

Environmental Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes
February 3, 2026

Attendees: Dan Dehner Host,) Jenny Ashbrook, Karen Shinkle, Krikor Panossian, Paul Nuschke

Ad-hoc Members and Guest Attendees: Lili Panossian, Steve Mead (LNG), Serafia Cecil, Aaron Moss, Aidan O'Connell, Erica Burman

Regrets: Bill Silverstein, Cory Salmon, Michael Krauss, Shaina Barnes,

Next Steps / Identified Action Items:

Date Identified	Responsible Person	Description	Due Date
2026-02-03	Dan	Provide Maureen the approved January Minutes	By 2026-02-06
2026-02-03	Dan	Write 1st draft of Nether Providence Resolution against LNG Terminal. Provide to Vice-Chair for review, then to all Members for review	By 2026-02-06
2026-02-03	All Members	What do you plan to contribute to the EAC in 2026?	By March EAC meeting
2026-02-03	Dan	Find out about advertising for the Master Gardener guest speaker at the March EAC Meeting	By 2026-02-19

Agenda:

1. **Approve Minutes:**
 - i. Next Steps:
 1. **Dan** to provide Approved PDF version to Maureen
2. **EAC Charter:**
 - i. Identifying environmental problems.:
 1. Recycling

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1. Kitchen Harvest (This is the recycling for food waste):
MyKitchenHarvest.com
 - a. There is a fee
2. Free the Trees update
 1. In conjunction with the NPT Parks Commission
 2. Still discussing initial locations
 3. We have a Master Gardener who will help with the preparations, training, and on-hand for the planned actions
 - a. Possibly advertise
 - b. Possibly have a flier for the event
 4. How many coordinators, and do we have the volunteers to
 5. Swarthmore is very interested

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. Rain Garden
 1. Working w/ Swarthmore Students in their GA (Green Advisor) Program
2. Outdoor gas powered equipment
 1. This discussion is TABLED until the March EAC meeting
 - i. What can we agree on?
 1. Fossil Fuels are bad for the environment
 2. The noise pollution from Outdoor gas powered equipment hit dangerous levels
 3. NPT to pass a resolution opposing construction of a LNG terminal anywhere in Delaware County
 1. PA House Committee Natural Resources and Environment hearing on LN export terminal held in Chester on 11/5/2025
 - i. <https://www.youtube.com/live/kCgZAsQSXw?si=qx0R5SM1vHxCeLj>
 2. State of Delaware has Banned any LNG facility
 3. Delaware County is the fifth-most populous of all PA 67 Counties
 4. Swarthmore EAC response
 - i. John McKinstry (Co-Chair EAC)
 1. We decided that the draft statement against the LNG provided to us needed editing, to make it more focused, to have better supporting footnotes, and to shorten it to give it more impact.
 2. Once it is approved, it will go to Swarthmore Borough Council for approval.

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3. [See Attached](#)
5. Media EAC response
 - i. [See Attached](#)
6. An Update
 - i. Despite opposition, they are going ahead with the Eddystone Generating Station site
 1. There will be a "NO LNG IN DELCO" Webinar on Mon, Feb 9th at 7:00 PM
 1. To Register:
<https://us06web.zoom.us/meeting/register/ZyqWcReJTTiorsJIXuYxA#/registration>
 2. Webinar Info: [Link](#)
 7. Next Steps:
 - i. **Dan** - Write up the first draft
 - iii. Making recommendations as to the possible use of open land areas of this township
 1. No items to discuss
 - 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. 2026-01-28: Reached out to Robert Linn for next steps information
 2. Have the Flash Drive if anyone wants to download it to their device - front pocket of computer case
 - v. Undertaking such additional duties as requested by the Township Commissioners
 1. See "Free the Trees" above

3. Administrative:

 - i. What do you plan to contribute to the EAC in 2026?
 1. **All Members** to be prepared to answer the above by the March EAC meeting
 - ii. There is an EAC Member position open - through 2027

4. New Business:

 - i. Sustainability Conference ([Link](#))
 - ii. In March, we will have a Guest Speaker: Meghaan Carter, Master Gardener

5. Calendar Review:

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6. Adjourn:

- i. 7:58

7. Next Meeting:

- i. Tuesday, March 3, 2026, at 7:00 PM at the Township Building:

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LNG - Swarthmore Proclamation

SWARTHMORE BOROUGH PENNSYLVANIA RESOLUTION XX-26

OPPOSING CONSTRUCTION OF A LIQUEFIED NATURAL GAS (LNG) EXPORT TERMINAL

DEFINITIONS

For the purposes of this Resolution, the following definitions shall apply:

1. **Liquefied Natural Gas (LNG):** Natural [\[HC1\]](#) gas that has been cooled to approximately -260°F (-162°C) to convert it into a liquid state for ease of storage or transport.
2. **LNG Export Terminal:** An industrial facility designed to receive natural gas via pipeline, process and liquefy it, store it as LNG, and load it onto ships, trucks, or trains for export to domestic or international markets.
3. **Methane:** A colorless, odorless, flammable greenhouse gas (CH₄) that is the primary component of natural gas and has a global warming potential significantly higher than carbon dioxide over a 20-year time frame[\[HC2\]](#).
4. **Vapor Cloud:** A dispersed gas cloud formed when LNG vaporizes rapidly upon release, which may travel downwind or along terrain features and can ignite or explode if exposed to an ignition source.
5. **Public Interest:** The collective well-being and safety of the residents, natural environment, economy, and infrastructure of Delaware County.

(GENERAL) WHEREAS, there has been much recent discussion about constructing a Liquefied Natural Gas (LNG) export terminal along the Delaware River riverfront in Delaware County, Pennsylvania, which would process gas daily for export overseas;[\[1\]](#) and

(GENERAL) WHEREAS, if constructed, the proposed facility would be the largest LNG export terminal on the East Coast[\[2\]](#) and situated in a densely populated urban area on a heavily trafficked river; and

(HEALTH) WHEREAS, an LNG export terminal also presents a pollution and air quality threat to Delaware County. LNG export facilities release a host of dangerous pollutants including sulfur dioxide, carbon monoxide, nitrogen oxide and particulate matter[\[3\]](#); and

(HEALTH) WHEREAS, the riverfront communities of Delaware County where this project is being proposed have higher rates of asthma and cancer compared to national and state averages, which would be further exacerbated by pollutants released by an LNG export terminal;[\[4\]](#) and

(SAFETY) WHEREAS, an LNG export terminal and the transportation of gas into the terminal present dangerous hazards and explosive potential.[\[5\]](#) Liquid LNG boils into a flammable vapor cloud 620 times larger than the storage container. An unignited ground-hugging vapor cloud can move far distances, and exposure to the vapor can cause extreme freeze burns. If in an enclosed space, it asphyxiates, causing death. If ignited, the resulting fire is so hot that second degree burns can occur within 30 seconds for those exposed within 1 mile. The explosive force of LNG is similar to a catastrophically powerful bomb. Regarding LNG releases, the 2016 US Emergency Response Guidebook advises fire chiefs to immediately evacuate the surrounding 1-mile area. Swarthmore Borough would be 4 miles from the closest proposed site; and

(SAFETY) WHEREAS, the likely route for pipelines carrying gas to the proposed LNG terminal cuts through densely populated areas in Delaware County[\[6\]](#), exposing those who live and work in the area to the risk of an accident that would endanger the safety, health, well-being, quality of life, and the community and personal properties of those along the route; and

(SAFETY) WHEREAS, the hazardous nature and volatility of LNG expose local workers, first responders, and residents to risks that cannot be reliably eliminated, threatening the safety and well-being of Swarthmore Borough and other Delaware County communities.

(ECONOMIC/HEALTH) WHEREAS, the site of the LNG facility would likely be in one of Delaware County's riverfront communities with significant populations of people of color and low-income households, and these communities are already unjustly burdened by environmental and public health harms[\[7\]](#), which is intolerable; and

(ECONOMIC) WHEREAS, increased LNG exports may raise domestic gas prices, tying gas to a volatile international market and placing the burden on consumers across Delaware County;[\[8\]](#) and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that Swarthmore Borough **strongly opposes** the construction or siting of any LNG export terminal within Delaware County; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Swarthmore Borough declares that any proposal to build an LNG export terminal in Delaware County is a public nuisance, is contrary to Article I, Section 27 of the Pennsylvania Constitution, and is contrary to the health, safety, welfare and public interest of the residents of Delaware County and;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Swarthmore Borough, pursuant to its responsibility as a trustee of the natural environment under Article I Section 27 of the PA Constitution, calls upon the federal government and the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania to deny any and all permits related to the LNG export facilities in Delaware County.

Duly adopted by the Swarthmore Borough Council this ____ day of ____, 2026.

- [1] Vitali, Rep. Greg, (2025, November 5). *PA House Environmental Committee examines impacts of potential LNG export terminal*, <https://www.pahouse.com/Vitali/InTheNews/NewsRelease/?id=140957>
- [2] Carluccio, Tracy. (2025, November 5). Testimony before PA House Environmental & Natural Resource Protection Committee, https://www.palegis.us/house/committees/committee-archives/archive-file?file=2025_0440_0006_tstmny.pdf
- [3] Physicians for Social Responsibility. (2019). "Climate and health risks of liquified natural gas [White paper]. <https://psr.org/wp-content/uploads/2019/11/LNG-WHITE-PAPER-11262019.pdf>
- [4] Chiger, A.A. et al. (2025). Improving methodologies for cumulative risk assessment: A case study of noncarcinogenic health risks from volatile organic compounds in fenceline communities in Southeastern Pennsylvania. *Environmental Health Perspectives*, 133(5). <https://pmc.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/articles/PMC12061051/>
- [5] Environmental Health Project. (2023, 10 August). *Liquified natural gas (LNG): Health and climate impacts*. <https://www.environmentalhealthproject.org/post/liquefied-natural-gas-lng-health-and-climate-impacts#:~:text=LNG%20plants%20emit%20carbon%20monoxide,eyes%2C%20nose%2C%20and%20lungs>
- [6] Philadelphia LNG Export Task Force (2023, 1 November). *Philadelphia LNG Export Task Force Majority Report*. https://www.repwhite.com/Display/SiteFiles/387/OtherDocuments/2023/Philadelphia%20LNG%20Export%20Task%20Force%20Report_Final.pdf
- [7] Hohenstein, J.C. (2023, 31 October). *Philadelphia LNG Export Task Force Minority Report*. https://www.pahouse.com/files/Documents/2023-10-31_032332_LNGTF%20Minority%20Report%2010-31-23.pdf
- [8] Martinez, Chris. (2023, 6 November). *LNG exports raise natural gas prices for Americans*. Center for American Progress. <https://www.americanprogress.org/article/lng-exports-raise-natural-gas-prices-for-americans/>

[HC1]I don't see the point in putting "natural" in quotes if we aren't going to explain why the quotes are needed.

[HC2]Maybe cut this part of the sentence if mention of climate change is taken out of the resolution.

Monday, Feb 9 @ 7pm



NO LNG IN DELCO WEBINAR

LEARN ABOUT HOW TO KEEP A LIQUIFIED NATURAL GAS (LNG) PLANT OUT OF DELCO!

Did you know that a massive and hazardous liquified natural gas (LNG) project has been proposed for Delaware County's riverfront?

Join us for a webinar to learn about the dangers of LNG and ways you can get involved in protecting your community. We will provide resources including information to share with neighbors and local government.

Registration: [Click here](#) or visit NoLNGDelco.com

Or Scan Here



More Information:

484-402-7530

getInvolved@chesterpaej.org

NoLNGDelco.com

WARNING

LNG: A New Threat to Delaware County

Attention Delco Residents!

Delaware County is currently being targeted as the site of a potential LNG (liquified natural gas) export facility, a \$7+ billion, 60+ acre project proposed by Penn America to process a massive amount of gas per day to export overseas. LNG facilities are **extremely dangerous** and will have **drastic impacts on community health and well being**, including reduced property values.

Here's what you need to know:

- **There is no room for a LNG in Delaware County!**
LNG export terminals are massive and typically located on the coast and away from densely populated areas. This facility would be the largest on the East Coast and will be sandwiched in between residential areas along the Delaware river. Eddystone, Chester and Marcus Hook are all being considered as potential locations.
- The facility will require a wide “buffer zone” which will **destroy more homes and public spaces**.
- Communities with these facilities report constant **flaring off of hazardous leaks, loud noises, decreased property values** and even explosions, like in Freeport, Texas in 2022. Explosions have required evacuations of up to a three mile radius.
- Delco residents **will not benefit from the proposed jobs** that Penn America says it will create. LNG operators require years of experience at similar facilities. These projects often contract out staffing from other areas of the United States.
- LNG plants pollute the air by emitting carbon monoxide, carbon dioxide, sulfur dioxide, and nitrogen oxides, which are associated with a range of health impacts, including headaches, respiratory illnesses and cancer. Our region is already burdened with enough pollution from existing facilities on the riverfront.
- This project **will not benefit our energy independence!** All of the gas will be exported overseas for private profit, while Pennsylvanians bear all the harm and risk.



NO LNG IN DELCO!

Learn how you can protect your family and community from this threat.

* VISIT NOLNGDELCO.COM OR CALL (484) 402-7530.



WHAT IS LNG?

Liquefied natural gas (LNG) is a when fracked gas is cooled to roughly - 260 Fahrenheit (approximately 600x) to make it into a liquid state, which makes it easier to transport overseas- and more explosive.



EXPLOSION RISK

LNG facilities can have uncontrolled releases of toxic and flammable fluids. These can create long-lasting fires, even flammable clouds. If these flammable clouds occur in a congested or enclosed area, **they can cause massive explosions.** LNG carriers are 300 meters (the size of 3 football fields) and would put all communities along the Delaware River at explosive risk if there were an accident.

LNG is also a major contributor to greenhouse gases and climate change.

COMMUNITY IMPACTS

Due to the high concentration of existing pollution along the riverfront, rates of cancer in Delco are rising and **up to 211% higher*** than national averages for certain types of cancer in Southeastern Delco. Read more about cancer stats in Delco at NoLNGDelco.com.

The waterfront should be protected for public use and development that truly benefits residents with jobs that do not expose families to pollution and explosive harm.

*People's Cancer Incidence Screening Tool. PCIST.net

What you can do:

- Learn more about CRCQL's work to prevent an LNG facility in Delco and how to get involved. Visit NoLNGDelco.com for more info, updates and meetings.
- **Contact your local and state elected officials about your concerns.** Let them know we do not want this project near our home and families.
- Ask your municipality to **pass a resolution** stating opposition to any LNG facility in Delaware County.
- Share this information with your neighbors and friends.



Chester Residents Concerned for Quality Living (CRCQL - "circle") has been working to protect residents' right to clean air since 1992. We organize around issues of pollution and community health across Delaware County. Learn more at ChesterPaEJ.org.

SCAN HERE TO SIGN UP FOR UPDATES



Sustainability Conference

Friday, March 13 at Swarthmore College - [Interesting facts of Friday the 13th](#)

AGENDA

8:00 – 8:45 AM: Registration & Light Refreshments with Exhibitors in the Science Center (Eldridge Commons, Science Center)

9:00 - 9:10 AM: Welcome & Introductions (Lang Center for Performing Arts)

9:10 – 9:50 AM: Keynote Address – Steve Ward, Project Manager, Scranton Tomorrow (Lang Center for Performing Arts)

9:50 – 10:05 AM: Swarthmore College Sustainability (Lang Center for Performing Arts)

10:05 – 10:40 AM: Plenary session (Lang Center for Performing Arts)

10:40 – 10:55 AM: Delaware County Office of Sustainability Update (Lang Center for Performing Arts)

10:55 – 11:00 AM: Morning Session Closing Remarks (Lang Center for Performing Arts)

11:00 – 12:10 PM: Networking with Exhibitors (Eldridge Commons, Science Center) *Attendees can stay until 12:20pm for networking, if they wish

12:10 – 1:05 PM: Lunch (Dining Center)

1:15 – 2:15 PM: Break Out Sessions (Science Center)

- Option #1 – Zero Waste Panel Option
- Option #2 – Community Advocate Work Lightning Rounds Option
- Option #3 – Tour of Swarthmore College – Zero Waste Tour (Compost Shed, Food Recovery Fridge, and more)

2:15 – 2:30 PM: Travel Time to Sessions (short bio break and networking time)

2:30 – 3:30 PM: Breakout Sessions (Science Center)

- Option #1 – Zero Waste Panel Option
- Option #2 – Community Advocate Work Lightning Rounds Option
- Option #3 – Tour of Swarthmore College – Geo-Exchange Tour

Link to information: [5th Annual Delaware County Sustainability Conference | Delaware County, Pennsylvania](#)

5TH ANNUAL DELAWARE COUNTY SUSTAINABILITY CONFERENCE

**FRIDAY, MARCH 13TH AT
SWARTHMORE COLLEGE**

KEYNOTE PRESENTATION BY STEVE
WARD OF SCRANTON TOMORROW



SESSIONS ANSWERING YOUR BIGGEST
QUESTIONS ON DATA CENTER IMPACTS,
ZERO WASTE & COMMUNITY
SUSTAINABILITY

SWARTHMORE CAMPUS
SUSTAINABILITY TOURS - GEOTHERMAL
& ZERO WASTE FEATURES

NETWORKING WITH 30+ COMMUNITY
ORGANIZATIONS AND BUSINESSES

THIS EVENT IS FREE-OF-CHARGE,
TRANSIT ACCESSIBLE, AND OPEN TO THE PUBLIC!

SWARTHMORE



REGISTER HERE!

<http://www.delcooga.gov/DelewareCountyOfficeSustainability/2015>
<mailto:delco.sustainability.conference@delcooga.gov>

PLANNING AND OTHER SUPPORT FOR THE DELAWARE COUNTY ANNUAL SUSTAINABILITY CONFERENCE HAS BEEN PROVIDED BY
THE DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION'S ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION GRANTS PROGRAM

Interesting facts about Friday the 13th

The fear of Friday the 13th is called paraskevidekatriaphobia, derived from Greek words for Friday, thirteen, and fear, but it's also known as [friggatriskaidekaphobia](#), combining the Norse goddess Frigg (for whom Friday is named) with the fear of thirteen (triskaidekaphobia).

- **Paraskevidekatriaphobia**: From Greek Paraskeví (Friday) + dekatreís (thirteen) + phóbos (fear).
- **Friggatriskaidekaphobia**: From Old Norse Frigg + Greek treiskaídeka (thirteen) + phóbos (fear).
- **Triskaidekaphobia**: A related term for the general fear of the number 13, which contributes to the fear of Friday the 13th.