

2018 Report of Allentown EAC

The Allentown Environmental Advisory Council submits the following annual report pursuant to Ordinance 14800:

The EAC has met monthly and continues to perform its functions despite being short-handed. At present there are six members on the Council. One position that is to be appointed by City Council has remained vacant for over a year.

- Major actions taken by the Allentown EAC in 2018 are listed below in roughly chronological order:
 1. Working with the City to make the EAC web page more informative and easily accessible by the public. Important environmental topics for the residents of Allentown have been highlighted with logos and easy links to additional materials.
 2. Expanded the Allentown EAC's presence on Facebook, to include monthly posts on relevant topics including: i) cycling savvy; ii) plastic use, disposal and recycling; iii) invasive plants; and iv) gardens and bees; v) lantern flies.
 3. Linked the EAC's Facebook page with Facebook pages of other City departments or bureaus. The first one to be linked on Facebook is the Bureau of Recycling and Solid Waste.
 4. Drafted a City Council resolution in support of solar development
 5. Provided input at City Council and Zoning Board hearings regarding proposed development of South Mountain (Barnes Lane) property.
 6. Participated in and provided input to all parks steering committees.
 7. Received presentations on recycling issues and stormwater issues from Public Works Department staff and discussed ways for the EAC to help them with education and awareness
 8. Explored the possibility of holding an environmental awareness fair at a Phantoms and/or Iron Pigs game.
 9. Organized and led a forum focused on regional approaches to stormwater issues. The forum was well-attended by the City's Department of Public Works, as well as by a variety of other experts from government, non-profit and industry sectors.