

Lower Frederick Township Environmental Advisory Council (EAC)



Photos: Monarch at Cuddy Park native planting; stormwater flooding; spotted lanternfly

About the EAC

In December 2018, the Board of Supervisors created a seven-person advisory council to focus on local environmental conservation and improvement. Members are volunteers and are appointed for a three-year term. The council gathers monthly for a public meeting to discuss an agenda determined by current issues or supervisor requests.

Tasks include:

- ▶ Identify issues
- ▶ Make recommendations
- ▶ Advise local agencies
- ▶ Inform the public

Meeting Schedule

(unless advertised otherwise)

When: 4th Monday of every month

Where: Lower Frederick Municipal Building
53 Spring Mount Road
Schwenksville, PA 19473

Time: 7 - 9pm

The EAC aspires to ensure a successful and enduring community by using local talent and expertise. All decisions are based on sound science.

Learn more about EACs in general at www.eacnetwork.org or Lower Frederick specifically via Ordinance 18-09.

Who to call | Where to click

Recycling/Waste Management

- Household hazardous waste collection, document shredding, electronic and tire collection, A-Z Recycling Guide – Montgomery County government – montcopa.org and search for "Recycling Programs" – 610.278.3618
- Responsible electronics recycling – the Basel Action Network, a global partnership – e-stewards.org
- Recycling services locator and guide – see "Where to..." and "How to..." links at earth911.com – 1.800.CLEANUP
- Local free stuff exchange – freecycle.org
- General recycling news and information – Northeast Recycling Council – nerc.org/state-information/pennsylvania

Pollution

- Stormwater events – Montgomery County Conservation District – montgomeryconservation.org – 610.489.4506
- Pollution discharge – Spills and other **emergencies**: 484.250.5900. Environmental complaints: 866.255.5158 or submit form via depgreenport.state.pa.us/EnvironmentalComplaintForm. Note: LF is in the Southeast Region.
- Fish kills – PA Fish and Boat Commission – fishandboat.com – 1-855-FISH-KIL
- Litter and illegal dumping – report to local police – 610.287.4434 or Keep Pennsylvania Beautiful – keeppabeautiful.org – 877.772.3673. Active incidents: call 911.
- Health fact sheets by contaminant – health.pa.gov/topics/envirohealth/Pages/Fact-Sheets.aspx

Wildlife

- Nuisance – Call 911 for animal control dispatch OR for self-help: pgc.pa.gov (search for "Nuisance Wildlife").
- Poaching/hunting violations/endangered species info. – PA Game Commission – pgc.pa.gov – 610.926.3136
- Injured: AARK Animal Rehab – aark.org – 215.249.1938

Utilities (Well and Septic)

- Private well information – water-research.net OR extension.psu.edu/water/drinking-and-residential-water
- New wells – <https://www.montcopa.org/533/Individual-Water-Supply-Well-Permitting>
- Private septic information – Montgomery County government – <https://montcopa.org/536/On-Lot-Sewage-Permitting>. *Note: Township requires certified tank pumping at a minimum of every three years.*
- Energy audits – energy.gov/energysaver/weatherize/home-energy-audits or peco.com.

Landscaping/Gardening/Home Improvement/Conservation Clearinghouses

- iConserve – Native plant lists, energy-saving improvements, links for outdoor recreation and more – PA Department of Conservation and Natural Resources – iconservepa.org – 717.772.9101
- Penn State Cooperative Extension – Multitude of topics including water quality, soil tests, forest management, wildlife issues, and lanternfly control – Penn State College of Ag. Science – extension.psu.edu Montco Office: 610.489.4315
- Soil science and maps, plants database, resource data – US Dept. of Ag – nrcs.usda.gov/wps/portal/nrcs/site/soils/home/
- Watershed management, agriculture, tree planting, dirt and gravel roads, mosquito and spotted lanternfly control, and an annual student Envirothon competition – montgomeryconservation.org – 610.489.4506
- Dam removal and river restoration – American Rivers – americanrivers.org/region/mid-atlantic – 202.347.7550

Green Building

- US Green Building Council's local chapter – greenbuildingunited.org – 215.399.5790

Land Conservation

- Easements – Natural Lands Trust – natlands.org – 610.353.5587
- Forest management – extension.psu.edu/forests-and-wildlife/forest-management – Montco office: 610.489.4315
- Farmland preservation – montcopa.org and search "Farmland Preservation Program" – 610.278.3727

Science Reference

- Free information (requires Montgomery County library card) – mnl.mclinc.org/esources/ – scroll to Power Library/Health Sciences/Science Reference (and more) – 610.287.8360

Involvement

- Perkiomen Watershed Conservancy – perkiomenwatershed.org – 610.287.9383
- Citizen science-birds – ebird.org (go to Help and search "getting started")
- Citizen science-phenology – Nature's Notebook – usanpn.org/natures_notebook or iNaturalist.org

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Contact eac@lowerfrederick.org or the township office (610-287-8857) to see if one of our 110 other resources can help.