



ENVIRONMENTAL ADVISORY COUNCIL

Tuesday, March 24, 2026

12:00 p.m.

Zoom

- **EAC members:** A. Sellers, B. Vitale, C. Curran-Myers, D. Beane, S. Thompson, A. Meas, N. Addeo
- **Council Representatives** – C. Miller, R. Nunez
- **City Staff** – B. Ayers-Fisher, M. Smith, B. Murray, R. Gensemer, S. Bachman, S. Harrity, D. Anspach, R. Bradley, K. Zeiber, S. Wangolo

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I. Opening Matters

- Call to Order
- Welcome from Chair
- Public Comment
- Approval of Minutes – February 24, 2026

II. Upcoming Meetings, Events, and Staff Updates

- Seeds of Change Community Garden Prep Days at the Greenhouse
Thursdays (4-6pm): March 26, April 2, April 9, April 16, April 23
- Movie Knights with Centro Hispano – tabling inside IMAX at 4:30 pm; movie begins at 5:30 pm; free parking in garage and movie attendance
 - o March 26 – Hoppers
 - o April 23 – Super Mario Galaxy Movie
 - o May 14 – movie TBD
- Great American Cleanup- April 18 8am-noon
- Earth Day Berks- April 18 11:30am-6pm City Park
- Urban Ag Tour – May 23 9 am – 1 pm meet at Berks Nature

- Camel Project Chalkpalooza- June 6 10am-2pm
- Good Medicine- June 13 11am-3pm Riverfront Park
- EJ Dives Family Fun Day- July 18 1pm-4pm
- Riverzilla- August 8 Riverfront Park
- 2026 Keep Pennsylvania Beautiful Conference – October 14 & 15 DoubleTree

III. Old Business

- Signage / Mapping Installation - Cathy Curran-Myers, Bethany Ayers-Fisher
- Single Use Plastic Ban – David Beane
- 2026 EAC Network Conference – Bethany Ayers-Fisher
- 2026 Keep Pennsylvania Beautiful Conference – Bethany Ayers-Fisher
- Road Salt BMP – Cathy Curran-Myers
- Schuylkill River Trail Gateway Bridge – Bethany Ayers-Fisher

IV. New Business

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V. Committee Updates

- Communications Committee Update – Bill Vitale
- Policy Committee Update – David Beane
- Green Infrastructure Committee Update – Cathy Curran-Myers

VI. Project Updates (as needed)

- Beekeeping Zoning Amendment – Shelly Smith
- Use of ebikes in Reading
- Goggleworks Rain Barrel Workshop – Scott Bachman
- Rain Garden Installations - Cathy Curran-Myers, Scott Bachman
- Sidewalk Program – Angela Meas
- Green Building Alliance – Bethany Ayers-Fisher
- GESA Project Update – Bethany Ayers-Fisher
- EPA Exide Cleanup Update – David Beane, Bethany Ayers-Fisher
- NREL Project – Bethany Ayers-Fisher
- Climate Resiliency and Sustainability Plan – Bethany Ayers-Fisher
- Urban Agriculture – Cathy Curran-Myers, Shelly Smith
- Technical Assistance from the Water Center at UPenn and the University of Maryland Environmental Finance Center – Bethany Ayers-Fisher
- Invasive Plants / Noxious Weeds Education – David Beane, Cathy Curran-Myers
- MP3 Environmental Committee – Cathy Curran-Myers
- Storm Water / MS4 Issues – Scott Bachman, Bill Murray
- Solid Waste / Recycling – Steve Harrity
- BCTV Program – David Beane
- City-owned Dams – David Anspach, Scott Bachman

VII. Other Matters

VIII. Long Term Projects (discuss as needed)

- Environmental Justice Issues - Cathy Curran-Myers
- Code Review Committee – Bill Vitale
- PFAs – Bill Murray
- Zero Waste Plan – Bethany Ayers-Fisher
- Comprehensive Plan
- Fluoride in Drinking Water – David Beane, Cathy Curran-Myers

IX. Next Meeting – April 28, 2026 at noon via Zoom

X. Adjourn