

Allentown Environmental Advisory Council 2021 Accomplishments

- Led development of climate action inventory by Muhlenberg intern for City of Allentown (report to be posted in 2022)
- Led micromobility study and development of report by Muhlenberg intern for the City of Allentown (report posted on AEAC website)
- Led continuation of study by Lehigh University interns on a dog waste biogas digester in an Allentown park
- Led the City's first ever response to the CDP questionnaire, providing comprehensive climate-related disclosures (response posted on AEAC website)
- Led the City's response to the ACEEE questionnaire containing comprehensive disclosures on the City's energy efficiency programs
- Promoted awareness of the AEAC by organizing and leading an Earth Day event on sustainability-related volunteer opportunities in the Lehigh Valley; created and shared a list of volunteer opportunities including internships
- Led development and submission to Pa DEP of the City of Allentown's climate action report (report posted on AEAC website)
- Launched the AEAC's Clean and Safe Neighborhoods initiative as part of its commitment to further environmental justice in Allentown. Organized and led highly successful community engagement in cleanup of 401 Cleveland Ave as the AEAC's first project under this initiative
- Developed proposal to Lehigh University for student interns to support the Clean and Safe Neighborhoods initiative
- Led development of a feasibility study for establishing a civilian climate corps in Allentown, including collaborating with Councilmember Josh Siegel on his efforts to establish an Allentown youth Corps
- Led the development of an AmeriCorp VISTA position hosted by Promise Neighborhoods Lehigh Valley to help plan for a civilian climate corps in Allentown and led hiring of an individual to fill the position
- Successfully led development and submission of a PennServe planning grant application by PNLV for a part-time planning director to be hired by

PNLV for establishing a civilian climate corps in Allentown. PNLV has received preliminary approval of the application

- Investigated potential sources of excess food and potential recipients of excess food as a component of a food waste reduction program for Allentown**
- Participated in a litter clean-up with Big Brothers Big Sisters**
- Explored developing a sustainable business survey recognition program**
- Supported organization of, and participated in, meeting of all Lehigh Valley EACs**
- Began exploring AEAC participation in a Lehigh Valley solar cooperative**
- Finalized revisions to the Allentown EAC ordinance to reflect current practices and formalize participation of a councilmember in the EAC**
- Obtained City Council approval for an EAC budget**