

# TREDYFFRIN TOWNSHIP ENVIRONMENTAL ADVISORY COUNCIL



## *PLANNING INITIATIVE 2008*

## **ENVIRONMENTAL ADVISORY COUNCIL VISION STATEMENT**

The Tredyffrin Township Environmental Advisory Council is a committee dedicated to exploring and promoting environmental initiatives in the Township. The Environmental Advisory Council works at the direction of the Tredyffrin Township Board of Supervisors and as an extension of Township staff to research environmental issues and funding sources; to advise Township staff and supervisors; to sponsor environmental education; to partner with Township residents, outside agencies, and organizations with similar interests; and to coordinate environmental projects.

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## GOAL STATEMENTS & STRATEGIES

### **Watersheds**

Promote healthy watersheds by addressing such issues as water quality and quantity, stormwater management, restoration, protection measures, and community involvement.

### **Open Space/Trails**

Promote open space for passive uses and trails as a healthy lifestyle and an alternative method of transportation for pedestrians, bicyclists, and other non-motorized methods of transportation.

- Research development of a dedicated open space fund
- Develop a plan for protecting township's remaining open space
- Work with subcommittee to evaluate, coordinate and intensify open space protection (MD)
- Define open space within township parks (MD)
- Represent the EAC at the STAP meetings

### **Public Outreach and Educational Initiatives**

Utilize various media to promote the Township's environmental and educational initiatives.

- Tredyffrin Stream Ecology Group (TSEG) – have a spring training to bring in new members (SAK)
- TSEG – Have a spring or early summer speaker/seminar for TSEG (SAK)
- Produce new video for green backyards (SAK)
- Put together a rain barrel event (SAK)
- Create a series of short informative “How To” videos to be posted on the Township website with topics including “Rain Barrel Basics”, “Backyard Composting”, “Riparian Zone Basics for Homeowners”, “Rain Garden Essentials”, “Introduction to Native Plants and Invasive Species”, and others. (AK)

### **Clean Energy**

Research and promote energy efficiency and the use of clean energy to improve the quality of life in Tredyffrin.

- Research and promote development of a green building ordinance
- Promote energy efficiency and conservation for the township and residents
- Apply for an Energy Harvest grant (MD)
- In June, re-evaluate PECO Wind as clean energy provider for township (MD)

## **Environmental Initiatives**

Research and promote environmental initiatives to improve the quality of life in Tredyffrin.

- Encourage township solid waste contractors to participate in RecycleBank (MD)
- Work with Treevitalize and execute a tree-planting somewhere in the Township (MD)
- Amend the Township's tree ordinance to provide greater protection for trees during construction (MD)
- Advocate for and/or offer input to township on costs and benefits of a consolidated contracted residential trash collection service (LF)
- Advocate for better litter control programs (such as enforcement) by connecting with the Department of Transportation Adopt a Road program to get more businesses adopting/cleaning up roadsides as civic projects (LF)
- Promote recycling and waste reduction efforts in our community (LF)
- Get more involved in the review process of development plans that are submitted to the Planning Commission (LF)
- Raise awareness of the status of the township's current and historic hazardous sites  
Sponsor both Trout Creek Clean-Up Days and Valley Creek Clean-Up Days in coordination with the Valley Forge Chapter of Trout Unlimited. (AK)

**ENVIRONMENTAL ADVISORY COUNCIL  
2008 ACTION PLAN**

Quarter	Task	Assigned Name	Complete
<b>First Quarter</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Apply for an Energy Harvest grant</li> <li>• Establish open space subcommittee and goals</li> <li>• Tredyffrin Stream Ecology Group (TSEG) – have a spring training to bring in new members (SAK)</li> <li>• “How To” video on Rain Barrel Basics</li> </ul>	MD MD SAK  AK	
<b>Second Quarter</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Re-evaluate PECO Wind as clean energy provider for township</li> <li>• TSEG – Have a summer speaker/seminar for TSEG</li> <li>•</li> </ul>	MD SAK	
<b>Third Quarter</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Participate in Community Day</li> </ul>		
<b>Fourth Quarter</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Amend tree ordinance</li> <li>• Co-sponsor a Treevitalize tree planting</li> </ul>	MD	
<b>Ongoing</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Promote conservation and energy efficiency</li> <li>• Represent the EAC at the STAP meetings</li> </ul>	MD	