

Salisbury Township Environmental Advisory Committee  
2900 South Pike Ave.  
Allentown, PA 18103

February 19, 2014

Salisbury Township Board of Commissioners  
Mr. Randy Soriano, Township Manager  
2900 South Pike Ave.  
Allentown, PA 18103

RE: Salisbury Township Environmental Advisory Committee  
Annual Report for the Year 2013

Dear Board of Commissioners and Township Manager:

The Members of the Salisbury Township Environmental Advisory Committee would like to take this opportunity of presenting our Annual Report for the year of 2013, as referenced below:

**ACTIVITIES**

1. The EAC maintained monthly meetings during 2013 on the third Wednesday of each month with three exceptions: the April, August and December meetings were canceled. Among the topics covered at the meetings have been discussions for potential projects such as
  - Audubon Bird Town status for the Township
  - Naturalizing the yard for an eco-friendly lawn
  - Composting to help alleviate tonnage to landfills
  - Review the Zoning Amendments regarding the Environmental Section
  - Earth Day events at Township parks
  - Back Yard composting
  - Planting memorial trees in Township parks
  - Value of utilization of native species as plantings
  - Educating public on invasive plants
  - Household hazardous waste
  - Recycling initiatives
  - Shade Tree removal from the local streets
  - Advocate with property owners regarding the importance of trees
  - Communicate with the Salisbury Township School District, St. Thomas More and the Swain School on projects that support environmental awareness by involving students
  - Raise the profile of Salisbury Township as a critical ecosystem related to wildlife habitat, air quality and water quality.
2. The EAC members have attended various meetings, workshops and conferences related to topics that affect Salisbury Township including:

- Workshop Designing Natives in your own backyard held on March 10, 2013
- Hosted a Public Meeting to address Walking Purchase Park proposed improvements by providing a public forum to address the residents' concerns
- Glenn Miller Participated in the Lehigh University Campus Master Plan presentation and tour on September 18, 2013.
- Representatives from the EAC met with representatives of Salisbury Township School District in November 2013 to discuss potential projects between the Salisbury Township EAC and the School Districts. One project proposed focused on the riparian buffer restoration of Trout Creek along school district boundaries.

## **ACCOMPLISHMENTS**

1. The EAC was instrumental in advocating for Salisbury Township to join in the distinction of becoming an Audubon Bird Town municipality.
2. Hosted the first Salisbury Township Earth Day Celebration on May 18, 2013 at Lindberg Park.
3. The EAC had the opportunity to review the environmental portion of the zoning amendments and afforded some recommendations to the Planning Commission specific to Chapter 5 Environmental Protections such as steep slopes, water resources, and new technologies in energy.

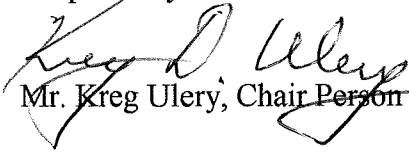
## **GOALS AND OBJECTIVES**

1. To establish communication with the Salisbury Township School District, St. Thomas More School and the Swain School to discuss potential environmental awareness projects on school property and/or involve students
2. To continue environmental awareness efforts to educate Township residents
3. To raise the profile of Salisbury Township as a critical ecosystem for the well being of the Lehigh Valley, particularly related to wildlife habitat, air quality, water quality and our watershed

## **GOING FORWARD**

1. The EAC thanks the Board of Commissioners for its continued support and welcomes the opportunity to discuss any environmental issues for which the Commissioners seek information
2. We are committed to clearly outlining any proposed costs of upcoming projects for review and discussion by the Board of Commissioners as we seek their approval to proceed
3. We also seek their assistance to add new members to serve on the Task Force for key issues of concern, as well as to promptly fill any vacancies that may arise on the EAC during the upcoming year

Respectfully Submitted



Mr. Kreg Ulery, Chair Person

Salisbury Township EAC Members:

Kreg Ulery, Chair Person

Mr. Glenn Miller, Vice-Chair Person

Mary Anne Stinner

Jane Benning

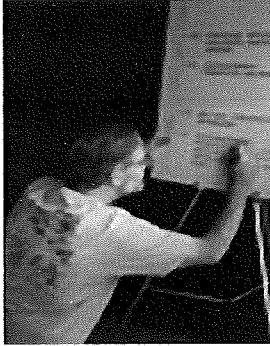
Sandra Thomas

Joseph Hebelka, Planning Commission Representative

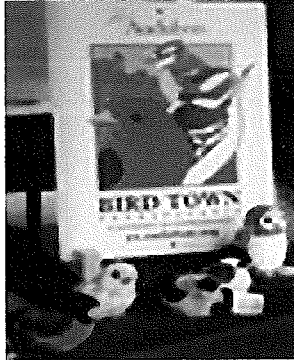
JoAnne Ackerman, Board of Commissioner Representative

Cynthia Sopka, Secretary

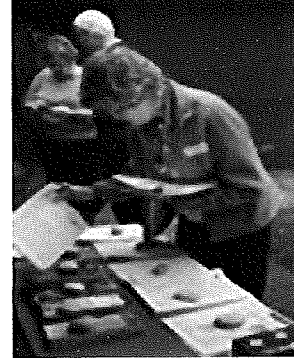
**Salisbury Township  
Earth Day Celebration  
May 18 2013 at Lindberg Park**



Kreg Ulery prepares the  
Agenda of presentations



Bird Town Display



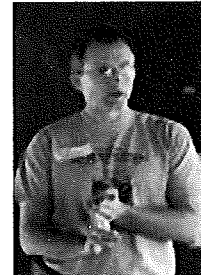
Earth Day Information  
Mary Anne Stinner EAC



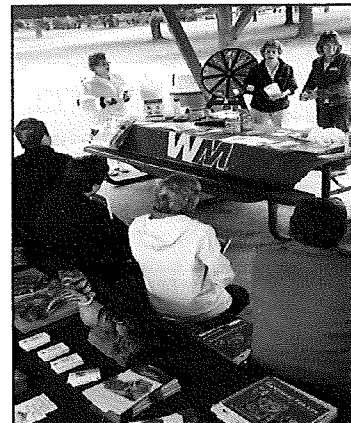
COMPOSTING presented by  
Linda Sheftel Master Gardener



LAWN MAINTENANCE  
presented by Clint Walker



BIRD TOWN presented by  
Brian Delphus



SPECIAL GUEST—RECYCLER THE ROBOT presented RECYCLING by WASTE MANAGEMENT Liz Barto and Patty Barthel



# **Salisbury Township's 2nd Annual Earth Fair Celebration**

**Fun and Learning for Everyone – Activities for Children**

**April 26, 2014, 10:00am to 12:00pm,**

**Lindberg Park, Lindberg Ave, Allentown, PA 18103**

**RAIN OR SHINE**

## **Come and Learn:**

Composting - Lehigh Valley Master Gardeners

Creating a Sustainable Culture - Lehigh Valley Health Network

Salisbury: A Bird Town Community - Lehigh Valley Audubon Society

Recycling and Hazardous Waste – Waste Management

***A Free Event Brought to you by the:***

**Salisbury Township Environmental Advisory Council**

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