

January Climate Partners Newsletter

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Welcome to the NNC Climate Partners Newsletter!

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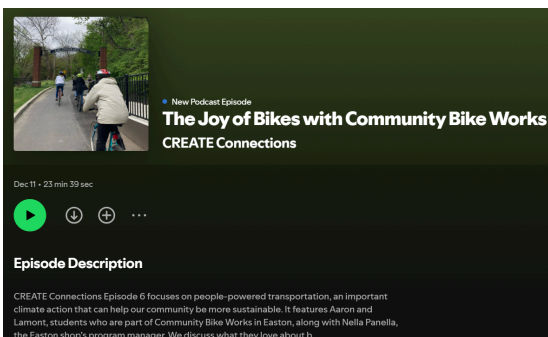
Welcome to the January 2025 Climate Partners Newsletter! And a special welcome to our new subscribers! This quarterly newsletter highlights the many people, organizations, and projects working collaboratively to address climate change and its effects in the Lehigh Valley.

Climate action takes all of us, and no one person or group can do it alone - that's why it's important to CREATE Connections!

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What is **CREATE Connections**?

CREATE Connections is our climate outreach and engagement project funded through [NOAA's Environmental Literacy Program](#). Read more about [CREATE Connections and our approach to climate action here](#).



****NEW** Podcast Episode With Community Bike Works**

[CREATE Connections Episode 6](#) focuses on people-powered transportation, an important climate action that can help our community be more sustainable. It features Aaron and Lamont, students who are part of Community Bike Works in Easton, along with Nella Panella, the Easton shop's program manager. <https://nurturenaturecenter.org/create-connections-podcast/>

We are going to take a break from creating new episodes for the next few months, but in the meantime, please go back and listen to any you may have missed, share with others, or revisit some of the resources for taking action in each episode description.

Partner Spotlight:

Palisades High School's STEM Outreach Club

Palisades High School's STEM Outreach Club has been a partner of NNC for several years, starting with a tree planting at Nockamixon State Park and most recently as an important part of our annual [Youth Climate Summit](#). We also recently featured the club on our *CREATE Connections* podcast - [give it a listen here!](#)



Celebrating Jobs Well Done

There is already a lot of positive momentum around taking care of our environment, improving our health, and addressing climate change in the Lehigh Valley. Here are some recent success stories!

- [‘A more sustainable and a healthier community’: Bethlehem schools buy 10 more electric school buses](#)
- [Nature’s Way was a pioneer of organic food in Easton. 50 years later, it’s still going strong](#)
- [Slowly but surely, city says, Bethlehem is on the climate-action come up](#)
- [‘A significant milestone’: Native species trees planted in Palmer Township](#)
- [3 more Lehigh Valley farms preserved from development: ‘An investment we can’t afford not to make’](#)
- [\\$3.5M in state grants awarded to Lehigh Valley trail projects](#)

STEM Outreach Club invites students to come together around events related to STEM - Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math. A team of Chief Science Officers (CSOs) works together with their advisor, science teacher Dylan Fedell to connect not only fellow high school students but also elementary and middle school students in the district and the larger community to STEM topics. They host an annual STEM Night for elementary school students, participate in tree plantings, and each CSO picks a personal project to work on for the year based on their interests.

Environmental topics feature heavily in STEM Outreach Club's work. In addition to the first tree planting at Nockamixon State Park, they have planted trees at multiple municipal parks in the area in following years. Students learned about native tree species, how to select appropriate species for different planting sites, and the benefits of trees for carbon sequestration, stormwater management, and air quality. Last year, the club organized a satellite event at Palisades during the Youth Climate Summit where they tuned into some of the Youth Climate Summit presentations happening at Nurture Nature Center and participated in related activities at their school. This year, the club will attend the summit in person at NNC, and CSOs will give

Are you involved in a recent success story or upcoming

opportunity
for action related to climate
change?

Please let us know
by emailing Lauren at
lfosbenner@nurturenaturecenter.org
so we can consider including
your project in the next Climate
Partners Newsletter!

presentations on their work during the public summit sessions on
Saturday, April 26.



You can look forward to future spotlights on our other partners, both in
this newsletter and [on our podcast!](#)



City of Easton
Climate Action Plan



Approved by City of Easton City Council
October 27th, 2021



Climate Action Plan Spotlight - Education and Raising Awareness

Did You Know? People are much more likely to take climate
action when they know that their friends and family members are
also concerned about climate change and taking action in their own
lives. This makes talking about climate change with those around us
very important, as discussed in this [TED Talk by Katharine Hayhoe:
The Most Important Thing You Can Do To Fight Climate Change: Talk
About It.](#)

Discover more climate actions and ways to get involved with our
Strategy Spotlights [here!](#) Each strategy includes suggested actions
at three different levels of time and energy required.

TAKE CLIMATE ACTION

Education/Raise Awareness

One of the most effective actions we can take as individuals to combat climate
change is to talk about it with others. This multiplies our influence and helps
build bigger communities to tackle these very big issues!

Ways to help:

1. Increase your knowledge and awareness
2. Talk to someone about climate change and
climate action
3. Join a group committed to the environment,
local community or sustainability

There are many groups of other like-minded people trying
to make a difference on climate change in a variety of
ways. These include groups focused on politics, local
cleanups, planting trees, working with students, and more.



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create-connections](https://nurturenaturecenter.org/create-connections)

Want to take a deeper dive? Both cities' CAPs are available to the public at the links below.

Bethlehem CAP: <https://www.bethlehem-pa.gov/Public-Works/Climate-Action-Plan>

Easton CAP: https://nurturenaturecenter.org/wp-content/uploads/2022/06/EastonCAPDraft_revision2024_final.pdf

More Ways to Take Action

• **Composting Workshop | Tuesday, January 21, 6-8pm | Nurture Nature Center (518 Northampton St., Easton, PA)**

- Please register [here](#) if you plan to attend
- Join us for a panel discussion with local compost experts covering worm composting, compost at community gardens, Lafayette College's "Sustainable Food Loop," and the City of Easton's Urban Conservation Department's efforts. After the panel we will have time for demonstrations and hands-on activities about how composting works, different options for composting your food waste, and community-wide options to make composting easier for everyone.

• **Registration is now OPEN for the 6th Annual Youth Climate Summit | Friday and Saturday, April 25 and 26 | Nurture Nature Center (518 Northampton St., Easton, PA)**

- Register [here](#)
- Friday, April 25 is for student groups and teachers; Saturday, April 26 is open to the public for additional student presentations and programming
- Students can submit proposals for 5 minute presentations [here](#)
- We are excited to feature performances from the Mosaic Youth Choir at this year's YCS!

• **Local Businesses and Climate Action Discussion | Monday, February 3, 6-7pm | Via Zoom**

- NNC will be hosting a meeting/group discussion to give local Easton and Bethlehem business owners the opportunity to talk to one another and NNC to exchange ideas about businesses and sustainability/climate action. If you are interested please email Lauren (lfosbenner@nurturenaturecenter.org) to RSVP and request the Zoom link.

• **Monthly Nature Workshops in Easton's Microforest, Lower Hackett Park, 1900 Wood Ave**

- Join the City of Easton's urban conservation department for a vibrant monthly workshop series set in their demonstration Micro-Forest. Designed for nature enthusiasts of all ages and experience levels, these workshops offer a dynamic opportunity to engage with our local ecosystem and learn hands-on skills. The fenced, half-acre Micro-Forest is filled with native species of flowers, trees, and shrubs, and is open to the public year-round. Each workshop will be a casual foray into a variety of urban forestry, ecosystem management, and nature topics.
- <https://www.easton-pa.com/518/Discover-Nature-Workshops>


• **Join a community clean-up!**

- Easton EAC hosts monthly Wednesday and Saturday clean-ups - check their [Facebook page](#) for details.
- Southside Bethlehem's Public and Green Space Committee hosts monthly clean-ups - [see dates and times and register here](#).
- Check if there's an organization in your community that offers a clean-up. If not, consider organizing one with a group you are part of!

• **Attend a meeting of your local Environmental Advisory Council (EAC):**

- [Easton EAC](#) - 6pm on the first Tuesday of each month at City Hall, City Council Chambers or the Mayor's Conference Room and on Zoom
- [Bethlehem EAC](#) - 7pm on the first Thursday of each month at Northampton Community College Fowler Family Southside Center, Room 106 and on Zoom
- Smaller municipalities - consult your township or borough's website for information on whether you have an EAC and when they meet


• **All Bethlehem residents:** [Become a Bethlehem Climate Champion](#) by taking the linked survey to commit to one or multiple climate actions. After completing the survey, participants can pick up their Climate Challenge yard sign from the front desk in City Hall and will have their names added to a list of Climate Champions on the challenge website.




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Scan the QR Code to register, or visit tinyurl.com/CompostNNC



COMPOST



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NNC invites interested local businesses to a group discussion of opportunities for climate action and a potential new business sustainability recognition program

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