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Environmental Tips EAC-2017-01	Environmental Tips and Environmental Checklist distributed to residents via multiple sources.	Ongoing
Green Space Inventory EAC-2017-02	Green Space Inventory prepared for ToM - available on Town Website.	EAC will continue to update this Green Space Inventory annually.
Community Outreach EAC-2017-03	EAC annually participates in Garden in the Park and Community Days	Ongoing
Wall Park Valley Recreational Property Screening EAC-2017-04	Assessment of properties for active and passive recreational opportunities. Screening completed. Wall Park Trail recommended for further study.	Ongoing efforts underway to develop Wall Park Trail. Grant applied for but not approved. Efforts continue to obtain funding for Wall Park Trail extension. See Project EAC-2017-07.
Sustainable Community Review EAC-2017-05	EAC to evaluate whether to pursue Sustainable Community status.	Review completed. Decision to pursue certification via EAC-2018-10 Project.
Business Recycling EAC-2017-6	EAC to work with Town staff to educate and review recycling compliance at businesses and commercial establishments.	Ongoing. Effort expanded to local apartment complexes in 2018-2019.
Wall Park Valley Trail Feasibility EAC-2017-07	Feasibility assessment. Completed in 2018.	Efforts underway to seek funding for Wall Park Trail expansion.
Town Clean-Up Day EAC-2017-08	Conduct Town Clean-Up Day in Spring, 2018. Completed.	Efforts continuing. EAC contenting to sponsor Spring and Fall clean-up days and EAC was approved by Adopt-a-Highway as part of ongoing effort.
Community Garden EAC-2018-09	Proposal for development of a ToM Community Garden.	Project concept not approved. This effort was superseded by EAC-2019-1 (Sustainable Gardening Speaker Series)

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Sustainability Certification Effort Assistance by EAC EAC-2018-10	EAC to assist Town staff in pursuing Sustainable Pennsylvania Sustainable Community Certification. Successfully completed.	Town of McCandless received “high’ Gold Certification in October, 2019.
Sustainability Plan & Audit Summer 2019/Part of EAC-2018-10	EAC recommendation to document a formal Sustainability Plan & Audit as part of Sustainability Certification process was undertaken and completed by Town staff. This is the first plan of its type for our Town. It captures the Town’s current efforts as well as setting forth opportunities for improvement into the future.	Complete and available on Town website.
Sustainability Resolution No. 10 of 2019 Summer 2019/Part of EAC-2018-10	Council passed its first Sustainability Resolution. It states: “The Town of McCandless is committed to promoting a sustainable future that meets today’s needs without compromising the ability of future generations to meet their needs.”	Complete
Sustainable Gardening Speaker Series EAC-2019-1	Effort to ascertain resident interest in gardening related topics and/or create a ToM sustainable gardening group.	Meeting held and it was determined that there was minimal interest in creating a new local gardening group at this time. Speaker Series efforts were expanded through EAC-2019-4 project and that effort is ongoing.
PennDOT’s Adopt-A-Highway Program EAC-2019-2	EAC investigation and successful effort to “adopt” the Ingomar/McKnight cloverleaf.	Approved with sign in production - 10/2019.
Tick Awareness Campaign EAC-2019-3	EAC provided various printed materials for Town residents and sponsored an educational Speaker Series Event at Town Hall.	Ongoing.

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Recyclable Art Show EAC-2019-4	EAC sponsored the inaugural Recyclable Art Show at North Hills Art Center. Excellent response and outcome. Also sponsored a recycled mural project for children at Heritage Center anniversary celebration.	Will plan to continue this effort as an annual event.
Environmental Speaker Series EAC-2019-4 (Update of EAC-2019-1)	Expanded EAC efforts to bring educational speakers to Town to discuss environmental issues. Plans include alignments with other local community groups like the Northland Public Library to enhance this outreach opportunity.	Ongoing
Tree Informational Placards EAC-2019-5	Placement of informational plaques on Town Hall property trees documenting data generated from DCNR tree inventory.	Placards are complete and will be installed in Spring, 2020
Bathouses - Cub Scout Service Project EAC-2019-#(not assigned)	EAC coordinated and supported effort with Boy Scouts to build and place bat houses in ToM. Successfully completed.	Complete with intention to create educational signage by Devlin Park bat house.
Stormwater Basin Educational Stickers EAC-2019-6	EAC tasked to place stickers on basins by ToM Maintenance Department. Stickers placed on newly paved Town roadways.	May do additional sticker placement in future as needed.
MISCELLANEOUS PROJECTS (NO NUMBER ASSIGNED)		
McCandless Township Sewer Authority 12/2016	EAC toured facilities.	Complete
Beehive Rescue 8/2017	EAC handling of resident request.	Complete.

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Potential Property Donation 9/2017	EAC Meeting with property owner to discuss potential donation to Town.	Given to Town Staff for further handling.
Storm Water Management Tour 9/2017	EAC attended Three Rivers Wet Weather tour of “best management practices” for stormwater management facilities.	Complete.
Recycling Plant Tour 10/2017	EAC toured Pittsburgh Materials Recovery Facility on Neville Island which is managed by Waste Management.	Complete.
Home Sustainability Video 11/2017	Members of EAC demonstrated recycling and sustainability in their homes. Available on Town website.	May be ongoing in future.
Roadside Chemical Weed Spraying 12/2017	EAC tasked with assessing agents for roadside spraying and provide info to Public Works Dept.	Ongoing. Town continues to cut. EAC may test environmentally friendly herbicides for spraying. This is yet to be determined.
Community Garden Public Interest Assessment 4/2018	EAC to assess viability of creating a Community Garden and/or partnering with other community groups/garden clubs to do so.	On hold. In 2019, EAC sponsored a public meeting to gauge local interest. Result: Not enough interest to pursue further at present time.
McCandless Tree Programs-General 4/2018	EAC supporting efforts to plant more trees in ToM. EAC collects and Town posts individuals who plant new trees and Tree Inventory completed in 2019.	Ongoing. ToM Tree Inventory published by PA Dept. of Forestry. Partnership with Best Feed for tree cost reduction for ToM residents. Currently working on signs for key trees to explain their importance to the environment. (EAC-2019-5) Also working with “Treevitalize” effort.
Fitness Court Development	EAC assisted ToM in their Partnership with “National Fitness Campaign” to fund and build a Fitness Court on Town Hall property.	Ongoing. Corporate Sponsor identified. Anticipate construction in 2020.

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Allegheny Green Web 6/2018	Allegheny Green Web Collaborative presented program to EAC.	Ongoing consideration - opportunities for future, enhanced connectivity between North Hills communities.
Allegheny Clean-Ways 6/2018	EAC reviewed ACW website for alleged dump sites in ToM. Sites visited and info provided to ACW for website updates.	
Adopt-A-Highway Program 6/2018	EAC investigation and successful effort to “adopt” the Ingomar/McKnight cloverleaf.	Approved with sign in production - 10/2019.
Garden Club Video 8/2018	EAC arranged for Ingomar Garden Club to be recognized for their efforts at David Council Memorial Park. Video available on Town website.	
Girty’s Run Watershed Association 9/2018	Presentation to EAC. This watershed starts in McCandless and flows through multiple communities to river. Flooding is a major issue for these communities.	Ongoing relationship with GRWA.
Western PA Conservancy “Treevitalize” 12/2018	Presentation to EAC. Future involvement to be determined since most funded efforts are in low income/low tree canopy urban areas.	Future interaction is likely.
Recycled Uses for Glass 12/2018	Discussions about glass recycling opportunities in light of expected deletion of glass from Town recycling efforts when current recycling contract ends.	Ongoing.
Litter Reduction 2/2019	Presentation by Lynn Appman to EAC re: litter issues in ToM. Meeting with Rep. Turzai to discuss opportunities to improve.	Ongoing efforts. New sign ordinance passed by Council in 2019 that will help reduce roadside litter.

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Minority and Women Owned Business Advocacy 2/2019	EAC discussion on the benefits of Town Resolution to support minority and women owned business enterprises. Referred to Council liaison for further handling.	Town council approved new Resolution on 7/19/19.
Fracking in the ToM 3/2019	Larry Schweiger presentation to EAC re: fracking concerns in ToM and surrounding areas.	May be an area for future EAC involvement.
Electric Charging Stations 5/2019	EAC discussed opportunities to seek grants for electric charging stations on Town property.	Future opportunity.
Summer Intern for Sustainability Certification Efforts 5/2019	EAC advocated for and participated in interviews for summer intern dedicated to finalizing Sustainability Certification efforts. Macy Holloway hired and did an excellent job.	Complete.
Beautification of Abandoned Land 6/2019	EAC discussion re: clean-up and beautification of land across from Council Memorial Park.	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.	In process.
Buy Local Food Initiative 9/2019	EAC discussions on opportunities to advocate for local businesses. Working on possible partnership with "Farm to Table" to further these efforts.	In process

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Audubon Society Certified Habitat 9/2019	EAC discussion about the possibility of ToM becoming an Audubon Certified Habitat community. Investigation underway. Audubon Society giving presentation 11/13/19.	In process
Rain Gardens in ToM 10/2019	EAC presentation by Master Gardener, Donna Reddick re: rain gardens and their benefits.	May be future Speaker Series topic.
“Terracycle” Program 10/2019	EAC investigating whether this program for hard to recycle items could benefit ToM.	Being assessed.
Energy Reduction Opportunities 10/2019	EAC met with Univ. of Pittsburgh Professor who indicates an interest in helping us understand energy reduction opportunities and associated educational opportunities for residents.	Future EAC involvement to be determined. Possible Speaker Series or assistance with future ToM energy audit efforts.
Watershed Clean-Up	Discussion re: adding Pine Creek and Girty’s Run in EAC clean-up efforts.	Under consideration.