

**Four EACs Meeting Notes
October 27, 2009**

Bonnie Smith, Facilitator and Recording

The second joint meeting of the Environmental Advisory Councils of Rutledge, Swarthmore, Nether Providence and Rose Valley was held in Rutledge Borough Hall. Diane McGaughey was a most gracious host and there was a potluck supper beforehand, as several had suggested. Diane created a delicious and lovely event. Thank you Diane!

In attendance:

Jim Audley	Rose Valley	Susan Maeder-Chieffo	Rose Valley
Jack Borsch	Rutledge	Sheila Magee	Swarthmore
Susan Kelly	Swarthmore	Diane McGaughey	Rutledge
Don Kennedy	Swarthmore	Andy Saul	Rose Valley
Roger Latham	Rose Valley	C. Scott Shields	Rutledge
Melissa Lewicki	Swarthmore	Bonnie Smith	Nether Providence

The group decided that we should form teams to begin work on projects of mutual interest. The teams formed were:

- **Stream Stewardship / Storm Water Management Committee**
- **Greenhouse Gas / Energy Committee**
- **Education, Outreach and Fundraising Committee**
- **Managing and Enhancing Open Spaces Committee**

Meeting participants volunteered for one or more of the committees and discussed ideas for getting underway. The committees are open to additional volunteers. Each group will choose its own leadership. During the session each team agreed on some initial steps.

Stream Stewardship / Storm Water Management Committee

The primary focus of this committee is organizing the recently funded rain barrel workshops, aimed at reducing storm water runoff in all four communities. It will work closely with Anne Murphy, Director of the CRC Watersheds Association.

Volunteers include:	Denise Disney	Diane McGaughey*
	Don Kennedy*	C. Scott Shields*
	Susan Maeder-Chieffo*	Bonnie Smith*
	Sheila Magee*	

Greenhouse Gas / Energy Committee

One of the members of this committee will be a liaison between the EACs and the Greenhouse Gas Pilot Program of Swarthmore College and Temple University.

Volunteers include:	Jack Borsch*	Diane McGaughey*
	Phil Coleman	Beth Murray
	Sheila Magee*	

Education, Outreach and Fundraising Committee

Volunteers include:	Denise Disney	Steve Leach or his designee
	Bruce Grant	Susan Maeder-Chieffo*
	Susan Kelly*	Bonnie Smith*

Managing and Enhancing Open Spaces Committee

The focus includes invasive species removal and replacement, deer management, access/transportation for residents to community open spaces, and other issues.

Volunteers include:	Jim Audley*	Roger Latham*
	Jack Borsch*	Andy Saul*

EAC participation in local accomplishments since this meeting includes:

- A successful invasive species workshop held on November 7, 2009 by the Rose Valley EAC, covered in both the Swarthmorean and the Town Talk.
- A check presentation event on November 6, 2009 hosted by PECO celebrating five years of its support of open space. Funding will go to local workshops on storm water management, including rain barrel workshops and subsidies for rain barrels for all four EACs. A photo ran in the Swarthmorean.
- Roger Latham was a featured guest on November 30, 2009 on WHY?Y's Radio Times with Marty Moss-Coane, speaking about the importance of managing deer populations in urban and suburban communities and the breadth of the environmental damage that not doing so has already caused. The program is archived as a podcast at www.why.org/podcast/113009_100630.mp3.
- Rutledge's tree planting got underway and was covered in the Town Talk with a photo.
- Swarthmore College has begun implementing its deer management plan in the Crum Woods with the first annual bow hunt followed by a sharpshooter cull.

The next joint meeting of the four EACs is planned for 7:30 p.m. on Tuesday, February 23, 2010, at the Nether Providence Township Building (214 Sykes Lane, Wallingford).