



November 23, 2016

Dear Members of City Council,

In accordance with the Bethlehem Environmental Advisory Council Bylaws, we submit the following report for the year 2016.

Accomplishments for 2016 include:

- Letter of March 2016 to Mayor Donchez supporting the use of all tackle (not just artificial lures) in Saucon Park to encourage young fishermen, many of whom will become tomorrow's stewards of the environment;
- Letter of April 2016 giving recommendations regarding the proposed parking garage on the south side of Bethlehem;
- Revisions to the EAC Bylaws to accurately reflect current practice and be consistent with Article 146, which established the EAC;
- Recommendations to City Council for amendments to Article 146 regarding the composition of the EAC, which were passed;
- Support to Bethlehem Backyards for Wildlife (BBFW) and the Citizens Traffic Advisory Committee (CTAC);
- Interactions with city departments, for example, tour of the recycling center and inquiries and offers of support to the Department of Water & Sewer Resources;
- EAC member participation in local programs and organizations related to the environment, such as ReNew Lehigh Valley, Northampton County Federation of Sportsmen's Club, Lehigh Valley Planning Commission, Pedestrian/Bike Bridge initiative, Eastern PA Greenways and Trails Summit, Sierra Club;
- Updates to the City website.

We currently have an open two-year position due to the resignation of Cathy Reuscher and an open three-year position due to the change in composition of the

EAC. One candidate has submitted his resume to City Council to avail himself of the opportunity to serve on the EAC.

EAC member Fran Cundall's current term expires at the end of 2016 after 9 years of service to the committee. Fran has been a dedicated member of the EAC since its inception in 2007. She will not seek another term, thus creating another open 3 year position on the council. However, we will continue to benefit from Fran's work with the BBFW. We thank both her and Cathy Reuscher for their service to the City of Bethlehem and wish them well in their future endeavors.

We ask that City Council and the Mayor advise us of others who would like the opportunity to become a member of the Bethlehem EAC.

Our great appreciation goes to Louise Kelchner, City Clerk, for her support of the Bethlehem EAC. She responds immediately to all of our requests and questions, places notices in the newspaper and facilitates communication between the EAC, City Council and the Mayor's office.

We look forward to 2017 with a full complement of members.

Respectfully submitted,

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cc: Mayor Donchez