

## Useful Links

<https://extension.psu.edu/programs/watershed-stewards>

<https://www.energy.gov/energy-saver/reducing-electricity-use-and-costs>

<https://www.dcnr.pa.gov/Conservation/BiodiversityManagement/DeerManagement/Pages/default.aspx>

<https://www.neefusa.org/nature/water/how-landscaping-choices-affect-water-quality>

<https://www.npr.org/2021/07/12/015296355/zero-waste-single-use-plastic-trash-recycle>

## Meet the Team

Top to bottom, L-R: Jim Walter, Diane Smith, Maggie Rash (Supervisor and EAC liaison) and Ruth Foster; Don Robb; Andrea Strout. Not shown: Laura Mein and Scott Yerkes.



[buckinghampa.org](http://buckinghampa.org)



## About Buckingham's Environmental Advisory Commission (EAC)

### *Who we are, what we do*

We are a group of Buckingham residents concerned about the environment of our township, county and the world around us. Like all [EACs in Pennsylvania](#), we serve in an advisory capacity, working closely with our [Board of Supervisors](#) as well as neighboring EACs and others to help protect our natural resources and plan for our township's gradual transition to 100% clean, renewable energy. Our activities range from tree-planting projects and native-plant sales to providing input on invasive species, water issues, grants and sustainable-energy projects.

Perhaps our most important role is to help educate our fellow residents on a variety of environmental subjects. To that end, we provide resource tables at township events, produce flyers on environmental threats (e.g., spotted lantern fly) and create [seasonal "tips" sheets](#). Take a few minutes to explore the "Useful Links" above, which cover subjects from [water quality](#) and [energy savings](#) to [deer management](#), [landscaping](#) and [plastic-waste reduction](#).

### *Join us!*

We meet the third Wednesday of every month at 7 p.m. at the Township Building at 4613 Hughesian Drive. Visit [buckinghampa.org](http://buckinghampa.org) for more information.

## Message from Our Liaison

Maybe you grew up here. Maybe you moved here decades ago, or just last year. Regardless of how and when you arrived in Buckingham, chances are you value its natural beauty, and the stewardship our residents have shown in voting to preserve 6113 acres of open space since 1995.

But our environment faces a variety of threats, from microplastics in the Neshaminy to a changing climate. Which is why I'm joining our EAC in asking you to get involved. Come to a meeting. Join the EAC for live-staking along Watson Creek, tree-planting in Holicong Park or its Earth Day roadside clean-up. Contact EAC Chair Andrea Strout at [alstrout\\_2000@yahoo.com](mailto:alstrout_2000@yahoo.com) for more.

Thank you!

Maggie Rash  
Vice Chair, Board of Supervisors  
Liaison to the EAC

### *Can't come to a meeting?*

*Read our Meeting Minutes here:*

[January 2023](#)

[February 2023](#)

[March 2023](#)

4613 Hughesian Drive, Buckingham, PA 18912

### Volunteer with Us

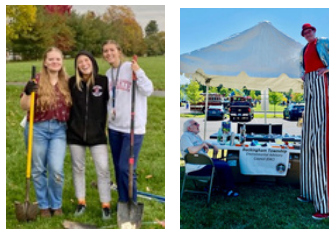
The EAC has volunteer opportunities throughout the year, from tree planting and invasives removal along Watson Creek to helping with our native-plant sale and working our table at township and area events.

No special expertise or prior experience is required--just a desire to be part of the solution!

For more information, contact Andrea Strout at [alstrout\\_2000@yahoo.com](mailto:alstrout_2000@yahoo.com).

### Did you know...?

Buckingham has had an Environmental Advisory Commission (EAC) since 1989. Here are a few photos from recent years' activities:



## In Focus

### Clean Energy & Us

On October 28, 2020, Buckingham's supervisors voted unanimously to approve Resolution 2422, "A Resolution Setting Forth the Goals for Buckingham Township to Use 100% Clean, Renewable Energy for All Purposes No Later Than 2050."

Buckingham was the third township in Bucks County to approve such a measure, after Solebury and Doylestown Township. More recently, Warrington and Bucks County itself have approved similar measures, joining some 40 municipalities throughout southeastern Pennsylvania working to meet the climate challenge.

Next up is the creation of an energy-transition plan that works for everyone. This plan will be a perpetual work-in-progress as new technology and opportunities arise. We'll be holding public-input sessions in the future to solicit the thoughts of residents and business owners. Be sure to give us yours!

### Landscaping 2.0

Think of your yard as your own personal "Wild Kingdom." It is! Whether you have a fraction of an acre or many acres, your property is home to an astonishing number of wild species, most of them unseen but important to our planet's health nonetheless.

Many people think they have to choose between being "green" and having a good-looking yard. Not so! Whether you're a do-it-yourselfer or work with a lawncare company, consider some "landscaping 2.0" options: replacing thirsty, high-maintenance non-native plants with locals and foregoing weedkiller and dyed mulch. For more ideas, see our [Seasonal Tips](#) and/or call the Bucks County Master Gardener/Master Watershed Steward Hotline at 267-483-2022 (M-F, 9-12 & 1-4).

### Plant Outlaws

Did you know that there are some 40 plant species that are classified as noxious and/or invasive, and whose sale, transportation and cultivation are prohibited under Pennsylvania law? Make it your business to know. If you see any of these species for sale, don't buy them! For the full list, go to [https://www.agriculture.pa.gov/Plants\\_Land\\_Water/PlantIndustry/NIPPP/Pages/Controlled-Plant-Noxious-Weed.aspx](https://www.agriculture.pa.gov/Plants_Land_Water/PlantIndustry/NIPPP/Pages/Controlled-Plant-Noxious-Weed.aspx)

*"Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful, committed citizens can change the world; indeed, it is the only thing that ever has."*

*--Margaret Mead, 1901-1978  
Doylestown native*