



SUSTAINABLE CHELTENHAM

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The Cheltenham Township Environmental Advisory Council

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Announcement

Call for Volunteers from TTF: Help us Protect Cheltenham's Creeks!

This fall, volunteers will plant buffers along the creek on **five residential properties** across Cheltenham. Watch for more information about how you can lend a hand in late October and early November to transform some of your neighbors' backyards into healthy creekside habitat. **Contact Alex Cooper** at cooper@tffwatershed.org for information. This project has been partially funded by the League of Women Voters Pennsylvania Citizen Education Fund through a Section 319 federal Clean Water Act grant from the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection, administered by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency.

Upcoming Events

Mark your calendar

Environmental Advisory Council Meetings

Mondays @ 7:30PM

September 15 ([Agenda](#))

October 20

November 17

Township Administration Building, 8230 Old York Road, Elkins Park

This is the monthly meeting where the volunteers of the EAC discuss new and ongoing environmental concerns, draft recommendations for the Township Commissioners, and

work on strategies to promote widespread action toward the goals of our Township's [Sustainability Plan](#). Township residents are encouraged to attend and get involved in Sustainable Cheltenham.

Community Emergency Response Team

September 15 @ 7 PM

Glenside Hall (Waverly Road and Keswick Avenue)

Community Emergency Response Team ([CERT](#)) training is coming to Cheltenham; this is your chance to help your community during severe weather or other emergency situations.

Montgomery County Comprehensive Plan Revision:

Public Hearings

September 17 @ 7 PM

Abington Township Building
1176 Old York Road, Abington, PA 19001

AND

September 18 @ 6 PM

Montgomery County-Norristown Public Library
Community Room
1001 Powell Street, Norristown, PA 19401

"Communities that grow and prosper have one major thing in common—they plan for the future. They decide where new housing will be built, which roads will be expanded, the types of parks they would like, what redevelopment should be like, where farms should be preserved, and how to reduce flooding, among other important decisions."

Thus begins the description of the **Montco 2040** New Comprehensive Plan. See what they have in mind for Cheltenham Township, sign up to receive updates [here](#) and let your voice be heard at the public hearings.

If you were inspired to remove exotic invasive plants this summer, you may want to visit the...

Native Plant Open House at Collins Nursery

September 20 @ 11 AM to 4 PM

(Rain Date: Sunday, September 21)

Historic Edgehill Castle
773 Roslyn Avenue, Glenside, PA

League of Women Voters: Fall Kick-Off

September 21st @ 4-6PM

The Brownstone School House at Sunrise
1859 Susquehanna Rd, Abington

There will be a presentation on the topic of "Water, Can't Live Without It!" [Download the flyer](#) to learn more. RSVP by September 14 is requested: 215-887-2293.

United Nations Climate Summit 2014

September 23 New York, NY

"United Nations Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon is hosting the Climate Summit to engage leaders and advance climate action and ambition. The Summit will serve as a public platform for leaders at the highest level - all UN Member States, as well as finance, business, civil society and local leaders from public and private sectors - to catalyze ambitious action on the ground to reduce emissions and strengthen climate resilience and mobilize political will for an ambitious global agreement by 2015 that limits the world to a less than 2-degree Celsius rise in global temperature."

Learn more about this event at the [UN website](#), or find out about the [People's Climate March](#), set to precede the Summit, on **September 21**.

Tookany/Tacony-Frankford Watershed Partnership, Inc.

Calendar of Events

Click [here](#) to see what is happening in the largest watershed in the Township!

Volunteer Opportunities in High School Park

Friends of High School Park invite you to their "Workday Weekends." Your garden may be fading, but there is still work to be done at HSP. Follow this [link](#) to learn more and see the schedule.

Recent Events

In case you missed it...

State Representative Steve McCarter hosted a forum at Curtis Hall on the topic of Climate Disruption

(8/26/14)

Participants included legislators from across the state, leading climate researchers and more. After introductions, Julie Slavet (Executive Director of the TTF Watershed Partnership) read a letter from acclaimed author Barbara Kingsolver, written for just this occasion. Discussions ranged from global in scope to the local impacts we might expect from disruption of the climate. Here is a brief [video clip](#) from the event.

Cheltenham High School Environmental Sustainability Club presentation at the School Board Meeting

(9/9/14)

Intrepid student-scientists took the initiative to see just how much material is thrown away by the occupants of Cheltenham High School on a given day. Under the guidance of the EAC and a professional recycling firm, they discovered a number of opportunities to improve the sustainability of the school. Read the full [report](#) to find out how they conducted their study and what they concluded after making their observations.



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