

Environmental Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes
May 5, 2026

Attendees: Dan Dehner, Bill Silverstein, Britt Dunning, Krikor Panossian, Paul Nuschke, Karen Shinkle, Jenny Ashbrook,

Ad-hoc Members and Guest Attendees: Lili Panossian, Dennis Rowan: State Organizer for CCA in PA, Janelle Cooney, Karen Sawyer

Regrets: Michael Krauss, Cory Salmon, Shaina Barnes,

Next Steps / Identified Action Items:

NONE

Agenda: Theme: *Sustainability*

1. Call to Order: Approve Minutes:

- i. Dan to provide Approved PDF version to Maureen

2. EAC Charter:

- i. Identifying environmental problems:

- 1. Recycling

- 1. Update from Bill

- a. Bill rec'd a copy of the invoices
- b. Township requested an audit

- 2. From Janelle

- a. Recycling company is being paid to educate people

- i. Currently there is no aggressive plan to educate the people

- 2. Free the Trees update (Under the "Invasives" umbrella)

- 1. Joint project between the EAC and the Parks Commission

- 2. Current plan:

- a. Create a list of NP Parks with English Ivy issue
- b. Identify where access is and isn't
- c. Identify other Invasive species and then determine what can be done about it

- 3. Poison Ivy

- a. Since Poison Ivy is currently active, this projects' next session will be planned for January, Feb, and March, 2027

- 4. I am looking for more assistance from the EAC members on this

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- a. Jenny and Krikor, and Lili, will walk Sapovits this Thursday
- 5. Update action:
 - a. Most of Furness was complete, as well as the corner across the street between Turner and
 - b. Discussed with Pendell hill and the Lieper Trail thinks the state owns everything from the mound(Burm) out
 - c. Paul met with Rose Valley and Swarthmore
- 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. Bird Town Update
 - 1. A free bird walk in Smedley Park on Saturday, May 9th from 8 – 10:00 am ([Link to Flier](#))
 - 2. Community Choice Aggregation
 - 1. Dennis Rowan: State Organizer for CCA in PA
 - a. Swarthmore, Lansdown and 6 other boroughs
 - i. Looked for Ready for 100 (Nether Providence passed a resolution in 2021
 - ii. CCA is a solution for other communities and those communities are hitting those Ready for 100 goals
 - iii. Some consumers are paying more for electricity than before
 - iv. CCA does a ready for 100 town - takes about 1.5 years - for a multi-municipal effort
 - v. The benefit is wholesale process and consumer protection
 - vi. Get grid modernization
 - vii. Communities involved in CCA in NJ are saving 15%, as well as hitting their ready for 100 targets
 - viii. Many Northeast states are doing this for better prices, consumer protection, and >>>??<<<
 - b. Looking to get the PA House and Senate - we have the house, the challenge is the Senate
 - i. Can aggregate with other townships
 - c. Will need to get a steward
 - i. Net Cost Zero to municipality
 - d. Not to be included:
 - i. Solar people

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- ii. People on special pricing: low rates for needy
- e. NEXT STEPS:
 - i. There is a resolution which he can share
 - ii. Dennis to provide the resolution - **Complete**
 - iii. Local citizens can contact their representative
- 2. Dan's Pre-prepared Notes
 - a. We have also drafted legislation to allow boroughs and townships to institute CCA and are approaching legislators about this legislation. With this legislation, we are approaching it from the lens of affordability and local control.
 - b. Public Utility Commission seeking authority to institute community choice aggregation, as a way of getting our towns on green electricity
 - c. QUESTION: Is Nether Providence open to such a resolution?
- 3. Status of LNG Resolution
 - 1. On Thursday, April 23rd, the resolution passed in a unanimous vote
- 4. Rain Garden
 - 1. The Students have wrapped up their 1st year effort
 - 2. I plan to **remove the Rain Garden topic** Unless/until I am approached
 - a. Will pick this up again if the Swarthmore Student program recommences in the Fall
- 5. Outdoor gas powered equipment
 - 1. EAC's Focus - Alternatives vs. a "Ban": **Postponed from last meeting**
 - a. Fossil Fuels emitted are bad for the environment
 - i. Example: Running a Gas-Powered Leaf Blower (GLB) for one hour releases emissions equivalent to driving a car for 15 hours or 1100 miles
 - b. The noise pollution from Outdoor gas powered equipment hit dangerous levels
 - i. Example: GBs create 100 decibels (dB), the equivalent to a jackhammer or a jet taking off.
 - c. What can we agree on?
 - i. <<<>>>
 - d. Who can do research and report on topic?
 - i. Karen has stepped up
 - ii. Can use more members (And Ad-Hoc Members) to step up and help with Research
 - 1. Paul, Jenny,

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- iii. Making recommendations...
 - 1. **There will be no effort expended on this topic until the Township releases a useable Comprehensive Plan**

- iv. Keeping an index...
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- v. Undertaking such additional duties as requested by the Township Commissioners
 - 1. From President McKenzie: Please address the "Invasives" and what can be done about them.
 - 1. Invasive Ivy:
 - a. This is the low-hanging fruit
 - b. This will take a few years to get through an initial (Acceptable) pass
 - c. After a few years, will need to return and ensure no new ivy is growing up the trees
 - 2. Invasive Bamboo: Needs attention
 - a. Looking for a volunteer to take this on
 - i. Research how to work with Bamboo
 - 1. Consider using the community
 - ii. What are the areas in the township where Bamboo are present?
 - 1. Are these areas private or public?
 - 2. If Public, identify the best time of year to perform, and set a date.
 - iii. Coordinate with the Community for help
 - iv. Consider having a speaker come in and do a training: Similar to the Free the Trees effort.
 - 3. Idea: Identify the top 3 types of Invasives and what to do about it

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3. Administrative:

i. What do you plan to contribute to the EAC in 2026?

Dan Dehner	Chairman, Free the Trees (Invasives), Rain Garden, Outdoor Gas-Powered Equipment
Bill Silverstein	Recycling
Britt Dunning	Invasives,
Jenny Ashbrook	Invasives, and Outdoor Gas-Powered Equipment
Karen Shinkle	Assist with Alternative Outdoor Gas-Powered Equipment research
Krikor Panossian	Liaison for Bird Town
Paul Nuschke	Vice-Chairman, Free the Trees, Website, Tree swap

4. New Business:

i. Speaker Series

1. Success in Feb with Master Gardener, Meghaan Carter
2. I think our Theme going forward will be anything to do with Sustainability
3. Have an opportunity to bring in a Xerces Society Ambassador, Dr. Woody Kotch
 1. Science-based non-profit organization dedicated to protecting the natural world through the conservation of invertebrates—such as bees, butterflies, and beetles—and their habitats
 2. There are five PowerPoint presentations that I do for Xerces along with literature distribution. Presentations are;
 - a. "Bring Back the Pollinators",
 - b. "Nesting and Overwintering Habitat,"
 - c. "Fireflies: Jewels of the Night",
 - d. "Monarch Conservation", and
 - e. "Moths".
 3. Each one is up to one hour long with Q&A afterward. Presentations can be tailored for length and audience.

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4. I'd like the research for Alternatives to produce what speakers we can have come in and have a presentation on it
 5. Have a speaker come in in the Fall to talk about Planting
 - ii. In May, CRC Tree Planting Events ([Link](#))
 - iii. Delco Hazardous Waste Events:
 1. Several Dates
 2. [Link](#)
 - iv. Environmental Clearinghouse Newsletter
 1. Critical information which can be used in our EAC
 2. [Link](#)
5. **Calendar Review:**
- i. Dan is away May 31st through June 3rd.
6. **Adjourn:**
7. **Next Meeting:**
- i. Tuesday, June 2, 2026, at 7:00 PM at the Township Building 2nd floor conference room:
 1. **NOTE:** Paul Nuschke will host that meeting in my absence
 2. Set up a time to meet with Paul and review the Agenda - **Complete**

Bird Town Walk

Free!

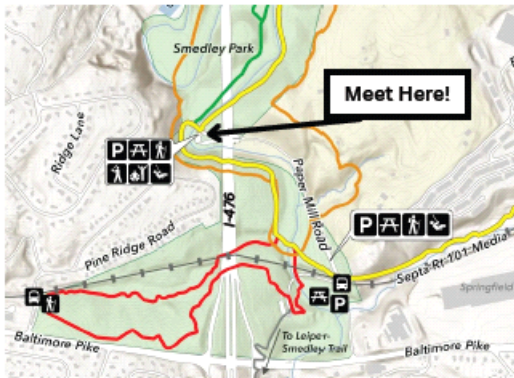
Guided Bird Walk

Saturday, May 9
8 AM to 10 AM

Smedley Park

Papermill Road
Springfield, PA 19064

Join Bird Town PA volunteers to look for birds during the height of spring migration! Birders of all levels welcome. Part of World Migratory Bird Day (migratorybirdday.org).



Meet at the back parking lot (cross under the Blue Route/I-476). Registration not required. BYO binoculars. Walk route will include unpaved trails and slopes. Rain or shine.



BIRD TOWN
PENNSYLVANIA
birdtownpa.org

CRC May Tree Planting Events

Sunday, April 19, 2026 11:26 AM

Hi CRC Supporters,

We have three tree plantings in May. Can you help at any or all of these events?

These events are on Saturday mornings from 8:45am-12:00pm:

- 5/2 at Okehocking Preserve in Newtown Square
- 5/16 at Indian Orchards in Media
- 5/23 at Upper Providence Preserve

We also want to let you all know that the annual Delco Gives fundraiser is underway, and CRC is one of the participating charities!

Clean water starts close to home. So does Delco Gives!

Delco Gives is simple. More donors mean greater impact for CRC by giving us a higher share of the sponsor funds. This fundraiser is not about how much - it's about how many. The more people who give, the further every dollar goes.

Give \$10. Help CRC earn more. It's that simple.

You can read about Delco Gives and donate to CRC at this link:

<https://www.delcogives.org/organization/Chester-Ridley-Crum-Watersheds-Association>

Thank you for your dedication and ongoing support of the CRC mission to protect and preserve our watersheds!

Lynn Meza

Director of Volunteerism

CRC (Chester Ridley Crum) Watersheds Association

www.crcwatersheds.org

2026 *REVISED* Delaware County Household Hazardous Waste (HHW) Collection Events

TICKET MUST BE PRESENT TO ACCESS EVENT *Registration required for all events,
Register at: delcohhw.eventbrite.com or scan the QR code
*Registration/QR Code will be activated 6 weeks prior to each event



This Program is offered as a community service to the residents of Delaware County and is **not open** to businesses, institutions or industry.

~ Sponsored by ~

County of Delaware

Delaware County Solid Waste Authority

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Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection

Think Globally, Act Locally! If improperly discarded, household products containing toxic chemicals can be a threat to people, pets and the environment. Never dispose of hazardous materials in the trash as they may harm your sanitation workers or result in a collection vehicle fire. It is also unsafe to pour HHW down a sink or storm drain as it will end up polluting our drinking water.

ONLY Household Hazardous Waste will be accepted **Electronics Waste & Latex Paint will NOT be accepted**

- **Sat., April 18th** Emergency Services Training Center
1600 Calcon Hook Rd., Sharon Hill (Darby Twp.) 19079
- **Sat., June 13th** Upper Chichester Municipal Bldg
8500 Furey Rd., Upper Chichester, PA 19061
- **Sat., Sept 12th** Rose Tree Park
1671 Providence Rd., Media PA 19063 (rear lot)
- **Sat., Oct., 17th** Emergency Services Training Center
1600 Calcon Hook Rd., Sharon Hill (Darby Twp.) 19079



ALL EVENTS BY APPOINTMENT ONLY rain or shine -REGISTRATION REQUIRED



Acceptable HHW



Unacceptable

Flammables

- Oil-based Paint
- Oil-based Sealers
- Paint Thinner
- Gasoline
- Kerosene
- Gas / Oil Mixture
- Heating/Motor Oil

Batteries (Non-Alkaline)

- Lead Acid
- Rechargeable
- Lithium
- Ni-Cad Batteries

Toxics

- Pool Chemicals
- Rust / Paint Remover
- Antifreeze

Herbicides

Pesticides

- Lawn Chemicals

Caustics

- Cleaners / Solvents

Mercury Containing Devices

- Mercury Thermostats
- Mercury Thermometers
- Fluorescent Tubes
(Compact Fluorescents a/k/a CFL's may also be recycled at any Lowes or Home Depot)

We cannot / will not accept any Electronic Items or Latex Paint

Unacceptable

- ⊘ **ELECTRONICS**
We cannot accept Electronics
- ⊘ **Smoke Detectors**
(Please dispose with household trash)
- ⊘ **Latex Paint**
Remove lid and allow to dry or mix with absorbent material until no longer a liquid. Discard lids separately and place with your curbside trash.
- ⊘ **Asbestos**
- ⊘ **Explosives**
- ⊘ **Gas or Propane Cylinders**
- ⊘ **PCB's**
- ⊘ **No 50 Gallon Drums**

- Lithium
- Ni-Cad Batteries
- Cleaners / Solvents

**Electronic Items or
Latex Paint**

For additional information, contact:
 Delaware County Solid Waste Authority 610-892-9627
 Driving Directions can be found by visiting:
www.delcoswa.org

- ⊘ Explosives
- ⊘ Gas or Propane Cylinders
- ⊘ PCB's
- ⊘ No 50 Gallon Drums
- ⊘ Pressurized CFC's
- ⊘ Tires
- ⊘ Medical Waste

**** Only 5 gallons containers marked for Household Use Only will be accepted**

Alkaline Batteries -
 (Please dispose with household trash)

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Environmental Clearinghouse Newsletter



Environmental News enviroidelco.org

March 15, 2026



[Click Here to Subscribe to our Newsletter!](#)

Welcome to the March issue of the Delaware County Environmental Clearinghouse newsletter, which brings you local and national environmental news and events. As of now, the newsletter is being sent to the leaders of Delaware County environmental organizations. We urge you to forward the newsletters to your members so they can sign up for it as well. And please visit our website, enviroidelco.org. *The Clearinghouse Team.*



[You can join Penn State Extension's 35th Annual Garden Contest](#)

March 10, 2026

The 35th annual Delaware County Garden Contest, sponsored by the Penn State Extension Master Gardeners of Delaware County, will be held this spring and summer. The contest is open to all levels of county gardeners, from beginner to advanced.

[Read more](#)



[webinar: what is zero waste and why is it a Critical Climate Strategy?](#)

The Jeanette Ross Environment Lecture for 2026 is titled; What is Zero Waste and Why Is It a Critical Climate Strategy? It will be held on Wednesday, March 25, 2026, 7:00 PM via Zoom. The presenter is Alex Danovitch principal consultant at Nothing Left to Waste and Director of Strategy and Business Development for Recycle Ann Arbor.

[Read more](#)



[Sierra Club "Seedlings" essay contest open to school age aspiring writers](#)

March 2, 2026

Pick a park. Take a hike. Then write about it—you just might get published in Sierra magazine! Choose a state or national park near you, go explore, and then write an essay about what the experience was like and why protecting that natural area is important to you. Contest open to all those up to age 18.

[Read more](#)



[ASK Governor Shapiro to hold virtual town hall on AI data centers](#)

February 21, 2026

Organizations and individuals from across Pennsylvania are invited to sign a letter to Governor Shapiro urging his participation in a statewide virtual town hall to share concerns about the fast proliferation of AI Data Centers across PA. The Better Path Coalition and No False Climate Solutions PA – coalitions that the Delaware Riverkeeper Network is a part of – are organizing the event.

[Read more](#)



[Monroe Energy holding office hours in Aston after major fuel leak](#)

February 18, 2026

Monroe Interstate Pipeline Company will again hold office hours at the Aston Township building on March 3 following a 378,000-gallon leak at its Chelsea Tank Farm in December. The next office hours session is scheduled for 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Tuesday, March 3 at the Aston facility at 3264 Concord Road.

[Read more](#)



[Newlin Grist Mill plans 250th Celebration highlighting early trades and foods](#)

Newlin Grist Mill in Glen Mills invites the public to its 250th celebration, with three packed days of historical fun this spring. Those attending can enjoy a selection of demonstrations, workshops, make-and-take activities, and talks on topics related to the trades that built America and fueled a revolution.

[Read more](#)



[A Request to All Our Environmental Friends:](#)

Please put the Environmental Clearinghouse on your mailing list and send us your news releases or public events promptly so we can announce them to the whole community. **Also, send the newsletter to your members so they**

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info@enviodelco.com or jodinemayberry@gmail.com

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