Have your say on Easton's environmental issues

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A view of the free bridge and Larry Holmes Drive which is under water as seen from the roof of Kaplan's flag store in Easton during the Delaware River flood of June 29, 2006. (lehighvalleylive.com file photo)

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Now is your chance to <u>have your say on what environmental issues matter</u> most to Easton residents.

The nonprofit Nurture Nature Center is responsible for Easton Matters, a communityneeds assessment funded through a grant from the Institute for Museum and Library Services.

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The project is set up to help learn about Easton residents' environmental concerns and priorities and to get that information into the hands of local leaders.

The project <u>wrapped up a citywide survey this month</u>. On tap are focus groups with different city neighborhoods.

Those who participate in the first round of focus groups can take free disposable cameras to photograph environmental conditions to be displayed as part of a communitywide discussion and photo display on April 7, 2016.

Interested people who live outside of Easton are welcome to participate in the April 7 event, but the September focus groups are for local neighbors only.

Here are the focus group dates and locations:

- Downtown, Nurture Nature Center, 518 Northampton St.: 2-4 p.m. Sept. 9, 2-4 p.m. Sept. 29.
- West Ward, Easton Area Community Center, 901 Washington St.: 7-9 p.m. Sept. 10, 7-9 p.m. Sept. 30.
- College Hill, College Hill Presbyterian Church, 501 Brodhead St.: 1-3 p.m. Sept. 10, 1-3 p.m. Sept. 30.

- South Side, Easton Area Neighborhood Center, 902 Philadelphia Road: 6-8 p.m. Sept. 9, 6-8 p.m. Sept. 29.
 - Register by emailing your name, contact information and session you want to attend to share@nurturenaturecenter.org. Or, call Rachel Hogan Carr or Brooke Kohler at 610-253-4432.