



EAC Network Fall Gathering



October 21, 9 am - 4 pm



West Chester University, Sykes Student Union
110 Rosedale Ave, West Chester, PA 19383



What's the EAC Network?

The EAC Network is a **peer-support network of environmental advisory council members**, managed by WeConservePA. The network helps environmental advisory council volunteers help one another. It creates opportunities for the people involved in EACs to bounce ideas off each other and share experiences and lessons learned. It provides in-person and digital forums for people to work together to answer each other's questions and solve problems together.

Resources available at WeConservePA.org:

EAC Network Website weconservepa.org/eac

EAC Handbook weconservepa.org/eac/eac-handbook/

Documents Library conservationtools.org/library_items/

Groupfinder Tool weconservepa.org/groups/

Newsletter Signup weconservepa.org/get-informed/

Events Calendar weconservepa.org/events/

EAC Forum weconservepa.org/eac/join-discussion/



Agenda At-a-Glance

9 AM | Registration open

Coffee, snacks, and conversation **Ballroom B/C**

9:30AM - 10:45AM | Welcome & lightning session

EAC project sharing **Ballroom B/C**

11AM - Noon | Roundtables

Make connections, get assistance **Ballroom B/C**

Noon - 1PM | Lunch

Included in registration **Ballroom B/C**

1PM - 2PM | Breakouts 1

Energy Transition and Sustainability Planning:

Why & How? **Ballroom A**

Local Action to Improve Water Quality **RM 115**

2 PM – 2:30 PM | Afternoon break

2:30PM - 3:30PM | Breakouts 2

Energy Transition and Sustainability Planning:

Tools for Municipalities **Ballroom A**

Towards Zero Waste Communities: Single Use Plastics

Ordinances **RM 115**

3:30PM - 4PM | Wrap-up & sharing (optional)

Event Committee

Rachael Griffith

Chester County Planning Commission (Host)

Neal Dougherty

Bucks County Office of Sustainability

Jon Leshner

Montgomery County Planning Commission

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East Vincent Township EAC

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West Chester Area Clean Energy Future

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Delaware County Office of Sustainability

Sustainability at WCU

Scan the QR code below for a storymap tour of north and south campus sustainability features.



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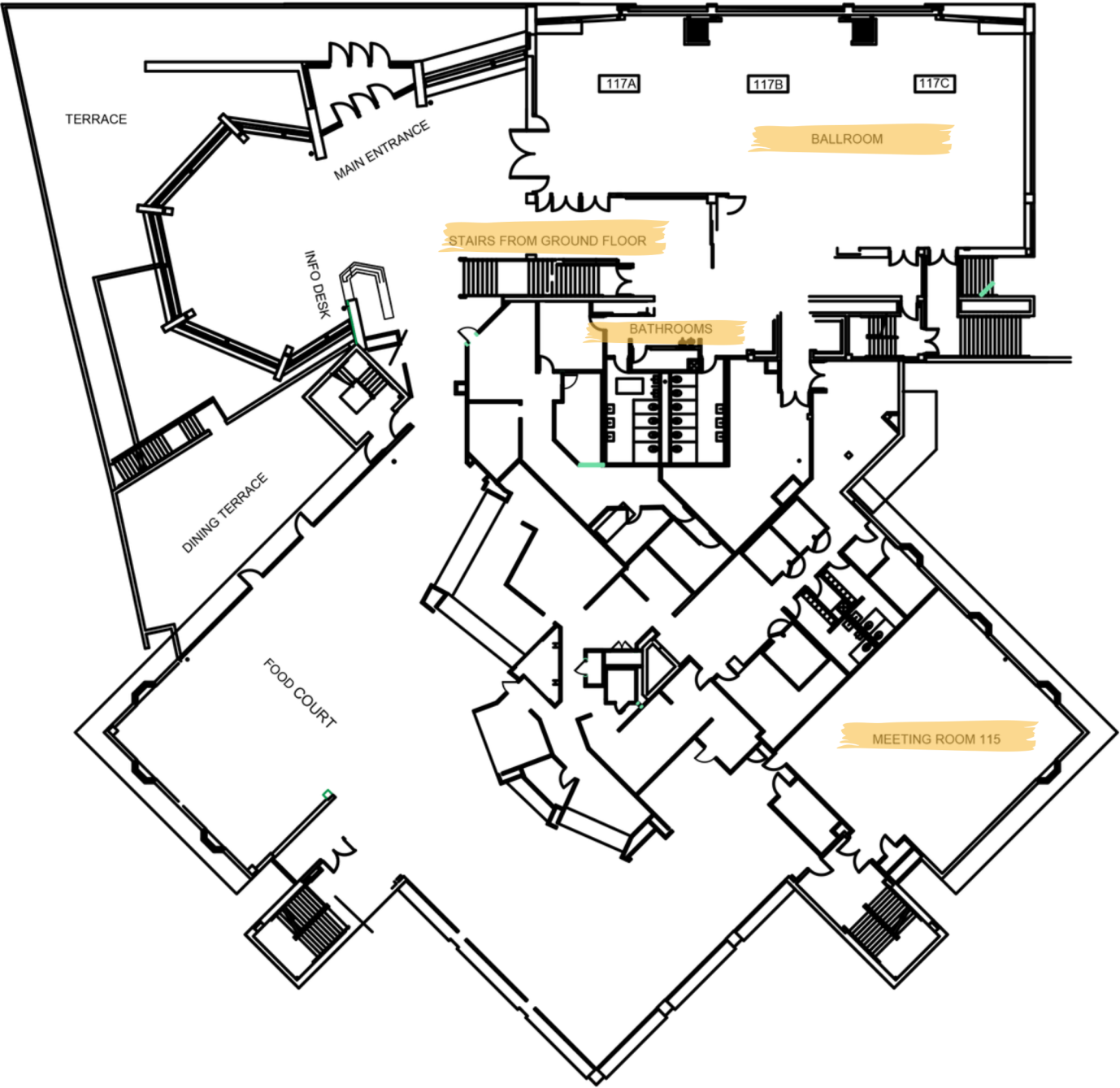
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Sykes Student Union: Facility Map



When entering the building from the parking lot, you will need to take the stairs or elevator to the first floor. The EAC Fall Gathering will be in the BALLROOM and MEETING ROOM 115



Presentations & Presenters

Welcome Rachael Griffith, Chester County Planning Commission; Carol Grayshaw, WeConservePA (EAC Network)

Lightning Sessions: EAC Sharing

- K-12 STEELS curriculum
- Native Species Day activities
- Community Choice Aggregation
- Planting trees and native vegetation in our urban communities
- Stream crossing signage to improve watershed awareness
- Saving Springfield Township \$200,000+ on energy bills

Roundtable Discussions

You may choose any of the following discussions to participate in:

- Habitat and resource management issues
- Waste reduction options
- Community engagement strategies
- HOA issues
- EAC’s thinking outside the box
- Climate Action Planning

Local Action to Improve Water Quality

An in-depth discussion on the science behind water quality issues facing municipalities (including the effects of salt, pesticides, and herbicides) and suggestions for EAC programs and initiatives to consider to both educate citizens and make improvements to water quality in their community. **Presenters: John Jackson (Stroud Water Research Center), Carol Armstrong (Charlestown Township EAC, Master Watershed Steward)**

Energy Transition and Sustainability Planning: Why & How

What is the difference between an energy transition and sustainability plan, and how do you choose which is the most appropriate in your situation? Attend this session for an overview of the ins-and-outs of energy transition and sustainability planning and the process of completing a plan for your municipality. **Presenters: Jon Leshner (Montgomery County Planning Commission), Dennis Ray (East Pikeland EAC), Paloma Vila (Lower Merion Township)**

Towards Zero Waste Communities: Single Use Plastics Ordinances

PennEnvironment will share resources and support available to communities looking to pursue a single-use plastics ordinance in their community. Additional speakers will share insight from the process of enacting an ordinance. **Presenters: Faran Savatz (PennEnvironment), Zach Davis (Upper Merion Township)**

Energy Transition and Sustainability Planning: Tools for Municipalities

A continuation of the first breakout session, this follow-up will provide more information, plus resources and tools available to municipalities to aid in the development of energy transition and sustainability plans. **Presenters: Jon Leshner (Montgomery County Planning Commission), Brandi Robinson (Penn State University), Liz Compitello (DVRPC)**