

**Environmental Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes
November 19, 2025**

Attendees: Dan Dehner, Jenny Ashbrook, Karen Shinkle, Krikor Panossian,

Ad-hoc Members and Guest Attendees: Michael Krauss, Shaina Barnes, Lili Panossian

Regrets: Paul Nuschke, Bill Silverstein, Cory Salmon

Next Steps / Identified Action Items:

Date Identified	Responsible Person	Description	Due Date
2025-11-19	Dan	Provide Township Manager with the approved October Minutes to be posted to the website	By next scheduled EAC meeting
2025-11-19	All Full and Ad-Hoc members	This about how to communicate Recycling information to the residents: Content: What do we want to say? Communication: How do we want to Say it?	By January 6, 2026 meeting
2025-11-19	Dan	Regarding free the trees event: Provide Paul with information to reach out to Traci Dubs at high school. This is a project the kids can receive credit for participating	ASAP

Agenda:

1. Approve Minutes:

- i. October 22, 2025 Minutes approved
- ii. Next Steps:
 1. Dan to provide Approved PDF version to Maureen

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2. EAC Charter:

- i. Identifying environmental problems.:
 - 1. Recycling
 - 1. Link to Waste container at Public Works area: [Link](#)
 - 2. Link to Shredding and e-Recycling event: [Link](#)
 - 2. Glass RECYCLING
 - 1. Krikor will take the action to find out where Swarthmore places their trash
 - 2. Dan to send Swarthmore contact info to Michael and Krikor
 - 3. Gas powered outdoor equipment
 - 1. Decibel Level
 - 2. Environmental pollution
 - 3. Discussion:
 - a. Need to be careful due to gas powered generators
 - b. Working with the commercial first
 - c. Giving a time transition
- ii. Recommending plans and programs for the promotion and conservation of the natural resources and for the protection and improvement of the quality of the environment within the area of this township:
 - 1. Report on EAC Network Fall Gathering
 - 1. Held at the Conference Center—Penn State Great Valley (Malvern, PA) on Saturday, November 15, 2025
 - a. Breakout 1: Recruiting, Engaging & Retaining Volunteers: Learning from Penn State Master Watershed Steward Program
 - b. Breakout 2: **Beyond Curbside Enthusiasm: Recycling Benefits, Best Practices & Better Messaging**
 - i. Discussed what happens after recycling is picked up at the curb
 - c. Breakout 3: Making It Less Murky: Green Stormwater & MS4 for EACs

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- iii. Making recommendations as to the possible use of open land areas of this township
 - 1. See "iv." below
 - iv. Keeping an index of all open areas, publicly or privately owned, including but not limited to flood-prone areas, swamps and other unique natural areas
 - 1. Comprehensive Plan
 - 1. I have been introduced to Robert Linn, who spearheads the effort for creating the Comprehensive plan
 - 2. It is currently on hold until 2026
 - 3. Robert has agreed to allow me to be a part of the Comprehensive Plan creation
 - v. Undertaking such additional duties as requested by the Township Commissioners
 - 1. President of Commissioners requests EAC to discuss recycling communications
 - 1. e.g. Stickers, or some other means
 - 2. Discussion:
 - a. There are Township newsletters: 2 electronic and 1 physical
 - b. Communication: ideas: Fireside chat
 - c. Dan's recommendation: In January, we will do a brainstorm session:
 - i. Content: What do we want to say?
 - ii. Communication: How do we want to Say it?
- 3. Administrative:**
- i. Looking for another "Member" to complete the term vacated by Chris Mano
 - 1. Term expires in 2027
 - 2. From Paul:
 - 1. (Brit Dunning) is interested in joining the EAC and he has experience in an environmental profession.
 - ii. Next Steps
 - 1. Dan to reach out to Paul and explain the process

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4. New Business:

- i. Free the trees event (where they clear ivy from trees)
 - 1. From Paul's communication with Rose Valley EAC:
 - 1. They have 4-5 organizing volunteers who pick a site and work with the community to find more volunteers.
 - 2. They've had hundreds of volunteers and cleared thousands of trees
 - 3. The event is held in April. This is critical because it's before the trees (and poison ivy) leave out, but it's warm enough
 - 4. They mark trees to be cleared with plastic ahead of time and count how many have been cleared. Some people find it fun to get a bunch cleared
 - 5. I have a flyer and guide from her
 - 6. She gets tool from a "tool library" available for free, but which requires reservations
 - 2. Dan informed Ian Springer, NPT Shade Tree Committee Member
 - 3. Currently looking for someone to help with leading the volunteers
 - 1. Paul is thinking of kicking off something in the upcoming Spring, 2026
 - 2. Planning for that will begin now so there is time to recruit volunteers
 - 4. Shaina: The township is working on this.
 - 5. Involve the School - Speak to Traci
- ii. Delaware County Office of Sustainability's EAC Hub Project:
 - 1. Will go live on January 14, 2026
 - 2. An information repository for the use of all entities looking to make change in environmental and climate policy space at the local government level within Delaware County, PA.
 - 3. This includes, but is not limited to EACs, Conservation Committees, Shade Tree Commissions, Open Space Committees, and municipal staff.

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5. Calendar Review:

i. Discussion:

1. In 2026, the monthly EAC meetings will be conducted on the 1st Tuesday of the month

6. Adjourn:

7. Next Meeting:

i. Wednesday, December 17, 2025, at 7:00 PM at the Township Building:

1. **NOTE 1:** The December EAC meetings will be on the 3rd Wednesday of the month
 1. In the past, we have done Pizza in December
2. **NOTE 2:** Beginning in January, 2026, the EAC meetings will move to the 1st Tuesday of the month

Small e-Waste Container

Monday, October 27, 2025 2:23 PM



New Small E-waste Collection Container

Nether Providence Township is excited to announce a new small e-recycling service for residents with drop-offs on Monday and Tuesday from 8:00 am -2:00 pm and the first Saturday of the month from 8:00 am-noon.

Located at 5 W Brookhaven Rd in the Public Works recycling area



NPT has expanded its partnership with PAR-Recycle Works to add this new service in addition to our annual E-recycle/shredding event. PAR recycling is a non-profit electronics recycler that provides employment and services to people returning from prison. This container is for any small and medium-sized items with a plug or wire. The items must fit & cannot be left outside the container.

PAR recycling is R2-RIOS certified. Which means the R2v3 recycling results in zero landfill destination for e-waste and provides a common set of processes, safety measures and documentation requirements for businesses that repair and recycle used electronics. PAR does corporate and personal pick ups too!
www.par-recycleworks.org

ITEMS ACCEPTED

- Computers (no monitors)
- Laptops
- Tablets
- All Phones & Chargers
- Any Wire/cables
- Printers
- Mice
- Keyboards
- Radios
- DVD Players
- Speakers
- Small appliances like toasters, blenders, dust busters, food processors, etc.

All data on old electronics will be destroyed

Electronic Recycling event



NETHER PROVIDENCE, MEDIA, AND SWARTHMORE ELECTRONICS RECYCLING AND SHREDDING EVENT



**Saturday, November 8th
9 AM to 1 PM**



**Strath Haven High School, Wallingford, PA
(Enter from Brookhaven Rd, Back parking lot)**



E-Waste: Recycle almost anything with a plug for free! *Old-style TVs and CRT monitors do require a disposal fee.

Shredding: documents with sensitive information that need to be shredded in a safe, secure, and environmentally friendly method on site. No CDs, or DVDs.



* Some items require a disposal fee

E-Recycling service is provided by **PAR RECYCLE WORKS** – a local nonprofit that sells reusable materials collected from electronic devices to help pay for salaries and job skill development for formerly incarcerated men and women, in order to support their productive re-entry back into society. For more information on PAR, please see par-recycleworks.org. Shredding provided by JK Shredding.

E-Waste Collection List



We will gladly accept the following items at no charge:

Printers; Mice; Keyboards; Monitors - LCD flat-screen; AV equipment; Phones; Speakers; Motherboards; Hard Drives; Power Supply Wire - chargers, connectors, etc.; Computer Batteries; Laptops; Gaming Equipment; Routers; Server Cabinets; Floppy Disks; Docking Stations; Miscellaneous computer-related materials

**Because of environmental issues that make safe disposal expensive, there is a fee for the following items:

- Older CRT Monitors and TVs: \$40 - \$80/each, cost varies by size;
- Flat Screen TVs: \$25;
- Computer Monitors: \$7;
- Air Conditioners, Dehumidifiers, & Air Purifiers: \$25;
- Microwaves: \$15.

Please bring cash or check for these items made out to
PAR Recycleworks.