

# Radnor Township Environmental Advisory Council Annual Report 2019

## I. Introduction

The Radnor Township Environmental Advisory Council (“EAC”) provides leadership and guidance on environmental and sustainability matters to Radnor Township staff, Board of Commissioners, and community members. In addition, the EAC serves an important role in providing local community environmental education through regular programming at its monthly televised meetings and through special programs and events such as the Sustainability Series. The EAC’s proactive approach to preserving and enhancing the environment in Radnor Township aligns with Radnor’s motto of “making a great place even better” and is reflected in its many sustainability initiatives. The EAC’s approach to enhancing sustainability and preserving the environment is to demonstrate leadership at the municipal level and to inspire action at the individual level.

The Radnor EAC consists of seven at large voting members and up to four liaison members (one each from the Planning Commission, Board of Health, Parks and Recreation Board and Shade Tree Commission). The seven at large members in 2019 were: Matthew Holtman, Chairperson; Jim Quinn; Colleen Price; Andrew Kalan; Margaret Reinhart; Emily Marx; Sarah Pilling; Skip Kunda, liason.

## II. Activities of the EAC in 2019

### a. Presentations

Dr. R. Traver of Villanova gave a presentation on stormwater management; a public event in cooperation with Villanova to build rain gardens was planned.

The Wayne Business Association was provided a copy of the draft Single Use Plastic Ordinance, and they were invited to comment.

Sarah Pilling and Robert Mann presented the proposal for Radnor to Participate in “Ready for 100”, an initiative of the Sierra club. The group agreed to adopt the initiative.

Member Margaret Reinhart presented a proposal for Community Awareness and Education, focusing on the use of lawn chemicals and the detrimental effects on the local watershed.

### b. Community Education and Outreach

Members Margaret Reinhart and Emily Marx had a table at the Radnor Fall Festival as an effort to educate the public about lawn chemical harm to the environment. Several hundred coloring pages showing how environmentally

healthy lawns should be maintained without chemical. There was also a table with a program on composting. We also distributed apple cider provided by the Radnor Conservancy.

c. Government Initiatives

The group sent a letter to Governor Wolf requesting more stringent controls on methane release

d. Actions by the Board of Commissioners

The Board voted in favor of the Ready for 100 initiative, as proposed by the EAC.

Plans for 2020: Single use plastic ordinances, expanding on energy initiative, expansion of community education at a possible “eco-festival” or at the Wayne Business Festival.