

**WHITEMARSH TOWNSHIP
ENVIRONMENTAL ADVISORY BOARD
MEETING AGENDA**

Monday, March 16, 2026 (Hybrid Meeting) – 6:30 P.M.

Zoom Link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88185850857>

Meeting ID: 881 8585 0857

MEMBERS:

___ DEBORAH SHREERO ___ DEBRA HARRIS ___ GORDON GEASLAND

___ KAREN KABNICK ___ VICTOR LOW ___ VACANT ___ VACANT

LIAISONS:

___ SAMANTHA ZRILLO, STAFF ___ PATRICE TURENNE, BOS

- 1. CALL TO ORDER**
- 2. ANNOUNCEMENTS**
- 3. APPROVAL OF PRIOR MEETING MINUTES**
 - a. January 21, 2026*
 - b. February 17, 2026 (special meeting)*
- 4. OLD BUSINESS**
 - a. Redtail Update*
 - b. "Better Yards, Better Whitemarsh, Better Planet" Property Recognition Program*
 - c. Township Day—Continued Discussion*
- 5. NEW BUSINESS**
 - a. Education Programs*
- 6. PUBLIC COMMENTS**
- 7. BOARD COMMENTS**
- 8. Next Meeting Date: *May 18, 2026***
- 9. ADJOURNMENT**

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION INFORMATION

1. Public meetings of the EAB shall follow a prescribed agenda, which will be available to the general public two days preceding the meeting.
2. The EAB will entertain Public Comment at the end of each specific action items during the meeting, at the discretion of the Chair. Individuals must advise the Chair of their desire to offer such comment.
3. A Public Comment period will be provided at the conclusion of a meeting for input on any subject.
4. The Board Chair shall preside over Public Comments and may within their discretion:
 - a. Recognize individuals wishing to offer comment.
 - b. Require identification of such persons.
 - c. Allocate total available Public Comment time among all individuals wishing to comment.
 - d. Allocate up to a five (5) minute maximum for each individual to offer Public Comment at a meeting.
 - e. Rule out of order scandalous, impertinent and redundant comment or any comment the discernible purpose of which is to disrupt or prevent the conduct of the business of the meeting including the questioning of, or polling of, or debating with, individual members of the Board.

**WHITEMARSH TOWNSHIP
ENVIRONMENTAL ADVISORY BOARD
REORGANIZATION MEETING MINUTES**

Wednesday, January 21, 2026 (Hybrid Meeting) – 6:30 P.M.

Attendees/Participants: Deborah Shreero, Debra Harris, Gordon Geasland, and Karen Kabnick. Also in attendance: Samantha Zrillo, Staff, and Patrice Turenne, BOS.

1. CALL TO ORDER Ms. Shreero called the meeting to order at 6:30 PM.

2. ELECTION OF CHAIR

Ms. Harris made a motion to nominate Ms. Shreero as Chair. Ms. Kabnick seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0-1. Ms. Shreero abstained.

3. ELECTION OF VICE CHAIR

Ms. Kabnick made a motion to nominate Ms. Harris as Vice-Chair. Ms. Kabnick seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0-1. Ms. Harris abstained.

4. ANNOUNCEMENTS

Ms. Zrillo mentioned that this meeting was in the *Times Herald* on January 15, 2026 in accordance with advertisement requirements.

Ms. Shreero said that Montgomery County now has a Sustainability Council and the EAB should keep this in mind for future initiatives and projects.

5. APPROVAL OF PRIOR MEETING MINUTES

a. September 30, 2025

Ms. Harris made a motion to approve the September 30, 2025 meeting minutes. Ms. Shreero seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously (4-0).

b. December 1, 2025

Ms. Kabnick made a motion to approve the December 1, 2025 meeting minutes. Mr. Geasland seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously (4-0).

6. OLD BUSINESS

a. *Redtail Update*

Ms. Zrillo announced that the Township renewed the annual contract with Redtail for the same amount of hours. Last year, Redtail only had approximately 13 unused hours.

b. *“Better Yards, Better Whitmarsh, Better Planet” Property Recognition Program”*

The Board discussed scheduling a meeting in February, tentatively February 17th, to finalize the program in preparation for a presentation at the Board of Supervisors meeting in March. This will allow for the Program to be rolled out at Township Day, April 25, 2026. There was a consensus that the EAB Township Day tent should have a station for each category highlighted in the Program.

Ms. Zrillo stated that she would continue to work on the design for the aluminum sign and the paper certificate. The Board mentioned that they would like to see a clean, simple sign and a certificate that matches. Ms. Kabnick would assist with finding a vendor to create the signs.

Ms. Shreero inquired about how the Program would get advertised. The following ideas were mentioned: social media, the Township's digital informational sign, the Library, school newsletters, bulletin board at the Township building, *Whitemarsh Weekly*, *Whitemarsh Living*, and on *Whitemarsh TV*.

7. NEW BUSINESS (none)

8. PUBLIC COMMENTS

In attendance: Corinne M. Dieterle (resident)

Ms. Dieterle mentioned that she emailed Ms. Turenne a letter about a pilot composting program. She then mentioned it at a Board of Supervisors meeting where she was put in touch with Ms. Harris. Ms. Dieterle went on to summarize her letter:

As a longtime Whitemarsh Township resident and member of the PA Sierra Club Zero Waste Committee, I am writing to share information and advocate for a pilot composting program in the Township. After studying successful voluntary composting programs in Media Borough ("My Kitchen Harvest") and Lower Merion ("Mother Compost"), I believe the Lower Merion model would be a simple, affordable option that would reduce food waste sent to the Covanta incinerator while improving soil health, air quality, and overall trash reduction. Key elements of the Lower Merion program include: open enrollment with preference for residents near drop-off sites, an interest form, a short instructional video and quiz, and the use of locked 64-gallon bins at collection sites. I recommend that Whitemarsh launch a pilot for the first 40 qualifying families within a two-mile radius of a proposed drop-off location on Wells Street near the leaf mulch pile. Lower Merion funds the program through its operations budget at roughly \$280 per month per site. The Sustainability Manager at Lower Merion, Paloma Vila, has offered guidance and support. I ask that the proposal be considered and discussed by Township leadership and the Environmental Advisory Board.

There was a discussion about the potential for the pilot program. Ms. Harris made a motion to continue to collect information about a pilot program and to present a memo to the Board of Supervisors. Mr. Geasland seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

9. BOARD COMMENTS

Ms. Harris asked about the deer cull. Ms. Zrillo said that Mr. McAnally is expected to get an update next week when the deer cull is finished.

Ms. Harris then stated she read the Township's weed ordinance and agrees with how the term "weed" is defined, but noted that it should be amended to include the PA DCNR Invasive Species List.

Lastly, Ms. Harris educated the Board on balcony solar panels. These solar panels are being used in Germany and are designed to be used over a railing and plugged into an outlet. They can be installed on an array of housing types, including apartments.

10. Next Meeting Date: *March 16, 2026*

Ms. Shreero said the next regularly scheduled meeting date is March 16, 2026, but as mentioned earlier, there will be a public meeting scheduled for February to work on the Property Recognition Program.

11. ADJOURNMENT Ms. Harris made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Ms. Kabnick seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously (4-0). Meeting adjourned at 8:06 PM.

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**WHITEMARSH TOWNSHIP
ENVIRONMENTAL ADVISORY BOARD
UNOFFICIAL MEETING MINUTES**

Tuesday, February 17, 2026 (In-Person) – 2:30 P.M.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Deborah Shreero (Chair), Debra Harris (Vice-Chair), and Karen Kabnick. Also in attendance: Samantha Zrillo (Staff).

1. CALL TO ORDER Chair Shreero called the meeting to order at 2:32 PM.

Ms. Zrillo said that this meeting was advertised in the *Times Herald* in accordance with legal requirements on February 11, 2026.

This is an unofficial meeting as there is not a quorum present.

2. BUSINESS

a. “Better Yards, Better Whitemarsh, Better Planet” Property Recognition Program

There was a discussion about the following items regarding the Program:

- Certificate—good start, but the graphic needs to be changed.
- Lawn Sign—out of the three options Ms. Zrillo presented, the EAB chose the graphic that had a globe with a tree and butterfly. The Board wanted to see if there could be a more realistic globe and to make it smaller in relation to the tree. Ms. Kabnick stated that a simple, regularly sized yard sign will be approximately \$40 per sign if 12 were ordered at a time. Posts are sold separately.
- Application form—there were several grammatical changes. Additionally, the introduction paragraph was altered to clarify the criteria for being successful and what they applicant will receive.
- Township Day Rollout—have a poster and QR code directing public to the program on the website. Ideas included highlighting the program by giving out native seed packets, having information and exhibits of invasive species, having a bird house or bat box to show the public, show casing our electric mower, and having a rain barrel that the children can decorate with stickers and/or markers.

b. Consider setting a table up at the Library Bird Alliance Native Plant Festival

A Board member said that there is a Native Plant Festival that is going to be held at Germantown Academy. The member was approached and asked if the EAB would like to set up a table. The Board agreed it would be a good way to get the word out about the “Better Yards, Better Whitemarsh, Better Planet” program. The Board would need a poster with a QR code and other materials. The program is on March 14th from 10 am – 4 pm.

3. PUBLIC COMMENTS (None)

4. BOARD COMMENTS

There was discussion about composting programs in other areas. The Board members all shared their findings since the last meeting. There are grants available to help fund pilot programs and they were utilized by surrounding municipalities. Back to Earth Composting owner offered a cost of \$18/house/month for a twice monthly pickup for 50 houses. For the drop off option, it would cost \$5/bucket. The drop off option would require a locked box at a convenient area that is controlled so residents don't put non-compostable materials in there. The Board members will continue to look for more information.


5. **Next Meeting Date:** *March 16, 2026*

Ms. Shreero announced that the next meeting is March 16, 2026.

6. **ADJOURNMENT** Ms. Harris made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Ms. Kabnick seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously (3-0). Meeting adjourned at 4:50 PM.

DRAFT

WHITEMARSH TOWNSHIP

TO: BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
FROM: Samantha Zrillo, AICP, Township Planner 
SUBJECT: REQUEST FOR APPROVAL: "BETTER YARDS, BETTER WHITEMARSH, BETTER PLANET"-
PROPERTY RECOGNITION PROGRAM
DATE: MARCH 6, 2026
CC: Craig T. McAnally, Township Manager
Sean P. Kilkenny, Esq., Township Solicitor

The Environmental Advisory Board (EAB) respectfully requests approval from the Board of Supervisors to launch a Township property recognition program that encourages and recognizes environmental stewardship by residents.

The concept began when the Board of Supervisors Liaison to the EAB suggested exploring a similar program implemented by Whitpain Township. In February 2024, Whitpain's Environmental Advisory Board presented their program to the Whitemarsh Environmental Advisory Board and the Shade Tree Commission at a joint public meeting. Following that presentation, the EAB began developing a program tailored for Whitemarsh Township.

Updates were presented to the Board of Supervisors during workshop meetings on November 7, 2024 and November 6, 2025. The program is now complete and almost ready to launch, with the goal of promoting it at the Liberty Bird Alliance event at Germantown Academy on Saturday, March 14, 2026, and formally introducing it during Township Day.

The program includes action items organized around five categories: plant native species, control invasive plants, increase native habitats, adopt green yard care and gardening practices, and manage water. Residents who complete at least 65% of the action items may receive a certificate, yard sign, and recognition from the Environmental Advisory Board at a public meeting, as well as recognition on the Township's website and social media. Educational resources will also be available on the Township website. Examples of these materials are attached for your review.

The vision of the program is a township where residents become environmental stewards who support native plants and wildlife, improve air and water quality, manage water responsibly, increase biodiversity, and enhance the beauty of the community.

Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions or would like additional information.

Attachments

Better Yards, Better Whitemarsh, Better Planet

Property Recognition Program

Presented by the Whitemarsh Township Environmental Advisory Board



The planet is facing many environmental challenges. An important part of the solution is to act locally. Every property has the potential to contribute to improving the environment and ecological health of our Township and our planet. Each small, local habitat that is created and maintained contributes to the ecological health and biodiversity of the larger region. By caring for your own property's habitat, you become part of the answer to today's environmental challenges. We want to recognize those local property owners who have made the choice to manage their property in ways that contribute to this environmental improvement.

Keep reading to learn more about the program!

The Grand Vision

A township where residents have become environmental stewards, having been empowered to take meaningful steps to clean the air and water, support native plants and animals, manage water, sequester and store carbon dioxide, create shade, increase biodiversity, and provide beauty.

This program will help guide and encourage residents to:

- Plant Native Species
- Control Invasive Plants
- Increase Habitat
- Adopt Green Yard Care and Gardening Practices
- Manage Water

The township will provide education and guidance to residents and property owners about how to achieve these goals. Residents and property owners can apply to be recognized for their actions and to serve as an inspiration to others.

Categories



Plant Native Species

Native plants are adapted to local growing conditions. They have co-evolved with local wildlife to provide optimal food and habitat. They are the foundation of the food web and are the best choice to provide food and habitat for native animals, insects, and birds.



Control Invasive Plants

Invasive plants out-compete native plants and take over habitats because they lack their natural predators and pathogens. This reduces the habitat for native plants and wildlife and disrupts the local ecosystem.



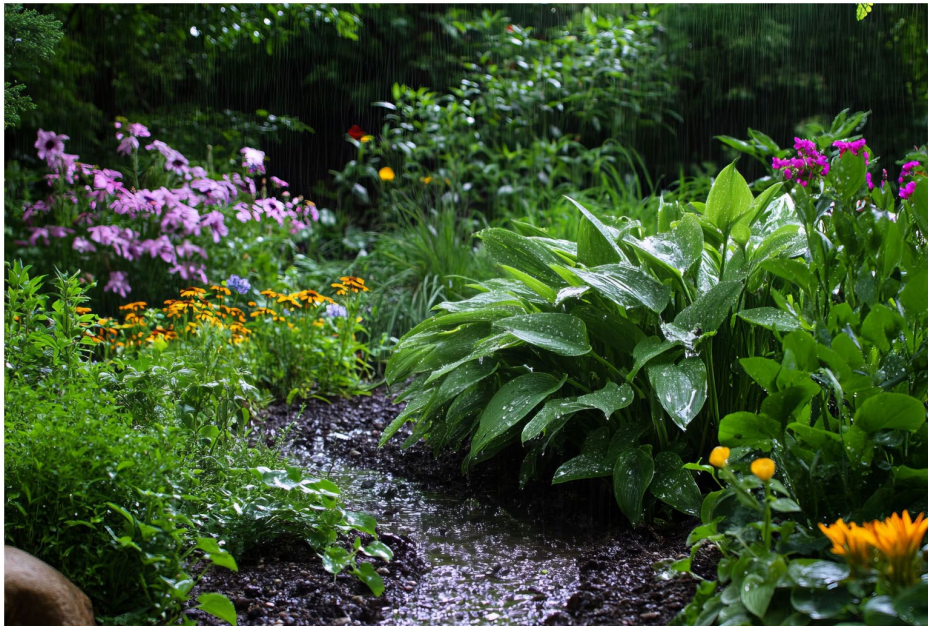
Increase Native Habitats

Native species of plants, animals, insects, and birds are in decline. Properties with native habitats support native species and work together to create a vibrant, biodiverse, local ecosystem.



Adopt Green Yard Care & Gardening Practices

Practicing sustainable methods in your lawn and gardens will (1) support natural processes; (2) reduce air, water, and soil pollution; (3) prevent the negative effects from gasoline powered equipment; and (4) reduce the negative effects of fertilizers and yard chemicals.



Manage Water

The absorption and use of rainwater on site supports plants and recharges groundwater, manages stormwater to minimize the negative effects on the community, local streams and rivers, and the environment, including flooding, erosion, and water pollution from nutrient, chemical, and sediment runoff.

How does the Program work?

Residents and property owners are invited to read the *Helpful Documents* and fill out the *Application form*. If an applicant scores 65 % or higher on the form and completes at least two action items in each category, they will receive a certificate, a decorative recognition sign for their property, and the opportunity to be recognized by the Board of Supervisors and the *Whitemarsh Weekly Newsletter*. Additionally, a photo of your property can appear on this page as part of a celebratory slideshow.

Benefits

Your actions will help:

- Clean the air we breathe
- Clean the water we drink and play in
- Conserve water to make sure there is enough for all plants and animals
- Increase the amount of water that goes into the earth instead of flowing over your property
- Reduce Carbon Dioxide in the atmosphere
- Reduce Noise Pollution
- Increase the amount of plants and animals that live around us
- Beautify our Community!

Whitemarsh Residents are invited to click here to apply!

Preview the application questions [HERE](#).

Helpful Documents

If you're as excited as we are, but don't know where to start, or would just like to continue to learn, see below for resources on how to plant gardens, care for trees, and more!

▼ INVASIVE SPECIES	▶ NATIVE PLANTS	▶ GREEN LAWN CARE
GENERAL INFORMATION→	Invasive Plant Species Identification Guide	Remove Invasive Plants
Invasive Plant Fact Sheets: includes eradication information	Invasive Plant Information Sheets	Getting Rid of Invasive Plants: Solarization, Smothering, Repeated Cutting, Herbicides?
Invasive Plants in Pennsylvania Brochure	Invasive Shrubs to Avoid	Mistaken Identity? Invasive Plants and Their Native Look-Alikes
How To Properly Dispose of Invasive Plant Species	Winter Invasive Plant Control	Invasive Plants in Pennsylvania
TIER 1 PA INVASIVE SPECIES LINKS→	Callery Pear AKA Bradford Pear <i>Pyrus calleryana</i>	Tree of Heaven <i>Ailanthus altissima</i>
Princess Tree <i>Paulownia tomentosa</i>	Norway Maple <i>Acer platanoides</i>	Japanese Barberry <i>Berberis thunbergii</i>
Burning Bush <i>Euonymus alatus</i>	Butterfly Bush <i>Buddleja davidii</i>	
OTHER INVASIVE SPECIES IN PA→	Shrub Honeysuckles <i>Lonicera</i> spp.	Lesser Celandine: Don't be Deceived by this Plant
Privet <i>Ligustrum</i> spp.	Buckthorn <i>Rhamnus cathartica</i> & <i>Frangula alnus</i>	

If you have any questions, please contact szrillo@whitemarshtwp.org

Better Yards, Better Whitemarsh, Better Planet

Please complete the following form.

Join your neighbors in being recognized for your commitment to land stewardship. If your property meets our sustainability criteria--by marking 'yes' to at least 65% (28 of 43) of the items below and achieving at least two items in every category-- you are eligible to:

- receive a certificate,
- receive a decorative yard sign,
- be recognized by the Whitemarsh Board of Supervisors in a public meeting, and/or
- be highlighted in the *Whitemarsh Weekly* newsletter.

1. Name

2. Email

3. Address

4. Phone number (optional)

Plants Native Species

Definition: A plant is native if it has occurred naturally in a region without human introduction.

Reason: Native plants are adapted to local growing conditions. They have co-evolved with local wildlife to provide optimal diet and habitat. They are the foundation of the food web and are the best choice to provide food and habitat for native animals, insects, and birds.

5. At least one-half of the trees on the property are native species. (Exclude fruit and nut trees grown for human consumption.)

Benefits: Increased Biodiversity, Beautification, Carbon Sequestration, Cleaner Air, Cleaner Water, Water Management

Mark only one oval.

Yes

No

Other:

6. Bonus: two-thirds of the trees are native species. (Exclude fruit and nut trees grown for human consumption.)

Benefits: Increased Biodiversity, Beautification, Carbon Sequestration, Cleaner Air, Cleaner Water, Water Management

Mark only one oval.

Yes

No

Other:

7. Property has at least one mature, native shade tree. A shade tree is a deciduous tree that reaches at least 45 feet in height at maturity. Eastern white pine and Virginia pine are also considered shade trees.

Benefits: Increased Biodiversity, Beautification, Carbon Sequestration, Cleaner Air, Cleaner Water, Water Management

Mark only one oval.

- Yes
- No
- Other:

8. Applicant has planted or nurtured a volunteer seedling shade tree on the property.

Benefits: Increased Biodiversity, Beautification, Carbon Sequestration, Cleaner Air, Cleaner Water, Water Management

Mark only one oval.

- Yes
- No
- Other:

9. Bonus: Applicant has planted or nurtured **two** volunteer seedling shade trees on the property.

Benefits: Increased Biodiversity, Beautification, Carbon Sequestration, Cleaner Air, Cleaner Water, Water Management

Mark only one oval.

- Yes (if this is applicable to you, please ensure that the question above is also checked 'yes')
- No
- Other:

10. Bonus: Applicant has planted or nurtured **three** volunteer seedling shade trees on the property.

Benefits: Increased Biodiversity, Beautification, Carbon Sequestration, Cleaner Air, Cleaner Water, Water Management

Mark only one oval.

- Yes (if this is applicable to you, please ensure that the prior two questions are also 'yes')
- No
- Other:

11. Applicant has planted or nurtured a volunteer seedling native understory tree on the property. An understory tree is a deciduous or evergreen tree, single or multi-stem, which is expected to reach a mature height between 15-45 feet. One point for each understory tree, up to three points.

Benefits: Increased Biodiversity, Beautification, Carbon Sequestration, Cleaner Air, Cleaner Water, Water Management,

Mark only one oval.

- Yes
- No
- Other:

12. Applicant has planted or nurtured a **two** volunteer seedling native understory trees on the property. An understory tree is a deciduous or evergreen tree, single or multi-stem, which is expected to reach a mature height between 15-45 feet.

Benefits: Increased Biodiversity, Beautification, Carbon Sequestration, Cleaner Air, Cleaner Water, Water Management.

Mark only one oval.

Yes (if this is applicable to you, please ensure that the question above is also checked 'yes')

No

Other:

13. Applicant has planted or nurtured a **three** volunteer seedling native understory trees on the property. An understory tree is a deciduous or evergreen tree, single or multi-stem, which is expected to reach a mature height between 15-45 feet.

Benefits: Increased Biodiversity, Beautification, Carbon Sequestration, Cleaner Air, Cleaner Water, Water Management.

Mark only one oval.

Yes (if this is applicable to you, please ensure that the prior two questions are also 'yes')

No

Other:

14. At least one-half of the shrubs on the property are native species. A shrub is a woody plant that has several stems and is usually less 10 feet tall.

Benefits: Increased Biodiversity, Beautification, Carbon Sequestration, Cleaner Air, Cleaner Water, Water Management

Mark only one oval.

Yes

No

Other:

15. Bonus: two-thirds of the shrubs are native species.

Benefits: Increased Biodiversity, Beautification, Carbon Sequestration, Cleaner Air, Cleaner Water, Water Management

Mark only one oval.

Yes

No

Other:

16. Property has gardens or meadows planted primarily with native perennials and grasses.

Benefits: Increased Biodiversity, Beautification, Carbon Sequestration, Cleaner Air, Cleaner Water, Water Management

Mark only one oval.

Yes

No

Other:

17. Bonus: Applicant has devoted a large portion of the property to native perennial gardens or meadows.

Benefits: Increased Biodiversity, Beautification, Carbon Sequestration, Cleaner Air, Cleaner Water, Water Management,

Mark only one oval.

Yes

No

Other:
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Controls Invasive Plants

Definition: Non-native plants have been introduced by humans, intentionally or by accident. Some non-native plants are considered invasive, spreading aggressively, outcompeting native species, causing environmental and economic harm.

See the PA DCNR list of invasive species. *****insert live link*****

Reason: Invasive plants outcompete native plants and take over habitats because they lack their natural predators and pathogens. This reduces the habitat for native plants and wildlife and disrupts the local ecosystem.

18. Applicant seeks to learn more about invasive species and to identify them on the property.

Benefit: Increased Biodiversity

Mark only one oval.

Yes

No

Other:
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19. Applicant works to remove invasive annuals and perennials.

Benefit: Increased Biodiversity

Mark only one oval.

Yes

No

Other:
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20. Applicant works to remove invasive vines, shrubs, and small trees or seedlings.

Benefit: Increased Biodiversity

Mark only one oval.

Yes

No

Other:
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21. Applicant removes large invasive trees as is practical. We recognize that the removal of large trees is expensive and that they do provide some environmental benefits.

Benefit: Increased Biodiversity

Mark only one oval.

Yes

No

Other:
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22. Applicant pledges not to plant any invasive species in the future.

Benefit: Increased Biodiversity

Mark only one oval.

Yes

No

Other:

Increases Native Habitat

Definition: Native habitats are comprised of native trees, shrubs, perennials, and grasses. These habitats support native animals, insects, or birds.

Reason: Native species of plants, animals, insects, and birds are in decline. Properties with native habitats help to revitalize populations of native species and work together to create a vibrant, biodiverse, local ecosystem.

23. Applicant has and maintains a pollinator or butterfly garden of native plants chosen to provide nourishment and habitat throughout the year.

Benefits: Increased Biodiversity, Beautification, Carbon Sequestration, Cleaner Air, Cleaner Water, Water Management,

Mark only one oval.

Yes

No

Other:

24. Applicant leaves fall leaves where possible to provide habitat for ground dwelling species and where they can safely overwinter.

Benefit: Increased Biodiversity, Carbon Sequestration, Cleaner Water

Mark only one oval.

Yes

No

Other:

25. Applicant defers spring garden clean up until the weather warms to allow overwintering insects to emerge.

Benefits: Increased Biodiversity, Carbon Sequestration, Cleaner Water

Mark only one oval.

Yes

No

Other:

26. Applicant provides clean water for wildlife. Examples include bird baths and water features.

Benefit: Increased Biodiversity

Mark only one oval.

Yes

No

Other:

27. Applicant reduces light pollution by using yellow LED bulbs in outdoor fixtures. Yellow light reduces negative impacts on wildlife.

Benefit: Increased Biodiversity, Beautification

Mark only one oval.

Yes

No

Other:

28. Applicant reduces light pollution by turning off lights at night and/or using motion sensors where light is temporarily needed.

Benefits: Increased Biodiversity, Beautification

Mark only one oval.

Yes

No

Other:

29. Property has at least two of the trees listed below. These "Keystone" species are important to the local ecosystem as they support a significant number of caterpillars that provide food for many birds and animals. The "Keystone" tree species in our area are native species of:

-oaks (*Quercus*),

-cherries and plums (*Prunus*),

-willows (*Salix*),

-birch (*Betula*),

-cottonwoods (*Populus*),

-maples and boxelders (*Acer*),

-crabapples (*Malus*)

Benefits: Increased Biodiversity, Beautification, Carbon Sequestration, Cleaner Air, Cleaner Water, Water Management

Mark only one oval.

Yes

No

Other:

30. Property has "soft landings," areas of native plants and/or fall leaves under trees to provide critical habitat for butterflies, moths, lightning bugs, and other beneficial insects.

Benefits: Increased Biodiversity, Beautification, Carbon Sequestration, Cleaner Air, Cleaner Water, Water Management

Mark only one oval.

Yes

No

Other:

31. Property has more than two native understory trees or shrubs that produce fruit, berries, or nuts for wildlife.

Benefits: Increased Biodiversity, Beautification, Carbon Sequestration, Cleaner Air, Cleaner Water, Water Management

Mark only one oval.

Yes

No

Other:

32. Applicant maintains log, brush, or rock piles, stone walls, or other similar spaces for wildlife habitats.

Benefits: Increased Biodiversity

Mark only one oval.

Yes

No

Other:

33. Applicant provides habitat designed to support birds throughout the year. Note: bird houses should be cleaned each year and making windows bird safe by placing window film or patterns on the glass.

Benefits: Increased Biodiversity

Mark only one oval.

Yes

No

Other:

34. Applicant provides habitat designed to support bats. Note: Any bat houses should be cleaned each year.

Benefits: Increased Biodiversity

Mark only one oval.

Yes

No

Other:

Adopts Green Yard Care and Gardening Practices

Definition: Lawn care, whether completed by homeowner or professional lawn company, is done with manual or electric lawn equipment. Whenever possible, organic methods for lawn and garden care are used. There is minimal use of insecticides, herbicides, and fertilizers. When necessary, the safest form is used, and all guidelines are followed to avoid improper use, runoff, overspray, drift, and lingering negative effects.

Reason: Practicing sustainable methods in your lawn and gardens will (1) support natural processes; (2) reduce air, water, and soil pollution; (3) prevent the negative effects from gasoline powered equipment; and (4) reduce the negative effects of fertilizers and yard chemicals. These actions benefit both your yard and your neighbor's yard.

35. Lawn mowing equipment is electric or manual.

Benefits: Cleaner Air, Noise Reduction

Mark only one oval.

Yes

No

Other:

36. All lawn care tasks, other than mowing, are done manually or with electric equipment. Examples: using rakes, hand tools, electric leaf blowers, and/or string trimmers.

Benefits: Cleaner Air, Noise Reduction

Mark only one oval.

Yes

No

Other:

37. Applicant does not use fertilizer or, if used, applies only organic fertilizer. When applied, care is taken to use at the correct time of year and in the correct quantities, to avoid runoff.

Benefits: Increased Biodiversity, Cleaner Water

Mark only one oval.

Yes

No

Other:
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38. There is minimal or no use of herbicides, pesticides, and fungicides. If used, the applicant uses the safest method and follows all guidelines to ensure proper use and avoid negative side effects.

Benefits: Increased Biodiversity, Cleaner Air, Cleaner Water

Mark only one oval.

Yes

No

Other:
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39. Applicant allows fall leaves to remain undisturbed, where feasible. The remainder are used on the property for mulch or are composted.

Benefits: Increased Biodiversity, Carbon Sequestration, Cleaner Water, Water Conservation, Water Management

Mark only one oval.

Yes

No

Other:
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Manages Water

Definition: Property is managed to encourage the absorption of rainwater on site and limit runoff. Practices are also designed to minimize municipal water use.

Reason: The absorption and use of rainwater on site supports plants and recharges groundwater, manages stormwater to minimize the negative effects on the community, local streams and rivers, and the environment, including flooding, erosion, and water pollution from nutrient, chemical, and sediment runoff.

40. Applicant uses rain barrels to collect rainwater.

Benefits: Water Conservation, Water Management

Mark only one oval.

Yes

No

Other:
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41. Applicant limits water usage by hand watering, using soaker hoses, drip irrigation, or other root-targeted watering methods and by watering in early morning or evening to limit evaporation.

Benefit: Water Conservation, Water Management

Mark only one oval.

Yes

No

Other:
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42. Applicant does not water lawn grass, even during dry periods. Grass will go temporarily dormant during dry periods and will recover once it rains.

Benefit: Water Conservation

Mark only one oval.

Yes

No

Other:

43. Property has at least one large tree. Large trees absorb and manage large quantities of rainwater.

Benefits: Increased Biodiversity, Beautification, Carbon Sequestration, Cleaner Air, Cleaner Water, Water Conservation, Water Management

Mark only one oval.

Yes

No

Other:

44. The applicant maintains mulch or plantings under trees and shrubs instead of lawn grass to improve rainwater absorption.

Benefits: Increased Biodiversity, Beautification, Cleaner Air, Cleaner Water, Water Conservation, Water Management

Mark only one oval.

Yes

No

Other:

45. Applicant encourages rainwater/stormwater absorption on site with rain gardens, buffers, vegetated swales, or other green stormwater management techniques.

Benefits: Increased Biodiversity, Beautification, Carbon Sequestration, Cleaner Air, Cleaner Water, Water Conservation, Water Management

Mark only one oval.

Yes

No

Other:

46. Applicant has significantly reduced lawn grass by installing (preferably native) plants, trees, shrubs, perennials, or grasses.

Benefits: Increased Biodiversity, Beautification, Carbon Sequestration, Cleaner Air, Cleaner Water, Water Conservation, Water Management

Mark only one oval.

Yes

No

Other:

47. If you have comments that are important to understand your application, please put here.

48. Additional Comments

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CERTIFICATE



This certificate is presented to

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for their demonstrated commitment to the earth by planting native species, controlling invasive plants, increasing habitat, adopting green yard care and gardening practices, and managing water.

Craig McAnally
Township Manager

Deborah Shreero
Environmental Advisory Board, Chair



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Board of Supervisors, Chair



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Redtail Invoice Tracker 2026

Work Locations	January	February	March	April	May	June	July	August	September	October	November	December	Year-to-Date
Koontz Park	0												0
Mathers Mill	0												0
McCarthy Basin	15.82												15.82
Woodbine and Buttercup Lane Basin	12.6												12.6
33 East	0												0
Township Building	0												0
(photos)	1												1
(documentation)	0												0
													Total Hours Worked This Year
													29.42

Hours Remaining
345.58

Month	Total Hours Worked Across all Locations
January	29.42
February	
March	
April	
May	
June	
July	
August	
September	
October	
November	
December	

Above Average
Below Average

**To reach 100% of contract allotment, Redtail should work an average of 31.25 hours a month*

Worked	Unused	Average
29.42	345.58	29.42

		Location			
Month		Koontz Park	Mathers Mill	McCarthy Basin	Woodbine and Buttercup Lane Basin
	January			Removed Bush Honeysuckle in outfall woods and copse woods.	Cut Multiflora Rose, Buckthorn and Bush Honeysuckle.
	February				
	March				
	April				
	May				
	June				
	July				
	August				
	September				
	October				
	November				
	December				