



East Pikeland Environmental Advisory Council

E-newsletter, Edition #5

Join the EAC!

If you are passionate about the local, regional, and global environment, educating people about environmental topics, sponsoring environmental workshops and other events, and other similar activities, then consider applying to be a part of the Environmental Advisory Council.

If you're interested, please send the **attached form** to: East Pikeland Township
P.O. Box 58 Kimberton, PA 19442 or via email to mrubin@eastpikeland.org.

Climate Change in the News

If you've been reading or listening to the news lately, then you've probably heard about the recent reports released in the US and abroad that warn that we aren't doing enough to curb climate change.

If you haven't been into the news lately (who can blame you?) here's a quick summary:

- The UN released a report last month that said we have 12 years to drastically cut greenhouse gas emissions, and if we don't we will face a climate crisis.
 - <http://www.ipcc.ch/report/sr15/>
 - <https://www.nytimes.com/2018/10/07/climate/ipcc-climate-report-2040.html>
- Last week, a report was released by more than a dozen US federal agencies that predicted the negative impact climate change will have on a number of

US industries (like dairy, farming, etc.) and eventually cost the US economy hundreds of billions of dollars by the end of the century. The report also said that climate change will threaten the health and wellbeing of the American people.

- <https://nca2018.globalchange.gov/>
 - <http://time.com/5462102/climate-change-report-trump-science/>
- Another yearly report released by the UN this week reported on how well countries are doing at reducing their greenhouse gas emissions. Unfortunately, the news isn't good. Not only are most countries not on track with their goals, but those goals may be too low to make an impact in the first place.
 - <https://www.unenvironment.org/>
 - <https://www.theguardian.com/environment/2018/nov/27/world-triple-efforts-climate-change-un-global-warming>

This news is disheartening, but not surprising, considering that the US (the world's largest economy) and other major polluters, have not been keeping up their end of the bargain by restricting emissions and moving towards renewable and other alternative energy options.

Next week, international leaders are meeting in Poland for UN climate change conference where all of this will come up. Despite all the warnings and pledges, it's looking increasingly unlikely the world is on track to avoid the catastrophic effects of climate change.

So, what can you do?

Continue educating yourself, writing letters, calling your representatives, and peacefully protesting. It's good to keep this issue at the forefront of our minds and American politics.

Consider what you can do locally. Ready for 100 is a national program sponsored by the Sierra Club that is becoming present in our region. The goal is to inspire mayors, CEOs, pastors, principals, civic and community leaders, and parents and students to commit to solutions to achieve 100% renewable energy. Phoenixville Borough has already committed to Ready for 100, and other regional Townships

and Boroughs are considering it as well. Encourage your Township to do the same!

<https://www.sierraclub.org/ready-for-100>

Knowledgeable Volunteers Needed!

Do you have knowledge that you would like to share? The EAC is looking for residents to lead short workshops or programs on topics like tree identification, bird watching, gardening, composting, and any other activity that involves nature and the great outdoors. If you don't feel comfortable leading something on your own, don't worry! We will happily work with your interest and comfort level.

If you would like to volunteer to share your passion and knowledge, reply to this email and let us know!