



Wrightstown Township Environmental Advisory Council

Monthly Meeting Minutes

June 8, 2026

1. EAC Attendees: Scott McBurney, Robin Hoy, Gia Yaccarino, Dana Hunting
Other Attendees: Jane Magne, Bridget Hilbig
2. Call to Order – 7:46PM
3. Approval of 05/11/2026 Meeting Minutes – Approved unanimously
4. Public Comment – No public comment
5. New Business
 - a. Anchor Run MS4 Stream Restoration Project Review
EAC reviewed revised MS4 stream restoration project. Based on this review with other members of the public, the follow suggestions were provided to Arro Consulting:
 1. Deer Protection: While the plan includes trunk protectors to prevent buck rub on trees, there is no protection specified for shrubs. Since the trees will be installed above the browse line, the shrubs—particularly the buttonbush—remain highly susceptible to deer browse. Will protection for shrubs be included?
 2. Seeding Warranty: Note L.1.a. on the seeding schedule indicates that the township is responsible for all maintenance once installed. Is there a warranty period if the seeding fails to establish? There should be a permit condition in the approved Sediment Control Plan that the site is stabilized post-construction before final inspection and close out of the permit by the conservation district.
 3. Establishment and Maintenance: Is there a plan for watering shrubs, trees, and/or seeds until they are fully germinated and established? It was noted that the installed woody plant material would be warrantied for 1 year. Additionally, we suggest inoculating the roots of the installed plants with mycorrhizae to improve water uptake and nutrient retention and overall success of the plantings.

4. Additional Suggested Species that the local deer population tend to not browse that we recommend to increase diversity are:

SHRUBS

Bayberry (*Myrica pensylvanica*)

Ninebark (*Physocarpus opulifolius*)

Fragrant sumac (*Rhus aromatica*)

Chokeberry (*Aronia melanocarpa*)

Gray dogwood (*Cornus racemosa*)

Witch hazel (*Hamamelis virginiana*)

Increase black haw viburnum numbers

Reduce buttonbush and place some around wetland pockets since they are a wetland shrub

TREES

Catalpa (*Catalpa speciosa*)

Red oak (*Quercus rubra*)

White oak (*Quercus alba*)

Swamp white oak (*Quercus bicolor*)

Maple species (*Acer* spp.)

Sassafras (*Sassafras albidum*)

Black locust (*Robinia pseudoacacia*)

Hickory species (*Carya* spp.)

Our idea here is that the three tree species proposed are not canopy species, and with the removal of canopy species we would like to see some replaced. In addition, it's going to be important to get an overstory established as soon as possible to discourage the nearby Japanese knotweed stand from spreading to this area. If the knotweed gets a foothold in the area of this project, a lot of this work will be for not as that plant tends to destabilize the soil in steep slope areas and cause erosion.

- b. It's not likely feasible to move the access corridor. The grove of trees are a bit closer together with low branches than anticipated and likely don't allow for passage of larger vehicles without removal or limbing. Its likely damage to the roots would occur as well.

6. Old Business

- a. PFAs updates from PADEP (if available) – No updates available.
- b. Review local township newsletters (for potential of developing Wrightstown newsletter) - Tabled

7. Adjournment – 8:52 PM