

City of Reading
Environmental Advisory Council
Tuesday, April 28, 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, S. Bachman, S. Harrity, D. Anspach, R. Bradley, K. Zeiber, S. Wangolo, D. Edwards

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I. Opening Matters

Call to Order

Welcome from Chair

Public Comment

Approval of Minutes – March 24, 2026

II. Upcoming Meetings, Events, and Staff Updates

Pollinator Garden Maintenance – May 2 at 10 am Baer Park

Pollinator Garden Maintenance – May 7 at 4 pm Baer Park

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

May 14 – movie TBD

Pollinator Garden Maintenance – May 16 at 9 am City Park

Solar Canopy Groundbreaking – May 18 at 10 am at Public Works

Sunflower Fence Installation – May 21 at 4 pm Heritage Park

Urban Ag Tour – May 23 9 am – 1 pm meet at Berks Nature

Pollinator Garden Maintenance – May 28 at 4 pm Baer Park

Camel Project Chalkapalooza- June 6 10am-2pm RACC lot A & C

Good Medicine- June 13 11am-3pm Riverfront Park

Wacky Water Wednesdays - 1 – 4 pm

June 17 – 3rd & Spruce

June 24 – TBD

July 1 – TBD

July 8 – TBD

July 15 - TBD

EJ Dives Family Fun Day- July 18 1pm-4pm

Wacky Water Wednesdays – 1- 4 pm

July 22 – TBD

July 29 – TBD

August 5 - TBD

Riverzilla- August 8 Riverfront Park

Wacky Water Wednesdays – 1 – 4 pm

August 12 – TBD

August 19 - TBD

2026 Keep Pennsylvania Beautiful Conference – October 14 & 15 DoubleTree

III. Old Business

1. Signage / Mapping Installation - Cathy Curran-Myers, Bethany Ayers-Fisher
2. Single Use Plastic Ban – David Beane
3. 2026 EAC Network Conference – Bethany Ayers-Fisher
4. 2026 Keep Pennsylvania Beautiful Conference – Bethany Ayers-Fisher
5. Road Salt BMP – Cathy Curran-Myers
6. Schuylkill River Trail Gateway Bridge – Bethany Ayers-Fisher
7. Act 2 – Former Glidden Site

IV. New Business

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V. Committee Updates

1. Communications Committee Update – Bill Vitale
2. Policy Committee Update – David Beane
3. Green Infrastructure Committee Update – Cathy Curran-Myers

VI. Project Updates (as needed)

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

VII. Other Matters

VIII. Long Term Projects (discuss as needed)

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

IX. Next Meeting – May 26, 2026 at noon Centre Park – in case of inclement weather via Zoom

X. Adjourn