishes goals for the school district to transition to renewable energy. Congrats to Lilly, Aishi and Clara on their accomplishment!

Conductivity and Salinity Testing Project in Crabby Creek



Sofia Khugaeva and Keira Celebuski [center] collecting data on a chilly day at Crabby Creek with EAC members Johnathan Wilson [left], Eduardo Deunas [right] and Anne Murphy [taking the photo].

Conestoga students, Sofia Khugaeva and Keira Celebuski, conducted conductivity and salinity testing on Crabby Creek as part of the Storm Water Initiative. They analyzed samples taken from Crabby Creek, over the winter and spring months of 2021, and concluded that ice-melting road salts drain into nearby water bodies, such as Crabby Creek, and create unlivable conditions for freshwater fish, such as Pennsylvania Trout. The information they collected helps the Township identify potential and existing environmental problems in areas of the creek and puts the Township on a path to understanding and improving water quality in the community.

Tredyffrin Township EAC welcomes high school volunteers for projects large and small.

If interested, email tredyffrin@tredyffrin.org (put Environmental Advisory Council in the subject line.)

To learn more:

Visit our webpage

<https://www.tredyffrin.org/boards/environmental-advisory-council>

(Initiatives can be found on tabs in the upper left-hand corner of the page.)

Follow us on Facebook

<https://www.facebook.com/TredyffrinEAC/>

**Public Comment Guidelines
for Meetings of Township Authorized Groups**

Scope:

1. The members of the Township's Authorized Groups welcome and value various points of view when respectfully expressed by the members of the public.
2. The public has the opportunity to attend, observe, listen and participate at the Township's Authorized Group meetings.
3. All public meeting attendees must observe proper decorum.
4. It is expected that public comments at meetings of the Township's Authorized Groups relate to agenda items or other topics under the purview of the specific Township Authorized Group.
5. These guidelines do not apply to meetings and hearings of the Township Zoning Hearing Board, as those meetings and hearings are governed by a rules and regulations promulgated by the Pennsylvania Municipalities Planning Code.

Procedure

1. At public meetings of the Township's Authorized Groups, there will be opportunities for public comment. When called upon, the public can comment on agenda items, as well as at the specified "Public Comment" portion of the meeting's agenda on issues or topics pertinent to subject matters of the Authorized Group.
2. All individuals who want to provide public comment must first provide the Township Authorized Group with their first & last name and address.

3. Members of the public who want to share their public comment in written format, must direct said correspondence to a Township Authorized Group *via* e-mail to: easttown@easttown.org or by mailed letter, addressed to: Easttown Township, 566 Beaumont Road, 19333. Members of the public should note in their correspondence to which Township Authorized Group(s) the correspondence should be directed.
4. To ensure that written correspondence transmitted to a Township Authorized Group is included in the advanced, prepared materials for the Township's Authorized Group's meeting, such correspondence must be received by the Township no later than noon the Wednesday preceding the following week's public meeting for which the correspondence relates. Correspondence received after the Wednesday deadline will not be included in the meeting packet for the upcoming meeting.
5. Public Comment during a Township Authorized Group meeting may be limited in time at the discretion of the Township Authorized Group's Chairperson. An individual's time may not be given or traded to, nor combined with other speakers' time, nor may such time be preserved for other portions of the public meeting. The Township Authorized Group's Chairperson of the meeting may allow more time to all individual speakers or to a representative of a given organization. An organization representative, speaking on behalf of an organization, includes, but is not limited to a: civic association; homeowners association; chamber of commerce; governmental entity; or the like.
6. If needed, the Township Authorized Group Chair of the meeting shall act as timekeeper for public commentary or shall designate another member of the Township Authorized Group, staff liaison or solicitor for such timekeeping.
7. The Township Authorized Group will receive public comment and reserves the right not to engage in dialogue with a public commenter, including the right not to engage in a question and answer exchange.
8. For Township Authorized Group meetings that are held exclusively or partially on remote platforms, the same public comment guidelines provided herein shall be utilized. When an individual who is participating in a public meeting remotely desires to speak, the individual shall raise

their hand within the remote meeting platform and wait to be recognized by the Township Authorized Group Chair or the meeting organizer before speaking.

9. If sign-in sheets at any regular or special meeting of the Township Authorized Group are used, regardless of whether a resident has signed in or not, they will not be excluded from speaking at the Public Comment time.

Adopted Date: _____

Last Revised Date: _____

Last Reviewed Date: _____