

AGENDA
EAST GOSHEN TOWNSHIP
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

Biennial Planning Session
Tuesday, March 10, 2026
6:30 PM

To Join Zoom Meeting:

Link: Register in advance for this meeting:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/C0WAF4chQgCYY6ShfVbxdw>

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| 6:30 pm | Pledge of Allegiance/Moment of Silence |
| 6:35 pm | Environmental & Sustainability Advisory Council |
| 6:50 pm | Conservancy Board |
| 7:05 pm | Municipal Authority |
| 7:20 pm | Park & Recreation Commission |
| 7:35 pm | Pipeline Task Force |
| 7:50 pm | Planning Commission |
| 8:05 pm | Board of Supervisors Recap and Closing Remarks |

Environmental & Sustainability Advisory Council (ESAC)

ESAC Accomplishments, 2024 & 2025:

1. Worked with West Chester Area School District parents, successfully, to request the School Board to eliminate Styrofoam trays in student cafeterias.
 - Negative health impacts: chemicals are directly leached into hot food when served on Styrofoam and then pierced with utensils.
 - The school district reviewed the research and science and agreed to eliminate.
2. Developed Native Plant / Pollinator Demo Garden at the township building, home to over 12 species of native plants that support many different pollinator species. New signage for this spring is coming to help increase its educational value.
3. Hosted Native Plant seminar in June 2025. Gave away many plants grown from the plants we had planted in 2024.
4. ESAC members volunteered at Chester County Solid Waste Authority (CCSWA) for Household Hazardous Waste (HHW) events.
5. Supported East High Environmental Club students with events such as a clothing swap to reduce landfill waste.
6. Reached out to apartment & condo communities within EGT to promote environmental and sustainability programs.
 - Met with resident managers & established email communications with management to pass on to residents.
 - Communication subjects included HHW awareness, e-waste events, Earth Day, container gardening, ways to save on electric bills, etc.
7. Contributed two articles for township newsletters on Native Plants and Composting.
8. Maintained township ESAC Facebook page: [East Goshen ESAC](#).
 - 682 views in the last 28 days.
 - Shared information from groups such as Xerces, Penn State Master Gardener, sustainable influencers, and Stroud Water Research.
9. Began an effort with the Conservancy Board to understand local stream quality & possible remediation strategies.
10. Researched the possibility of working with CCSWA to bring mulch to the township building to sell to residents: Determined not fiscally reasonable.

ESAC Focus & Goals, 2026 & 2027:

- For the next 2 years, ESAC will focus on 5 key environmental themes, by:
 1. Conducting research & announcing findings,
 2. Launching pilot projects,
 3. Engaging & educating the community, building awareness among EGT residents of sustainable choices and practices they could make in their own lives,
 4. Providing input on environmental & sustainability issues to EGT's comprehensive-planning process, and
 5. Developing policy recommendations for the Board of Supervisors (BOS).
- Thematic focus:
 - 1. PROPOSED RESTRICTIONS ON SINGLE-USE PLASTIC CONTAINERS:**
 - Update earlier research
 - Frame the issue for community input & discussion
 - OBJECTIVE: Make YEA or NAY recommendation to BOS.
 - 2. NATIVE-PLANT & POLLINATOR GARDENS:**
 - Expand native & pollinator plantings on EGT property for demonstration purposes, request EGT funding as necessary
 - Engage resident volunteers for garden maintenance
 - Coordinate lectures, demonstrations, & plant & seed exchanges
 - OBJECTIVE: Educate EGT homeowners on the sustainability benefits of native plants and on changes they could make to their own gardens.
 - 3. RESIDENTIAL COMPOSTING:**
 - Research possible pilot programs for the community
 - Request EGT funding for pilots, as necessary
 - Host seminars & demonstrations & publish educational materials. Our first composting seminar is on April 8th in EG Township Bldg.
 - OBJECTIVE: Raise awareness & determine interest among residents for an expanded residential composting program.

4. LOCAL WATER QUALITY & STREAM HEALTH:

- Study the problem & possible solutions, coordinating with Conservancy Board & area groups
- Survey EGT ponds needing remediation and make recommendations to BOS
- OBJECTIVE: Determine the range of possible long-term solutions for local water quality

5. SOLAR PANELS ON EGT PROPERTY:

- Research opportunities, feasibility, fiscal incentives, ROI, etc.
- Coordinate with relevant consultants & interest groups
- OBJECTIVE: Make YEA or NAY recommendation to BOS.

EGT Conservancy Board Accomplishments 2024-2025



2024 Accomplishments

1. Completed Spring tree planting in Clymers' Woods as part of annual *Keep East Goshen Beautiful Day/Arbor Day* celebrations, and Fall planting of six new trees in Applebrook.
2. Continued engagement with EGT residents on key conservation issues with delivery of public workshop on "Watershed Friendly Property Certification", publication of an article in the *Fall 2024 Newsletter* highlighting the Board's key focus areas, and social media posts.
3. Led a well-attended Community Dog Walk in Applebrook to raise awareness around the beauty and value of EGT's trails and habitats.
4. Achieved *Tree City USA* designation from the Arbor Day Foundation for the second consecutive year.
5. Completed Subdivision/Land Development Reviews, as needed, over 2024, and made recommendations for plan revisions, as appropriate.
6. Continued the successful maintenance and expansion of the *EGT Eastern Bluebird Network* to preserve and protect the Township's Bluebird population.
7. Advanced efforts to characterize critical water quality issues that EGT and Chester County are facing and successfully expanded the stakeholder network to enable CB to advise on water quality issues more effectively.

2025 Accomplishments

1. Continued the tradition of planting new trees as part of annual *Keep East Goshen Beautiful Day (KEGB)/Arbor Day* celebrations; published an article in the *Spring 2025 Newsletter* highlighting *KEGB Day*, raising awareness among residents on critical conservation issues.
2. Completed critical maintenance activities of the 120+ trees planted in past years; conducted survey and maintenance of Supplee Valley trees in Fall 2025.
3. Achieved *Tree City USA* designation from the Arbor Day Foundation for the third consecutive year.
4. Advanced efforts to characterize key water quality issues in EGT. Met with Township Manager to discuss critical water quality issues; engaged Lauren McGrath of the Willistown Conservation Trust to present an update on regional water quality; conferred on potential funding sources for EGT related to water quality; collaborated with ESAC on critical water quality issues, including salinity.
5. Continued the successful maintenance and expansion of the *EGT Eastern Bluebird Network* to preserve and protect the local Bluebird population and valuable habitat.
6. Completed Subdivision/Land Development Reviews, as needed, over 2025, and made recommendations for plan revisions, as appropriate.



EGT Conservancy Board Goals for 2026-2027

Continuing Annual Goals

(EGT has expertise and experience; requires minimum capital/labor investment, helps achieve goals and mission)

- Lead successful, annual *Keep East Goshen Beautiful Day Township Cleanup/Arbor Day Tree Planting* in EGT Park
- Complete maintenance activities to preserve newly planted trees/shrubs
- Maintain *Tree City USA* designation
- Maintain and expand the EGT Park Eastern Bluebird Box Network with support from the West Chester East High Environmental Club or others
- Lead in-person workshop/event for public engagement and education on EGT's valuable natural resources
- Publish relevant and timely conservation information in the EGT Newsletter and social media to engage residents
- Support BOS and Planning with review and comment on proposed subdivision and land development plans

New for 2026

- Work toward *Bird City Pennsylvania* designation to highlight EGT's successful efforts to preserve and protect birds and avian habitat
- Establish a Wood Duck Box Network in EGT (modeled after successful Bluebird Box Network), collaborating with the West Chester East Environmental Club
- Evaluate opportunities to establish and promote native pollinators and pollinator habitat

Goals for Complex Conservation Issues

(Critical to EGT over long-term; multi-year/multi-stakeholder, higher resource needs)

- **Riparian Areas and Watershed Health:** Prepare a 3-5 Year *Tree and Shrub Planting and Maintenance Plan* for Suplee Valley and EGT Park in collaboration with Park and Rec, Public Works and ESAC; present plan to BOS in 2026 for implementation in 2027
- **Open Space and Native Habitat Preservation:** Evaluate benefits of and opportunities for expanding "Mowed to Meadows" areas in EGT Park and other locations, as appropriate, in collaboration with Park and Rec and Public Works; present recommendations to BOS for implementation beginning in 2027
- **Water Quality/Watershed Improvement:** Continue review and evaluation of relevant and evolving water quality information to ensure EGT is prepared to address critical water quality issues; continue collaboration with ESAC on salinity issues
- **Invasives Management:** Conduct deeper-dive evaluation of invasives in EGT; consult with technical experts, Public Works, and ESAC to develop scope for consolidated, achievable invasives management plan; present to BOS in 2027 for future implementation



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"Respecting the Past, Serving the Present, Preparing for the Future"
Chester County, PA

Municipal Authority Goals and Accomplishments

2025

Goal – Ridley Creek Wastewater Treatment Plant is in compliance with all requirements.

Status – Ridley Creek Wastewater Treatment Plant was in compliance with all PADEP requirements for all of 2025.

Goal – Continue to implement infiltration and inflow reduction into the sewer system.

Status – We televised over 25,000 linear feet of pipe and identified twelve (12) areas with significant inflows that were repaired by the Public Works Department. Additionally we reduced inflow by replacing 50 manhole castings and lids.

Goal – Attend West Goshen Municipal Authority (MA) Meetings.

Status – Several West Goshen MA meetings were attended to ensure our interests in the wastewater treatment plant are being met.

Goal – Long-term Sustainability

Status – Developed 20 year capital improvement plan.

Additional Accomplishments

- Received \$60,000.00 grant for Hershey Mill Pump Station Upgrades
- Finished installation of the UV system for final effluent at Ridley Creek Wastewater Treatment Plant.
- Completed the lining of the sewer pipes in Supple Valley.
- Upgraded the Hershey Mill pump station

2026

Goal -- Maintain Ridley Creek Waste Water Treatment Plant Compliance with permit requirements.

Goal – Continue to implement infiltration and inflow reduction into the sewer system.

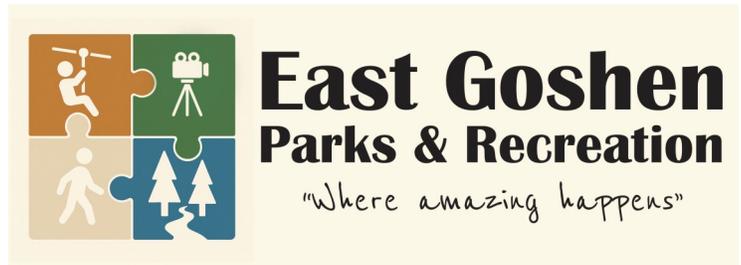
Goal – Attend on an as needed basis, West Goshen Municipal Authority Meetings.

Goal – Ensure long-term sustainability of the East Goshen Wastewater Treatment Plant and conveyance systems.

2026 ABC Kickoff Meeting - Park Commission

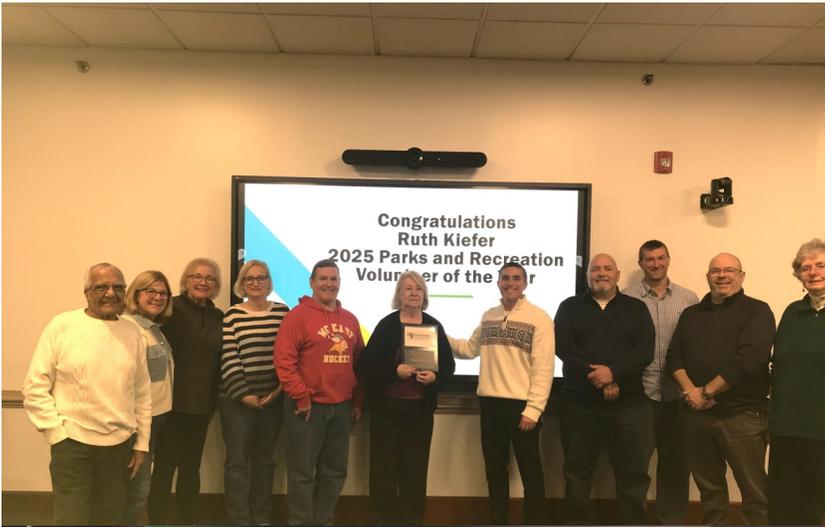
2025 Accomplishments

- Ruth Kiefer named Parks and Rec Volunteer of the Year; Bill Quinn accepts appointment and Danny Leicht resigns
- Created new Parks and Recreation logo and “Adaptive Recreation” program focus area
- 620,000 visits to EGT/Applebrook Park via SOPARC data collection
- Revenues were 57% of expenses; this is double the NRPA Park Metric national average
- Increased Senior programming to include Movie Mondays, Book Club and monthly themed events like Senior’s Wacky Olympics
- Jason recognized with national Garden Club of America Hull Award (youth environmental education)
- Adaptive Recreation programs: PingPongParkinson and Amputee Bocce/Ping Pong
- “Neighbor Day” + “Veteran’s Day” events rebranded as “Salute to Service Day”
- FOEG donates \$45k to EGT; Catalina Wine Mixer smash success
- Collette Travel partnership = \$20k net revenue; 2026 trips are Iceland, Greece and Alaska
- Last 5 NRPA Gold Medal communities have ??? FT staff; EGT = 2
- Cultivated 40+ partnerships = creates ability to offer 50+ programs/year



2026-27 Goals

- Celebrate 15+ America250 events in “Goshen Township”. Headlined by Beat Ben Fun Run (April 26), America250 at Goshen (May 30), Spy Camp, monthly speaker series, & battlefield tours; in partnership with West Goshen Township
- Renovate EGT Park volleyball court; spring/summer programming
- Bocce courts; Eagle Scout bocce closet, accessible bocce sets
- Public water to EGT Park (26); new playground bathroom (27)
- Continue progress towards renovation of Goshen Parkway baseball field into Miracle Field
- New initiative: introduce neighborhoods to walkable park spaces via “Parks and Rec on the Go”
- New Programs: RWB Adult Sports, Arts/Board Game Camps, “67” Games, Kidsclub powered by Kids Mental Health Foundation



East Goshen Township Pipeline Task Force 2024 & 2025 Accomplishments

1. Ordinances for Carbon Dioxide Pipelines and Hydrogen Pipelines.
 - Potential for new pipelines or existing pipelines to be repurposed to transport these gases through the township.
 - The gases have unique physical properties that pose significant safety concerns.
 - PTF developed new ordinances to protect the health and safety of township residents.
 - Ordinances discuss requirements for setbacks, leak detection, emergency response plans, and material of construction.
 - BOS approved Carbon Dioxide Pipeline Ordinance in March 2024 and Hydrogen Pipeline Ordinance in July 2025.

2. Safety upgrades to above-ground valve station on pipelines.
 - There was a major pipeline fire in La Porte Texas in September 2024.
 - The cause was a vehicle strike to an above-ground valve station which was protected only with chain-link fence.
 - PTF carefully reviewed this incident and found many features of this pipeline that are similar to those in our township.
 - As a result, we recommended safety upgrades to an above-ground valve station on the Williams/Transco natural gas pipeline.
 - This station is located on Paoli Pike across from the Goshen Executive Center and is protected only with chain-link fence.
 - Currently investigating ways to implement these improvements.

3. Lessons to learn from jet fuel pipeline leak in Upper Makefield Township.
 - A leak was discovered on a jet fuel pipeline in Upper Makefield Township in 2025.
 - PTF has been following this situation for lessons that we can learn should a similar situation occur in our township.

4. Chester County Emergency Planning - EGT Pipeline Incident Annex.
 - County hired a contractor to develop this annex.
 - PTF provided detailed comments on their draft and updated the list of critical infrastructures.
 - Latest version to be reviewed in 2026.

East Goshen Township Pipeline Task Force 2024 & 2025 Accomplishments

5. Chester County Pipeline Incident Full Scale Exercise.
 - PTF members observed this exercise on the evening of October 27, 2025.
 - It was very interesting and highly informative.
 - We provided feedback to the Chester County Department of Emergency Services.

6. PTF published articles in every township newsletter.
 - Topics included carbon dioxide; the new carbon dioxide pipelines ordinance; new pipeline safety rules; a matching game to test pipeline knowledge; and our goals and accomplishments.

East Goshen Township Pipeline Task Force 2026 & 2027 Goals

1. Continue to pursue safety upgrades to above-ground valve station on pipelines carrying hazardous materials within EGT.
 - Williams/Transco station on Paoli Pike is top priority. Current recommendations are guide railing at the edge of the roadway and bollards or barriers close to the station.

2. Chester County Emergency Planning - EGT Pipeline Incident Annex.
 - Review annex and provide comments to BOS.

3. Share PTF work with neighboring townships.
 - They potentially have similar pipeline issues.
 - Ordinances and above-ground valve stations are opportunities.
 - West Whiteland adopted a carbon dioxide pipeline ordinance in September 2024. It is very similar to EGT ordinance.

4. Enhance awareness of pipeline safety via improved communications.
 - Utilize new EGT website.
 - Develop a specific page that provides details on pipelines in our township.
 - Investigate other communication methods such as safety brochures for each pipeline.
 - Continue to contribute to the township newsletters with information in easy-to-understand formats for the public.

5. Continue monitoring activities involving all active pipelines in EGT.
 - Advise BOS on pipeline issues concerning EGT.
 - Address concerns raised by residents.
 - Review revisions and updates to applicable federal and state regulations.

East Goshen Township Pipeline Task Force 2026 & 2027 Goals

6. Continue outreach and relationship building with elected officials at federal, state, and county levels.
 - Advocate for appropriate pipeline legislation.

7. Fill vacancy on PTF to achieve full staffing.
 - Currently have four members (Judi, Mary, David, and Gerry) and one vacancy.

**East Goshen Township Planning Commission.
Report on 2024 & 2025 Accomplishments and Proposed 2026 & 2027goals –
Date March 10, 2025**

Planning Commission significant accomplishments for 2024 & 2025:

Projects Reviewed

- Conditional Use Application: 1306 West Chester Pike 1344 (BOS Approved 4/16/24)
- Subdivision and Land Development Application: Morstein Road Sketch Plan (PC discussion)
- Subdivision and Land Development Application: Timbermill- 301 Reservoir Road (BOS Approved 6/18/24 and 9/3/24)
- Subdivision and Land Development Application: Millstone Meadows- 1010 Hershey Mill Rd (BOS Approved 9/3/24)
- Subdivision and Land Development Application: 14 Reservoir Road (BOS Approved 9/17/24)
- Preliminary Land Development Application: Enterprise Drive- CTDI (BOS Approved 10/15/24)
- Conditional Use Application: 1671 & 1681 E. Strasburg Road- Connors (BOS Approved 11/19/24)
- Conditional Use Application: 1302 Goshen Pkwy – ZEKS (PC recommended approval 10/22/24 BOS approved on 12/17/24.)
- Note: Malvern Institute Land Development Application has expired with no further action.
- Subdivision and Land Development Application for 1344 Morstein Rd. (Board Approved 12/16/25)
- Subdivision and Land Development Application for 1338 Morstein Rd. (Board Approved 12/16/25)

Initiatives Completed

- Revised PC bylaws
- Developed new member information package

Planning Commission Goals for 2026 & 2027:

- Support East Goshen Township Comprehensive Plan 2015 ten-year review per Pennsylvania Municipalities Planning Code Article III – Comprehensive Plan.
- Develop Data Center Ordinance.
- Timely review of Subdivision and Land Development Applications and Variances when submitted.