

Environmental Advisory Committee Projects
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2020 New Projects			
EAC-2020-01	Exploration of Solar Energy Projects	Research potential solar installation projects in TOM. Investigate potential sponsors and funding options, such as grants and power service agreements.	Ongoing. December 2020 presentation to EAC by Dr. Tony Kerzmann.
EAC-2020-02	Sustainability Student Project	Work with UPitt Sustainability class to prepare a Capstone project focusing on a sustainability project for the ToM.	Ongoing. Prepared proposal for Spring 2021 project.
	Oil & Gas Ordinance Amendment Review and Recommendations	Reviewed pending ordinance documents for McCandless Oil and Gas Ordinance Amendment.	11/12/2020 - Submitted EAC Recommendation document to the Town Planning Administrator.
	Litter Subcommittee	Subcommittee formed to coordinate all litter control efforts in ToM. Committee includes EAC members, Town Council liaison and resident representatives. Subcommittee to meet between EAC meetings and provide written reports to EAC and Town Council.	2/5/2020 and 9/29/2020 – met with Town Manager and Code Enforcement Officer. 12/10/2020 – met with Rep. Mercuri.
Ongoing Projects			
EAC-2017-01	Environmental Tips	Environmental Tips published in monthly McMail.	Ongoing.
EAC-2017-02	Green Space Inventory	Green Space Inventory prepared for ToM - available on Town Website.	EAC will continue to update this Green Space Inventory annually.
EAC-2017-03	Community Outreach	EAC annually participates in Garden in the Park and Community Days. New in 2020, agreed to participate in Northland Library Earth Day Fair.	All 2020 Events cancelled due to COVID-19. Plan to continue participation in 2021, as events are scheduled.
EAC-2017-07	Wall Park Valley Trail Feasibility	Feasibility assessment. Completed in 2018.	Efforts underway to seek funding for Wall Park Trail expansion.

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EAC-2017-08	Town Clean-Up Day	Conduct Town Roadside Clean-Up Day in Spring and Fall.	Ongoing. Spring 2020 event cancelled due to COVID-19. Fall 2020 event on 10/17/2020 was well attended and successful.
EAC-2018-10	Sustainability Certification Effort Assistance by EAC	EAC to assist Town staff in pursuing Sustainable Pennsylvania Sustainable Community Certification. Successfully completed.	Town of McCandless received “high’ Gold Certification in October, 2019. EAC conducted internal survey to rank focus areas for future certification updates.
EAC-2019-02	PennDOT’s Adopt-A-Highway Program	EAC investigation and successful effort to “adopt” the Ingomar/McKnight cloverleaf.	Ongoing litter cleanup efforts by Litter Subcommittee.
EAC-2019-03	Tick Awareness Campaign	EAC provided various printed materials for Town residents and sponsored an educational Speaker Series Event at Town Hall in 2019.	Ongoing. Informational signage obtained and posted at town parks.
EAC-2019-04	Recyclable Art Show	EAC sponsored the inaugural Recyclable Art Show at North Hills Art Center in 2019. Excellent response and outcome. Planned annual event (August).	Planned August 2020 event cancelled due to COVID-19. Plan to participate in 2021 event if feasible.
EAC-2019-04	Environmental Speaker Series	Expanded EAC efforts to bring educational speakers to Town to discuss environmental issues. Co-sponsor with Northland Public Library to enhance this outreach opportunity.	Ongoing. 2/5/2020 – Flooding in Your Community Panel discussion. 7/7/2020 – Dare 2B Tick Aware Virtual Presentation
EAC-2019-05	Tree Informational Placards	Placement of informational plaques on Town Hall property trees documenting data generated from DCNR tree inventory.	Placards are complete and were scheduled to be installed in Spring, 2020.
EAC-2019-06	Stormwater Catch Basin Educational Stickers	EAC tasked to place stickers on basins by ToM Maintenance Department. Stickers placed on newly paved Town roadways.	Additional stickers not available in 2020.

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	McCandless Tree Programs-General	EAC supporting efforts to plant more trees in ToM.	Ongoing. May, 2020 – EAC members planted chestnut tree seedlings in Wall Park. Photos and information posted on ToM Facebook page.
	Fitness Court Development	EAC assisted ToM in their Partnership with “National Fitness Campaign” to fund and build a Fitness Court on Town Hall property.	Court construction completed in 2020, sponsored by UPMC.
	Glass Recycling	Discussions about glass recycling opportunities in light of expected deletion of glass from Town recycling efforts when current recycling contract ends.	Ongoing. Members provided updates on PA Resources Council (PRC) glass recycling events.
	Volunteer Recruitment	Recruit volunteers to assist with EAC projects.	Ongoing. March 2020 McMail article resulted in one new volunteer.
	Oil and Gas Development Impacts	February 2020 - Robin Martin of Food and Water Watch spoke about ordinances and zoning as they relate to the regulation of oil and gas development. March 2020 – Bruce Snyder of Fire Cherry Consulting presented on Marcellus Shale natural gas development.	Ongoing.
	Memorial Tree for Brian Moreth 2019	EAC planting tree on town property in Brian’s memory in recognition of his commitment to our Town and his work on the EAC.	This was scheduled for the day of Spring 2020 Roadside Cleanup, which was cancelled due to COVID-19. Need to follow up with family for 2021 planting.
	EAC Networking	Contact other North Hills EAC’s to brainstorm ways to work together. This might be accomplished through NHCOC.	Contacted and attended EAC meetings for Ross Township and Franklin Park Borough. Ross members attended ToM EAC 9/9/2020 virtual meeting.

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	Bat Boxes - Cub Scout Service Project 2019	EAC coordinated and supported effort with Boy Scouts to build and place bat houses in ToM. Successfully completed.	Complete. Educational signage installed at Devlin Park bat house.
2021 GOALS AND PROPOSED PROJECTS			
EAC-2017-02	Green Space Inventory	Update inventory, propose future EAC project opportunities and investigate grants for funding.	Submit grant application for Wall Park trail design in early 2021.
EAC-2018-10	Sustainability Certification	Assist Town staff in continuing Pennsylvania Sustainable Community Certification.	Pursue projects to improve certification rating.
	Volunteer Recruitment	Recruit volunteers to assist with EAC projects. Work with ToM Activities Advisory Committee on resident recruitment efforts.	Work with ToM Activities Advisory Committee on resident recruitment efforts.
	Recycling Plant Tour	EAC toured Pittsburgh Materials Recovery Facility on Neville Island in 2017.	Schedule new tour of facility.
	North Area Environmental Council (NAEC)	Work with NAEC on watershed topics in ToM, particularly the Pine Creek watershed.	Plan 2021 field visit with EAC and NAEC.