



East Pikeland Environmental Advisory Council

E-newsletter, Edition #7

Mark your Calendars!

- **Kimberton Arts & Music Festival** a new event, organized by East Pikeland Township & Kimberton Arts Alliance. This FREE community event will feature live music for all interests; local art, craft, & business vendors; kids activities; food & more!
 - Saturday, September 28, 11am-7:30pm
 - Kimberton Park (2202 Kimberton Rd.)
 - Musical Guests include: Jeffrey Gaines, Mason Porter, Phyllis Chapell & SIORA, Rolling Thunder Blues Revue, Vinyl Roots, & more!
- **Fall Trail Clean Up**
 - Saturday, November 2, 9am-noon
 - Wear work clothes and heavy shoes, and bring work gloves, bow saws, shears, clippers, long handled pruners, pole saws, shovels, and/or pickaxes.
 - Meet at Rapps Dam Bridge
 - Rain Date: Saturday, November 9

Ready for 100

At the July Board of Supervisors Meeting a Resolution was approved that sets a goal to move the Township toward 100% clean and renewable energy, and to complete this transition for electricity by 2035 and for heat and transportation by 2050.

The Resolution was created to align with the *Ready for 100* initiative, a national program run by the Sierra Club. Drafted by the Environmental Advisory Council

(EAC), East Pikeland's Resolution is one of many in this area including Phoenixville, Charlestown, Schuylkill, and West Chester. The Resolution can be found on the Township's website [HERE](#). **If you would like to help the Township move towards this goal, please reply to this email!** For more information on Ready for 100, visit www.sierraclub.org/ready-for-100

Chester County Clean Energy Tour

East Pikeland Township is proud to endorse the 2019 Chester County Clean Energy Tour brought to you by Chester County Ready for 100%, the American Solar Energy Society and Solar United Neighbors. Held locally this year on Saturday, October 19th, this event is the largest grassroots solar, renewable energy and sustainable living event in the nation.

Chester County ranks #2 in solar installations in PA and employs over 8500 men and women in clean energy related jobs.

What happens on a clean energy tour? Solar homeowners, schools, houses of worship, businesses, farms and non-profits open their doors and explain their own sustainable solutions. It is an opportunity for everyone in the community to spend time with early adopters of clean energy to learn how to get started, what products are available, costs, financing options, payback periods, how to find an installer and more.

Open Space Acquisition

On May 14 the East Pikeland Township Board of Supervisors held settlement on a 115-acre farm that will be preserved as parkland and open space!

The property is located in the northeastern portion of the township along Spring City Rd. and Wall St., and was formerly proposed to be a high-density development, but will now be public land. The Township plans to preserve and restore the property's scenic beauty, wildlife habitats, and protect natural features, such as wetlands and riparian buffers. Future use of the property will

include both passive and active recreation with a connection to the adjacent Schuylkill River Trail.

The land was purchased with funds from the Township's Open Space Fund, which was started in 2006 when voters approved a .25% increase in their earned income tax to start a fund to preserve open space. The cost of the land was \$5,187,500 and will be offset by a Land Acquisition Grant from Chester County in the amount of \$1,210,500.

To date, 1,305 acres have been preserved in the Township (23% of land in East Pikeland), either through the Township's Open Space Program or private property owners' initiative. With this acquisition the Township now owns 356 acres of open space and parkland.

Residents will be invited to participate in public meetings to discuss use of the property during the future design phase, stay tuned for more info!

Interesting articles and things in the news:

- If you've been following the devastating Amazon Rainforest fire in recent weeks and want to be able to help in some way, this website lists organizations that are on the ground trying help:
<https://www.cnbc.com/2019/08/27/amazon-wildfires-how-to-help.html>
- American eels are being reintroduced to Pickering Creek in Chester County
http://paenvironmentdaily.blogspot.com/2019/08/american-eels-to-be-reintroduced-to.html?utm_source=feedburner&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=Feed%3APaEnvironmentDaily+%28PA+Environment+Daily+Blog%29
- Natural Lands' ChesLen Chase Race for Open Space October 19 in Chester County. Register here:
<https://natlands.org/event/cheslenchase2019/>

- Invasive Plant Removal. Fall is the best time of year to remove invasive plants before they spread in anticipation of winter! If you have a plant that you think could be invasive visit this website to ID it and learn about the best course of removal:

<https://www.dcnr.pa.gov/Conservation/WildPlants/InvasivePlants/InvasivePlantFactSheets/Pages/default.aspx>