



THE SUSTAINABLE PENNSYLVANIA PROGRAM





*A joint project that
assists municipalities
in the Commonwealth
to improve lives for all
Pennsylvanians*





SUSTAINABLE PENNSYLVANIA BENEFITS

- Baseline current sustainability performance
- Access best practices, tools, and educational materials
- Gain strategies and recognition for improving quality of life and expanding opportunities for everyone.
- Be included in an online directory of sustainable municipalities.
- Showcase your municipality's leadership to municipal staff, elected officials, residents, businesses, and beyond!

Sustainable PA is recognized on PA DCED's municipal funding applications

Program Overview & Designation Levels

- Free and voluntary online recognition program with integrated resources
- For municipalities throughout the commonwealth
- Designation level determined using:
 - Percentage of points based on number of employees
 - Completion of a set of required actions specific to each level
- 127 currently certified
- 4 million people



CERTIFICATION TIMELINE

- There is no deadline to participate
- **Nov 20th deadline for grant of up to \$3,000 per municipality**
(Armstrong, Butler, Fayette, Greene, Indiana, Lawrence and Washington counties)
- Certifications expire and must be updated every three years.



CERTIFICATION STEPS

1. CREATE AN ACCOUNT
2. ANSWER QUESTIONS
3. REVIEW FEEDBACK
4. GET RECOGNIZED!





Congratulations to the Municipalities Certified in 2023!



STYROFOAM RECYCLE DAY

SATURDAY OCTOBER 28, 2023
1100 EDGEWOOD RD



10 AM to Noon

Wine Cork, Amber/White Plastic
Prescription Pill Cartons and
Household Batteries less than
12V also Accepted

Lower Makefield Township



- Habitat and wildlife protection programs
- Policies and incentives to conserve environmentally and ecologically sensitive places
- Regional assessment of hazards and potential risks of climate change
- On-site battery back-up



Scranton City



- First to be certified under the new assessment and currently under review for redesignation.
- Top municipal participant in the Sustainable Pittsburgh Equity Sprint 2022-2023
- Scranton's Electric Vehicle Fleet Unveiled
 - 10 Chevrolet Bolt EVs
 - Funded by DEP's Alternative Fuels Incentive Grant and ARPA

Environmental Advisory Council

TAKE THE EAC HABITAT-FRIENDLY YARD SURVEY

The Environmental Advisory Council (EAC) advises Borough Council and educates Borough residents on matters that affect the quality of the environment in the Borough, including those relating to the protection, conservation, management, promotion, and use of natural resources, including air, land and water resources, and issues relating to the effects of man-made and planted materials on the environment.

The EAC partners with other local organizations to achieve their goals. Check out the websites of the Chester-Ridley-Crum (CRC) Watersheds Association at www.crowatersheds.org and AFewSteps at www.afewsteps.org.

Environmental Advisory Council Members

Meets 4th Tuesday at 7:30 p.m.

Members:

Margaret Betz ('24)

Hannah Covert ('23)

Julie Ellis ('25)

Elizabeth Jenkins ('24) - Co-Chair

John McKinstry ('23) - Co-Chair

Carol Nackenoff ('24)

Susie O'Donnell ('25)

Associate Members:

Phil Coleman

Shirley Dodson

Sue Edwards

Swarthmore Borough



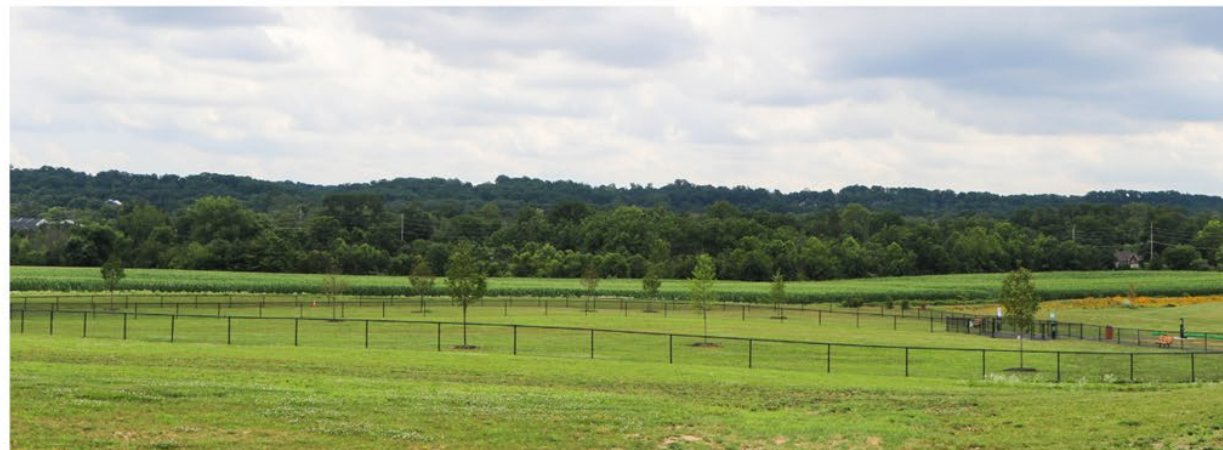
- Publicly posts their Environmental Advisory Council (EAC) meeting dates, times, virtual meeting link, group members, annual reports and meeting minutes
- 100% of municipality's energy use produced from renewable sources
- Reduced Energy Use Intensity by 50-74% from baseline
- Streamlined zoning and permitting for residential and commercial solar installations
- All police cars are hybrid vehicles



EXTON
PARK



West Whiteland
TOWNSHIP



West Whiteland Township



- Volunteers Engaged
- Trees Planted
- Invasives Removed
- Bird Boxes installed
- 3 Acre Native Pollinator Meadow and Bioswale
- Multi-use Recreation and ADA Trail



GET CERTIFIED!

1. CREATE AN ACCOUNT

1. CHECK OUT OUR FAQs

1. MEET WITH THE SUSTAINABLE PENNSYLVANIA TEAM TO LEARN MORE AND GET STARTED!



Webinar Series

Understanding the Sustainable PA Assessment Criteria

Starting in 2024, we'll launch a regular webinar series. Over the three-year re-certification period, we'll go over the Sustainable PA assessment criteria in detail. These webinars will help communities prepare and provide valuable insights into sustainable initiatives.

Webinar Topics Will Include the Following:

Economic Development and Revitalization
Energy Land Use and Housing Municipal
Operations Parks and Land Conservation
Public Health and Safety Strategic
Engagement and Resilience Transportation
Waste and Materials Management Water



Get Involved Today

Whether or not you're a League member or a Certified Community, there are numerous ways to get involved:

- Volunteer to share your success stories and initiatives in the new webinar series.
- Attend the webinar series.
- Help market the program and events.
- Express your interest in hosting the 2024 Sustainable PA Annual Conference.
- Complete the Sustainable PA Certification assessment.
- Collaborate with us in creating an active network of peers to share challenges, successes, and resources.
- For a limited time, compete in a Sprint, a friendly online competition to take action on reducing carbon emissions in your municipality. Details forthcoming at SustainablePittsburgh.org
- Click the QR code to complete our volunteer form to get involved.

THANK YOU

CONTACT US WITH ANY QUESTIONS

- Email info@sustainablepa.org
- Call Leslie Rhoads at the League: 717-236-9469 *237
- Call Sustainable Pittsburgh at 412-258-6642

