

Annapolis Environmental Commission Activities Report for 2009

Prepared December 02, 2009 by current Environmental Commission Chair – Marie Rinaldi

Commission Monthly Meeting Attendance

The Environmental Commission is scheduled to meet the 2nd Thursday of each month.

The meeting for August was cancelled for summer break

Commissioner	Term Start	Term End	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
2009 AEC Members													
Jacky Cox		Jun09	X			X	X	X					
Virginia DeLuca			X	X	X		X				X	X	
Marie Gough				X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	
Dan Hass			X	X		X	X	X	X		X		
Karl Hoke		Jun09	X	X	X		X	X					
Chris Kamenoff			X		X	X			X		X		
Suzanne Pogell			X		X	X	X	X	X		X	X	
Clark Rachfal		Jun09		X	X	X		X	X				
Burnell Vincent		Jun09				X	X						
2009 New Members													
Diane Butler	Sep09										X		
Virginia Ganley	Sep09									X	X	X	
Rachel Rachfal	Sep09										X	X	
Ted Weber	Sep09									X	X	X	
City Staff													
Tami Hook				X	X	X	X			X	X	X	
Jan van Zutphen				X	X	X	X	X		X	X	X	
Iain Banks											X		
Gina Beard				X									
Maria Broadbent			X	X							X		
Mike Mallinoff												X	
Robert Savidge			X	X			X						
Guests / Speakers													
Sam Shropshire				X									
Andrea Wheeler				X									
Chris White										X	X		

Restoration and Enhancement Efforts

- 04/18/09: Admiral Heights Tree Give-Away – Hands on Effort
- 04/22/09: Rain Barrel Installation – St Johns College
- 05/09: Sent a letter supporting a proposed National Fish and Wildlife Grant addressing Truxtun Park erosion
- 10/24/09: City of Annapolis Tree Giveaway – Truxtun Park Pool – Hands on Effort
- 11/07/09: City of Annapolis Tree Giveaway – Truxtun Park Pool – Hands on Effort

Public Outreach

- 04/26/09: Arbor Day Tree Planting Ceremony in the August Woods Community
- 06/12/09: Purchased Annapolis Environmental Commission (AEC) Banner to advertise AEC involvement in environmental forums and events
- 06/22/09: Environmental Awareness Effort – AEC Booth at Eastport-a-Rockin’ –Hands on Effort
- 08/09: Published article in the Annapolis Quarterly Magazine introducing the AEC and detailing the Waypoints initiative and other AEC environmental projects
- 11/01/09: Joggin’ Joe Run Support. AEC planned to set up / staff an outreach table for the post-run event. Table cancelled due to inclement weather.

Reviewed and provided input for the following subjects

- Arbor Day Tree Seminar
- Plastic Bag Ban
- Sustainable Annapolis Community Action Plan
- Annapolis Environmental Stewardship Certification
- Bike to Work Day
- Earth Day Celebration at Quiet Waters Park
- Watershed Forum Report
- Oyster Reefing Project
- Chesapeake Bay Trust Grant
- Tucker Street Boat Ramp Erosion Concerns

AEC On-Going Initiatives / Actions

- **Way-Point Sign Initiative**
 - **Phase 1 & 2 Complete.**
 - Installed prominent signs to showcase environmental “best practices” in eleven Annapolis municipal parks
 - Created an educational brochure which detailed the technologies and benefits of using these environmental “Best Practices” to sustain our community and the home communities of the many outside visitors to Annapolis
 - Placed PDF version of brochure on AEC Webpage to highlighting environmental “best practices” to a wider audience
 - **Phase 3 In Process**
 - Creating companion website to give individuals directions on how to implement environmental “Best Practices.”
 - Unveiling planned for Fall 2010
- **Awards**
 - Received the Mayor’s Green Star Award
 - Received Four Rivers Heritage Award

- **Website and Technology Refresh**
 - Grew the “listserv” to nearly 300 members. We continue to use this medium for updates to the public regarding environmental issues, events, and technologies. User feedback has been positive.
 - Collaborated with the City’s webmaster to improve Restoration / Enhancement Project Event Notification page, providing additional emphasis to these key public events
 - Used AEC website to publicized list of local environmental organizations so the citizens of Annapolis will identify groups and individuals making an environmental difference in our community and will provide financial donations and volunteer time to support these ongoing efforts

- **Downtown Annapolis Commercial Recycling Effort**
 - Contacted Annapolis public works to determine status of Commercial Recycling Initiative for city businesses
 - Working to add the Commercial Recycling Fee Restructuring initiative to the City Council agenda for immediate action by the new mayor and council

- **City Park Recycling Effort**
 - Working with city officials to add recycling bins in City Parks for public use

- **Market Place Eco Stand:**
 - Received city approval to implement a temporary Eco information stand in the City’s Market House
 - Named subcommittee to develop draft layout and content for AEC review and approval
 - Requested permanent presence in the Market House
 - Target completion date: Spring 2010

- **Grant Writing**
 - AEC is aware of numerous grants supporting community environmental efforts
 - At AEC request, DNEP is educating commission members on the grant writing process to help the AEC secure outside funding in support of local environmental projects