

Allentown EAC 2024 Goals

1. Neighborhood Cleanup Community Initiative.

- Develop a white paper / one-pager on the cleanup model (what it is, how its organized, benefits, and complications) to provide to interested stakeholders.
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 - ❖ Plan to target the 1st and 6th wards as they have the lowest income levels and will hopefully benefit the most.
 - ❖ The language barrier is a great challenge for the community engagement portion of the model.
 - ❖ Mary Tomlinson could help us with Jordan Creek.

2. Warehouse Initiative

- Follow up on solar panels that we have in the EAC report.
- Government money is available, if you build it, the government will fund it.
- The sustainability director will be in Parks and Rec with Tree Equity
- Solar will be a hot topic this year.
- The City Council needs to hear that the project is free, and we have it all in the report. (Kyle is the city council Liaison)
- Recommendations are for using GESA to do this at no cost to the City.

3. Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy

- City has applied for a Shared Energy Manager paid for by PADEP who can be instrumental in moving the City forward on EE and RE implementation. According to Christopher Nafe (former sustainability director for City of Harrisburg, currently at PA Dept of Energy) the COA was approved to get one of these managers
- This person will need the COA asset list in order to best address the potential energy saving projects. It has been bounced around a lot between different city departments.
- EAC will help facilitate the delivery of this list to the manger when announced

4. Bird Town Community Educational Program

- Programs on the second Sunday of every month at 2:00 PM at the Atown Library
- - Lessons to be oriented towards Bird Town related knowledge as they sponsored the event with some grant monies
- Volunteer Log – Feb - Felice, March - Felice, April - Felice; May – Deiter; June – Maria; July August September – Julie; Oct and Nov – TBD

5. AEAC Communication Efficiency, Transparency, and Accountability (ETA) Improvements

- Community members and the city employees have raised concerns regarding the EAC's delivery of information. There is no organization and it is impeding the EAC's ability to effectively make recommendations to the council and the COA.

❖ Need a city council liaison ASAP.

- Focus on creating a centralized database either within the city organization or separate to store and regulate the official EAC materials.
- This is not meant to serve as a replacement for the EAC page on the COA website, but rather a compliment for our internal and external communications.
- Will work in tandem with the sustainability coordinator to develop and track projects, ensuring the public and EAC members have transparent access to the progress on our initiatives. Keeping us efficient and accountable. ETAs.
- Should create a folder to keep track of our goals and progress through the year
- Muhlenberg interns Felice and Maddie could help with this
- Jill Trznadel is currently managing our documents on the City web page.

6. Local Climate Action Plan (LCAP)

- Muhlenberg Intern Jessica Rosen will be conducting an update on the COA citywide greenhouse gas inventory. Additional Muhlenberg intern (Reanna) will do a GHG inventory focused on City-owned assets. A third Muhlenberg student will focus on Muhlenberg's GHG emissions and collaborate with the other interns.
- This is step one in the DOE's LCAP program. Hopefully we can push this with the momentum to develop an LCAP for the City
- Kyle knows Jess from Muhlenberg and can assist.

7. Community and education

- Sustainability Coordinator
- Went to Breana and Andrea about the air quality project.
- Water equity. The city wants affordability.
- Lots to be done to pay for lead and PFAS.
- Millions of dollars are needed which will result in higher bills

8. Recycle mania.

- We could expand the focus.