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Re: membership on Environmental Advisory Committee (EAC)

Dear UMBT Supervisors:

I would like to be considered for membership on the township's Environmental Advisory Committee; my understanding is that the committee is being reinstated. After I retired in 2019, I expressed interest in joining the committee and was told that it was disbanded. Instead, I've been active on the Mt. Bethel Preserve Steering Committee and now, the Northern Tier Trail Committee.

I'm a lifelong resident of the Slate Belt and a resident of UMBT for more than 50 years. My love and appreciation of the outdoors has been a constant in my life. I've been a member and volunteer with The Nature Conservancy (TNC) for over 40 years and attended lectures and guided hikes with the EAC when it existed in the early 2000's. I became a Master Watershed Steward through PennState Extension in 2021. That training expanded and reinforced my knowledge of the natural world and legislation protecting it. It also provided me many volunteer opportunities in Northampton and Monroe Counties focused mainly on riparian buffer planting and invasive species removal. In addition to TNC, I'm a board member of the Martins Jacoby Creek Watershed Association and an active member and volunteer with the Pocono Heritage Land Trust and Brodhead Watershed Association (BWA). I'm the Cherry Creek Team Lead for BWA's Streamwatch program, a citizen science network that monitors, analyzes and educates on the quality of that watershed.

I'm anxious to apply my experience and knowledge within my local community. I feel that the EAC can help guide the environmental protection and stewardship of our township's natural beauty and diversity. This is especially important as the township works toward growing a more diverse tax base to alleviate the individual tax burden and provide local employment opportunities. The EAC can play a key role in ensuring that our township's rural character is maintained during this period of change.

Thank you for your considering my application for membership on the EAC.

Sincerely

Allison Heinsohn