

MONDAY

Funding Trails: Getting \$120 Million on Our MPO's TIP

Monday, June 9th, 10:00 AM – 11:00 AM

Virtual Via Zoom

Presented by:

Emily Goldstein

Senior Environmental Planner

Delaware Valley Regional Planning Commission (DVRPC)

Elaine Paul Schaefer

Executive Director Schuylkill River Greenways &

Delaware County Councilmember

Patrick Starr

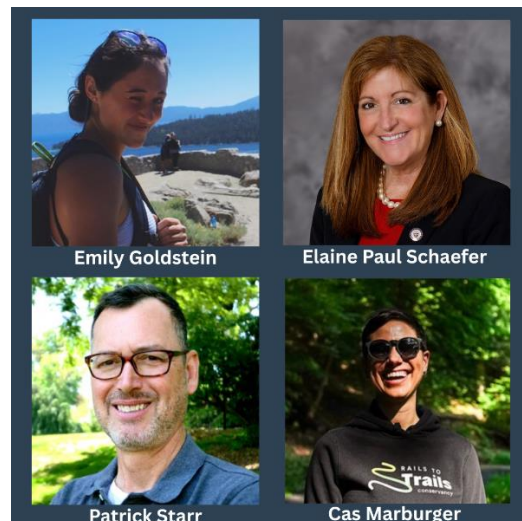
Executive Vice President

PA Environmental Council, Chair, Circuit Trails Coalition

Cas Marburger

Director of Communications

Rails to Trails Conservancy



For years, the Circuit Trails Coalition pushed for significant funding for trail design, construction, and related costs to be included on the Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) of the Delaware Valley Regional Planning Commission (DVRPC), the MPO for Greater Philadelphia. The coalition recently succeeded, when DVRPC allocated \$120 Million of Carbon Reduction Program funds from the Bi-Partisan Infrastructure Bill for trail corridors in Chester, Delaware, Montgomery, and Philadelphia counties. When combined with a Circuit Trails CMAQ-funded line item and other projects, the region's TIP includes more than \$250 Million for trail development – landmark funding for the Greater Philadelphia region. The presentation will share the story of the sustained advocacy effort, which included educating elected officials, cultivating and coordinating leaders' support of trails, and activating a constituency, all of which resulted in the largest share of federal Carbon funds dedicated to trail development in the nation. Speakers will share perspectives from within DVRPC, elected office, and the advocacy sphere, leaving participants with keys to securing this kind of victory for their own organizations.

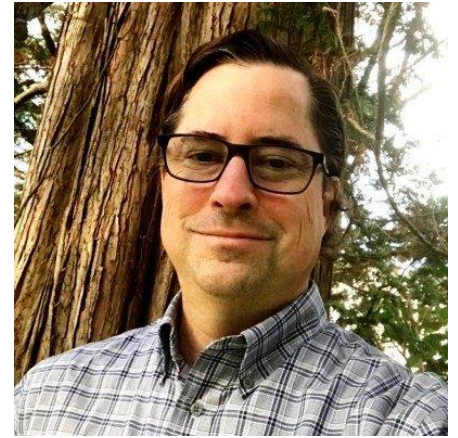
Powering Our Future: Understanding Energy and Its Impact (Energy 101)

Monday, June 9th, 12:00 PM – 1:00 PM

Virtual Via Zoom

Presented by:

Noel Smyth



Join us for an engaging session that demystifies the world of energy. We'll explore the various forms of energy, their sources, and how they influence our daily lives and the environment. Discover practical steps you can take to make informed energy choices, reduce your carbon footprint, and contribute to a sustainable future. Whether you're a homeowner, renter, or simply curious about energy, this presentation offers valuable insights for everyone.

Lessening the Burden: How PA House Bill 109 Seeks to Tackle Cumulative Impacts of Pollution in Environmental Justice Communities

Monday, June 9th, 3:00 PM – 4:00 PM

Virtual Via Zoom

Presented by:

Dr. Loyd D. Bastin

Associate Dean of Science,
Professor, Departments of Chemistry and Biochemistry
Widener University



Under the Pennsylvania constitution, all Pennsylvanians have the right to a clean environmental, regardless of zip code; however, that is not always the case in practice. Professor Loyd Bastin will be sharing more about how House Bill 109 seeks to address cumulative impacts and pollution burdens in Pennsylvania's most vulnerable communities.

Nature Over Noise: How Maplewood, NJ Successfully Banned Gas-Powered Leaf Blowers

Monday, June 9th, 7:00 PM – 8:00 PM

Virtual Via Zoom

Presented by:

Mayor Nancy Adams

Mayor
Maplewood Township, New Jersey



Gas-powered leaf blowers are coming under fire as towns across the nation seek to ban them within their borders. Mayor Nancy Adams will share how her town, Maplewood, New Jersey, took a phased approach to the ban, allowing residents to breathe easier on their quiet streets. Mayor Adams will highlight the environmental and health benefits, community response, and challenges faced along the way. This presentation offers practical insights for other communities considering similar action.

TUESDAY

Delaware County Office of Sustainability Update

Thursday, June 12th, 12:00 PM – 1:00 PM

Virtual Via Zoom

Presented by:

Rebecca Yurkovich

County Sustainability Officer

Delaware County



The Delaware County Office of Sustainability was created in 2021 with the mission of making Delaware County and its government operations more sustainable and resilient to the effects of climate change. This presentation will provide an overview of *Sustain Delco: A Sustainability Plan for Delaware County* and serve as an annual update on the Office's efforts to push sustainability forward.

Sustainable Homeowners' Associations (HOAs)

Tuesday, June 10th, 7:00 PM – 8:00 PM

Virtual Via Zoom

Presented by:

Rachael Griffith, RLA, AICP

Sustainability Director

Chester County Planning Commission



In southeast PA hundreds of thousands of residents are part of a homeowners' association, many of which have rules preventing residents from installing solar panels, composting, replacing their lawn with gardens, and more. With rising interest in sustainability, learn about what HOAs can do to reduce barriers to resident sustainability practices and to steward their land in ways that don't increase costs and that build community.

WEDNESDAY

Communication Strategies for Stewardship, Building a Plan that Works!

Wednesday, June 11th, 10:00 AM – 11:00 AM

Virtual Via Zoom

Presented by:

Monika Collins

Chief Advancement Officer

The Foundation for Delaware County

With the future of government funding uncertain, alternative sources of income are more important than ever for small businesses, non-profit organizations, and community groups. During this session, Monika Collins, Chief Advancement Officer for the Foundation for Delaware County will share her expertise and tips build great fundraising campaigns. Attend this session to learn how to strengthen your campaigns through effective storytelling, aligning with donors' goals, and building communications plan that won't drown your inbox. This session is great for non-profits, community groups, and small businesses seeking to enhance their marketing strategy!



Reviving the Past for Sustainability Futures: Case Study of the Lazaretto Quarantine Station and the Sustainability of Adaptive Reuse

Wednesday, June 11th, 12:00 PM - 1:00 PM

Virtual Via Zoom

Presented by:

Kate Clifford, Planner IV, Delaware County Planning Department

David Schreiber, Township Manager, Tinicum Township

Pat McCarthy, Township Commissioner, Tinicum Township



In Zero Waste, we often hear "using what you have" is best, but historic buildings are often left out of that idea. In this session, Kate Clifford from the Delaware County Planning Department will introduce the concept of Adaptive Reuse, or reimagining historic buildings for new uses, as a viable practice for a sustainable future. David Schreiber and Pat McCarthy will then dive into the Case Study of the Historic Lazaretto Quarantine Station and how the Township brought it back to life! This is a great session to attend for anyone interested in history, sustainable building, or plans to attend the Closing Keynote Celebration on Saturday!

Our Homes, Our Health: Understanding & Acting on Environmental Exposures in Delaware County

Wednesday, June 11th, 3:00 PM – 4:00 PM

Virtual Via Zoom

Presented by:

Lora Siegmann Werner, MPH

Director

Delaware County Health Department



Environmental health and public health are two halves of the same whole. This session will not only explore prevalent environmental exposures, like air pollution or lead, in Delaware County, but it will also provide residents with the tools for identifying risk factors within our homes and resources for making your home (and planet) a healthier place to live.

Green Spaces as a Cornerstone of Sustainability

Wednesday, June 11th, 4:30 PM – 5:30 PM

Virtual Via Zoom

Presented by: Alison Dobbins,

**Chair of the Delaware County Green Space Task Force and Township
Manager of Kennett Township**



The Delaware County Green Space Task Force (GSTF) is appointed by County Council and charged with guiding Delaware County's vision and policy direction for green space. Its members have leadership experience and knowledge of the natural world and civic affairs, and are all motivated by preserving open space, natural lands, and access to quality parks and recreation. Learn more about how parks, trails, and open space are vital to the sustainability and resilience of our community and how the County is supporting Green Space and Trails Projects.

Zero Waste 101: A Beginner's Guide to Sustainable Living

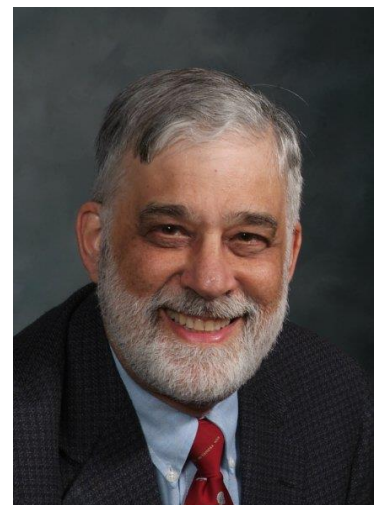
Wednesday, June 11th, 7:00 PM – 8:00 PM

Virtual Via Zoom

Presented by:

David Director

When things are no longer useful or wanted, they are thrown away, but there really is no "away". This session dives into the concept of Zero Waste, which serves as a meaningful alternative to our current "throwaway culture". Participants will leave with a high-level understanding of Zero Waste, and what it means to have a circular economy. Following the presentation, a panel of local Zero Waste experts will touch on strategies for implementing Zero Waste in our communities and answer your most-asked waste questions!



THURSDAY

From Storms to Strategy: Coordinated Watershed Planning across Delaware County

Thursday, June 12th, 10:00 AM – 11:00 AM

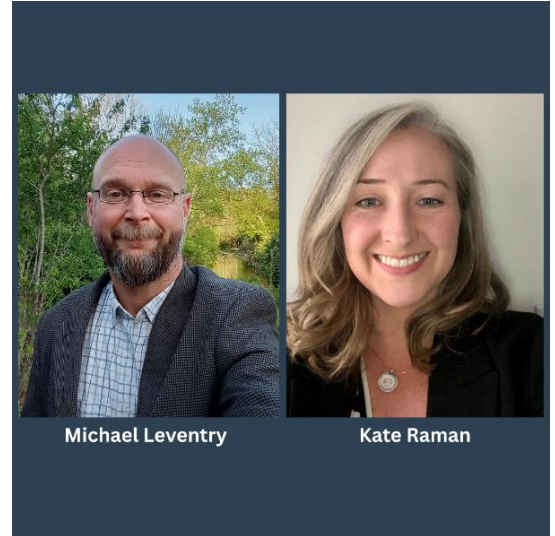
Virtual Via Zoom

Presented by:

Kate Raman
Natural Lands

Michael Leventry
Delaware County Planning Department

Steven Schultz
Delaware County Emergency Services Department



In our changing climate, storms are becoming harsher and more prevalent in Delaware County, impacting residents long after the waters have subsided. This session will explore three local planning efforts, which are seeking to address the challenges of flooding from different angles: hazard mitigation, stormwater management, and community-wide watershed planning. Speakers from the Delaware County Department of Emergency Services, Delaware County Planning Department, and Natural Lands will each touch on how their organizations are tackling this complex issue and how coordinating efforts will lead to a more resilient Delaware County.

Become Watershed-Friendly from Home!

Thursday, June 12th, 12:00 PM – 1:00 PM

Virtual Via Zoom

Presented by:
Meagan Hopkins Doerr
Coordinator
Master Watershed Stewards of Chester & Delaware Counties



Learn about decisions you can make inside and outside your home to be watershed-friendly. Part of this talk will include using resources, including the Watershed-Friendly Certification, which is open to Pennsylvanians living in single or adjoined houses, apartments, HOAs, and large property owners.

Southeastern PA's Energy Transition: A Regional Perspective

Thursday, June 12th, 4:00 PM – 5:00 PM

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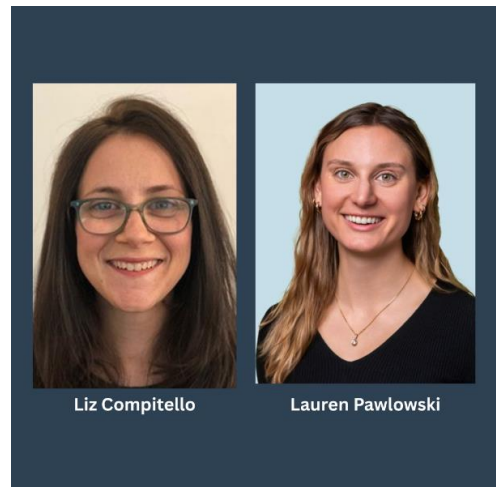
Presented by:

Liz Compitello

Manager of the Office of Sustainable Energy
Delaware Valley Regional Planning Commission (DVRPC)

Lauren Pawlowski

Senior Program Coordinator
Delaware Valley Regional Planning Commission (DVRPC)



DVRPC, the region's Metropolitan Planning Organization for Greater Philadelphia, supports the access to clean and affordable heating, cooling, and power services for every household, business, and institution in the region by 2050. To achieve this goal, a combination of energy efficiency, conservation, electrification, and cleaner energy courses are needed. To make these changes, DVRPC is leading the charge and supporting an energy transition through a mix of innovative projects at all scales – municipal, county, and regional! Attend this session for a fast and fervent overview of all things energy!

Global Goals, Local Leadership: Sustainability Success Stories and Innovations from Pingtung County, Taiwan

Thursday, June 12th, 7:30 PM – 8:30 PM

Virtual Via Zoom

Presented by:

Yen, Hsing-Yuan

Director General of the Environmental Protection Bureau,
Pingtung County Government, Taiwan

Chun Chung, Lu

Environmental Section Chief Adjunct & Director of the Green
Energy Promotion Office, Pingtung County Government, Taiwan



In April 2024, Delaware County had the privilege of signing a Sister County agreement with Pingtung County, Taiwan. This partnership aims to foster long-term friendship and collaboration toward a more sustainable future. Delaware County is pleased to host Directors Yen and Lu of the Pingtung County Environmental Bureau to highlight their most innovative and exciting sustainability projects ranging from floating solar panels to farmer subsidies for endangered species protection. Attend this session for an eye-opening glimpse at how local leaders from across the global are tackling the global challenges of climate change.

FRIDAY

Digging Deeper: How Regenerative Food Systems Nourish Physical Health, Environmental Health, and Social Equity

Friday, June 13th, 12:00 PM – 1:00 PM

Virtual Via Zoom

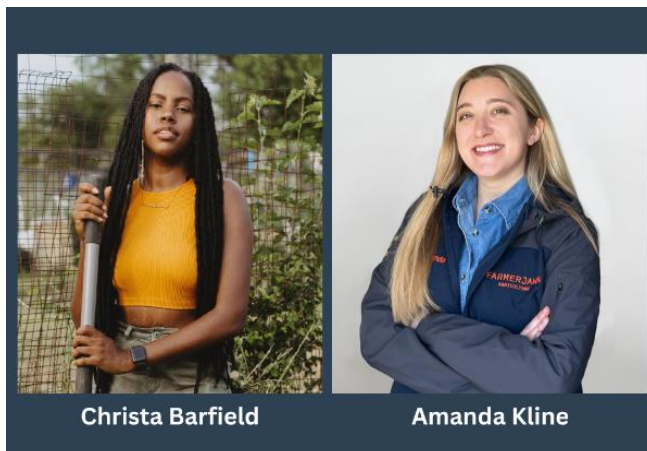
Presented by:

Christa Bradfield

Owner and Founder
FarmerJawn

Amanda Kline

Impact Manager
FarmerJawn



Christa Bradfield

Amanda Kline

FarmerJawn is reintroducing farming into the lifestyles of urban communities in the Philadelphia Region! This session will introduce how regenerative organic farming not only seeks to restore the soil, but also to cultivate physical, social and environmental health in our communities. For FarmerJawn Agriculture is the culture. Learn more about the integration of local agriculture in our urban communities and how you can support this mission!

END VIRTUAL SESSIONS

Native vs Invasive Flora and Fauna – Guided Hike Through Ridley Creek State Park

Friday, June 13th, 1:30 PM – 3:30 PM

In-Person at Ridley Creek State Park

[Meet at the Yellow Trailhead at the Upper Level of the Mansion Parking Lot](#)

All are welcome to join this IN-PERSON Guided Hike through Ridley Creek State Park. Hikers will be accompanied by a knowledgeable nature guide who will share information about native and invasive flora and fauna throughout the park. This is a family-friendly activity, but all youth participants must be accompanied by a parent or guardian. This hike will take between 1.5 to 2 hours. The first half of the hike is on an uneven dirt trail and the second half is on a paved multi-use trail.

SATURDAY

4th Annual Delaware County Sustainability Conference Closing Keynote and Tabling Expo

Saturday, June 14th, 10:00 AM - 2:15 PM

Lazaretto Ballroom and Historic Quarantine Station (97 & 99 Wanamaker Avenue, Essington, PA 19029)

Agenda

Activities Begin at 10:00 AM in the Lazaretto Ballroom (99 Wanamaker Ave)

Space Generously Sponsored by Capozzoli Catering



- **10:00 – 10:30 AM:**
 - Meet and Greet Breakfast with the Delaware County Sustainability Commission
- **10:30 AM – 11:00 AM:**
 - General Registration and Networking with Participants
- **11:00 AM – 12:15 PM:**
 - Keynote Presentation
 - **Glenn "the Hurricane" Schwartz**, Retired Chief Meteorologist from NBC10 Philadelphia, Dedicated Climate Communicator, Author, and Bowtie Enthusiast
 - After 42 years of on-air weather reporting, retired Chief Meteorologist for NBC10 Philadelphia Glenn "the Hurricane" Schwartz will share his experiences in witnessing the changes in climate throughout his career while informing participants about the severe impacts of climate change. Glenn specializes in delivering science-backed climate science in an approachable and engaging way, which is sure to inspire audiences to take action within their communities. This session will be followed by an interactive question.

Participants are Invited to Cross the Parking Lot to the Historic Lazaretto Quarantine Station

Space Generously Provided by Tinicum Township

- **12:15 – 2:15 PM:**
 - Networking with more than **25 Exhibitors** on the Stunning Porch and Patio with sweeping views of the Delaware River
 - Exciting **Electric Vehicle Exposition** (Parking Lot)
 - **Tours of the Italian Cultural Center of the Delaware Valley** (2nd Floor)
 - View the **Art Gallery of the Swedish Colonial Society** (2nd Floor)

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