



BOROUGH OF AMBLER COMMITTEE MEETING

**All matters that are deliberated could result in a vote
to take official action.**

**February 6, 2024
7:00PM**

EXECUTIVE SESSION 6:45

**PRESENTATION:
Community Choice Aggregation (CCA) for PA**

Finance & Planning Committee

February 6, 2024

Haley Welch- Chair

Karen Sheedy

Lisa Auerbach

Elizabeth Iovine

OLD BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS

1. **BOROUGH ENGINEER'S REPORT**

The Borough Engineer's report is **attached**.

2. **SEPTA AMBLER STATION OPEN HOUSE MEETING**

SEPTA hosted an open house on January 30th for an Ambler Station Area Concept Meeting to solicit input from riders, residents, and businesses about the possibility for development.

3. **VALLEY FORGE TOURISM**

A presentation will be made by Valley Forge Tourism at the Council meeting on February 20th at 7:00p.m..

4. **WATER QUALITY IMPROVEMENT PLAN (WOIP)**

On March 19th, Drew Shaw and Erin Landis of the Wissahickon Clean Water Partnership will make a presentation and discuss the process on a proposed Resolution and Consortium process.

5. **LCB LICENSE TRANSFER**

A request has been made for a license transfer from Carrett LLC d/b/a Cantina Feliz in Fort Washington to 109-115 East Butler Avenue. (Resolution and request attached). Authorization is requested to advertise for a Public Hearing. **(attached)**

AMBLER BOROUGH

Project No. Project Name

Borough Engineer

Status

2003-0122-01	Ambler-2013 NPDES MS4 Permit	2022 Annual Status Report submitted to PADEP 9/30/23. Next Annual Status Report due 9/30/24 for period 7/1/23 thru 6/30/24. PADEP review of TMDL/PRP received 5/28/21. Preparation of response and map update underway. NOI for new permit due 3/15/25.
2006-08054	Pedestrian Sidewalk Upgrade Program	Final PennDOT review comments being addressed. Tentative letting early Spring 2024.
2013-02020	Ambler Crossings	Construction underway. Review of amended Village Green provided 4/22/22. Escrow release #2 for Phase 2 provided 8/31/23.
2014-12015	St. Mary's Villa Residential Redevelopment.- TIS	UDT provided Bethlehem/Lindenwold signal concept plans for review on 7/2/21 and were discussed with UDT on 7/22/21. UDT & Ambler coordinating with owner of 98 S Bethlehem & 359 Lindenwold.
2020-07089	90 W. Butler Ave	Construction complete. SOM 6/3/2022. EOM 12/2/2023. EOM punch list provided 11/29/23. Maintenance period extended to Spring 2024 to replace shrubs.
2021-01010.02	Tannery Run Repairs - 33 - 57 E Butler Ave	Borough coordination with property owners underway. Preparation of construction plans and specifications underway. Preparation of PADEP General Permit for stream encroachment underway.
2021-01010-01	Tannery Run Repairs (205 E Butler - Serrao)	Construction complete. SOM 11/16/22. EOM 5/16/24.
2021-03028	Lakeview Development 5-9 N. Maple Ave.	Council granted conditional use at the 7/18/23 meeting and preliminary/final land development at the 8/15/23 meeting. Review of revised plans provided 11/16/2023.
2021-04048	Edgewood Dr - PA Small Water & Sewer Program Grant Implementation	Construction and punch list completed. Final payment request submitted 1/25/2024. SOM 12/31/2023. EOM 6/30/2025
2022-05006	25 N Ridge - Colony Club LD Review	Council granted conditional approval at 8/23/22 meeting. Building construction underway. Record plans signed 9/19/23.
2022-05007	24 & 26 N Ridge - John's Court	Council granted conditional approval at 4/18/23 meeting. Record plans signed 9/19/23.
2023-03002	Court at Ambler Station (Ambler Station I, LLC)	Sketch Plan review provided 4/20/23 and discussed at 4/25/23 PC meeting. Revised sketch plan review provided 11/20/23 and discussed at the 11/28/23 PC meeting.
9991010	Ambler Borough General Engineering Services	Ongoing.
Sewer Engineer		
2013-02020-01	Ambler Crossings - Sewer	Construction underway. Sanitary Sewer is complete; testing remains.
2400032	2023 Chapter 94 Report	Preparing sanitary sewer collection system report for inclusion in the Ambler WWTP 2023 Chapter 94 Report.
9991050	Ambler Borough General Sewer Services	Prepared 2024 Ambler Borough collection sewer service area budget allocations report for Ambler WWTP; submitted to EEMA on 9/26/23.
Water Engineer		

GILMORE & ASSOCIATES, INC.

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Water Engineer		
2012-10043	Loch Alsh Dam Annual Inspections	Annual inspection with PADEP conducted on 12/12/2023. Inspection report is being finalized for submission to PADEP.
2013-02020-02	Ambler Crossings - Water	Construction underway. Water main is tested/complete.
2018-01171	Mattison Estates (UDT)	Water construction and testing complete. 18 month maintenance period began 7/1/20. Assisting Ambler staff with construction concerns and project documentation. Maintenance Bond extended to 4/1/2023 based on observed water service leaks and concerns with construction of water facilities. Water as-built plans received; additional G&A comments provided to developer on 2/8/23. Developer continues to address punch list items and as-built plans. Reviewed proposed changes to water services associated with a reconfiguration of dwellings. Water Superintendent and Solicitor continue to work with developer regarding extended bond.
2020-03072	Whitemarsh Plant Operations	Assisting Water Dept. with recommendations and revisions to the Whitemarsh Plant SOPs. G&A conducted a visual assessment of the clear well tank's structural condition and provided a report dated 9/19/22; inspection conducted with no observed deficiencies..
2020-06158	Wells 2, 6, and 7 PFAS Treatment System	\$1,000,000 grant awarded by PADEP. Project advertised for bids on December 22, 2022; pre-bid meeting held at Boro Hall on January 18, 2023; bids received February 2, 2023. General/Mechanical and Electrical/HVAC contracts awarded to Blooming Glen Contractors on 2/7/23. Review of shop drawing submittals in progress. UDT permits received in December 2023. Gen/Mech construction to begin on 2/5/24.
2021-04054.01	2022 MIRIA Grant - Design	Initial field survey and base plan for Well 14 site completed; design and permitting underway with Greensand Plus filtration proposed for Manganese treatment and Ion Exchange (IX) proposed for PFAS treatment. PADEP issued a letter on 6/28/23 allowing for the use of IX treatment for PFAS subject to a list of conditions.
2021-04095	Longfield Farms Development (Whitemarsh Twp)	Plan review letter #3 issued 5/17/22 recommending project approval; water construction escrow recommended per letter dated 5/5/22 for use in developer's agreement. Preconstruction meeting held on 6/27/22. Water shop drawing submittals reviewed 7/22/22. Water construction and testing complete.
2022-01230	T-Mobile Upgrades at Houston Rd Tank	Work completed; as-built plans received.
2022-02056	AT&T Upgrades at Houston Rd Tank	Plan review letter #2 issued 8/3/22 recommending project approval.
2022-02095	NWWA Water Purchase Agreement	Meeting held on 2/14/22 between NWWA staff, Ambler staff and G&A to discuss potential interconnection of respective water systems for emergency & permanent uses and wholesale purchase of water. NWWA provided a draft Water Supply Agreement to Ambler on 3/9/22 for review.
2022-02104	AT&T Upgrades at Broad Axe Tank	Plan review #2 issued 6/30/22 recommending project approval. Work to follow pre-construction tank inspection by MBA (awaiting escrow funds).
2022-04076	Lakeview Development 5-9 N. Maple Ave.	Water/Sewer plan review #1 issued 2/23/23. Plans received dated 12/21/23 (Rev. 6) are currently under review.

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Water Engineer		
2022-04096	2023 MIRIA Grant Program	Prepared MIRIA Application documents for submission by Borough on May 16, 2022. Attended MIRIA Board meeting on December 16, 2022 to provide update on completed, ongoing, and proposed Ambler MIRIA/PFAS projects. At the December 16th meeting, MIRIA awarded \$1,134,000 in grant funding for (2023) projects associated with 2022 application, including NWWA interconnection and associated new piping, additional cost for Whitemarsh carbon replacement, and 2023 PFAS sampling. Reviewed and tabulated January, April, July, and October 2023 quarterly PFAS samples for all sources and tanks.
2022-04096.01	2023 MIRIA Grant - Design	Consulted with PADEP regarding permitting requirements for new NWWA Interconnection. Field survey complete. Water and interconnect design currently underway. G&A met with Water staff on 1/18/2024 to review plans, project considerations and schedule.
2022-06066	Verizon Upgrades at Houston Rd Tank	Plan review #1 issued 6/22/22 recommending project approval.
2022-07025	Wissahickon Park (Whitpain Twp)	Coordinating with Ambler staff re: proposed improvements to Wissahickon Park and need for new or upgraded water service for site. Plan review #1 issued on 11/10/23. Response letter and plan resubmission received on 11/22/23.
2023-04049	2024 MIRIA Grant Program	Prepared MIRIA Application documents including cost estimates for submission by Borough on May 15, 2023. The application included projects for a PFAS treatment system at Well 4, additional costs for current PFAS treatment system projects at Wells 2, 6 & 7 and Well 14, as well as Whitemarsh carbon changeout and quarterly PFAS sampling at all sources and tanks for 2024. Total grant request amount was \$3,525,000. Executed grant agreement received on 1/5/24.
2023-07033	Upper Dublin Twp Public Works Building	New water service and meter pit installed. Testing satisfactorily completed. As-built plan received and under review.
2023-08002	AT&T Generator at Houston Rd Tank	AT&T proposing to install a new permanent generator and pad at the site which will require additional lease space. G&A assisting Water Superintendent with review of proposed location. Proposed location approved.
2023-08044	Wissahickon Valley Boys & Girls Club (Whitpain Twp)	Plans received for a proposed community center building and review with Water staff being conducted with respect to proposed water improvements. Plan review #1 issued on 11/21/23. Plan review #2 issued on 12/19/23. Plan review #3 issued on 1/26/24 recommending project approval.
2023-10031	Sprint Decommission at Houston Rd Tank	Plans received for the decommission of Sprint's facilities at the tank site in conjunction with termination of lease. Plans reviewed and scope of work approved. Pre-construction meeting held on 11/7/23. Work at site commenced on 11/27/23. MBA completed pre-construction inspection and report received 1/17/24. Post-construction inspection to be conducted following completion of decommission work.
2023-10045	776 Johns Lane (LGT)	Plans received for a 6-lot subdivision to be served by a public water extension. Plan review #1 issued on 1/31/24.
9991049	Ambler Borough General Water Services	Ongoing assistance concerning PFAS issues, including regulatory activity, source monitoring, providing information and responses to the public. Preparing update to water distribution system map.

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February 1, 2024

Ambler Borough Council
Ambler Borough Hall
131 Rosemary Avenue
Ambler, PA 19002

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jbresnan@bresnanlaw.com

**Re: Carrett LLC d/b/a Cantina Feliz
Inter-Municipal Liquor License Transfer for 109-115 East Butler Ave.**

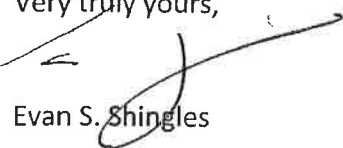
Dear Mary:

Thank you for your kind assistance regarding the above proposed inter-municipal liquor license transfer. Pursuant to your instructions, please permit this letter to memorialize my client's request to transfer his liquor license (#R15892) from its current location at 424 S. Bethlehem Pike, Fort Washington to the property he recently purchased at 109-115 East Butler Ave and that such request be placed on the borough agenda for a hearing.

My client will gladly make arrangements for a court reporter to be present at the hearing and do anything and everything necessary for approval including advertising the hearing for two consecutive weeks, as well as forwarding proof of advertising and a proposed Borough Resolution in both pdf and word formats. Kindly advise with available hearing dates.

Thank you for your time and attention to this matter.

Very truly yours,


Evan S. Shingles

ESS/mm

**THE BOROUGH OF AMBLER
RESOLUTION NO. _____**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH OF AMBLER,
COUNTY OF MONTGOMERY, COMMONWEALTH OF
PENNSYLVANIA, APPROVING THE TRANSFER OF
LIQUOR LICENSE NO. R-15892 INTO AMBLER
BOROUGH**

WHEREAS, Act 141 of 2000 (“the Act”) authorizes the Pennsylvania Liquor Control Board to approve, in certain instances, the transfer of restaurant liquor licenses across municipal boundaries within the same county regardless of the quota limitations provided for in Section 461 of the Liquor Code if, as in Ambler Borough, sales of liquor and malt or brewed beverages are legal in the municipality receiving the license; and

WHEREAS, the Act requires the applicant to obtain from the receiving municipality a resolution approving the inter-municipal transfer of the liquor license prior to an applicant’s submission of an application to the Pennsylvania Liquor Control Board; and

WHEREAS, the Liquor Code stipulates that, prior to adoption of a resolution by the receiving municipality, at least one (1) hearing be held for the purpose of permitting individuals residing within the municipality to make comments and recommendations regarding applicant’s intent to transfer a liquor license into the receiving municipality; and

WHEREAS, an application for transfer filed under the Act must contain a copy of the resolution adopted by the municipality approving the transfer of a liquor license into the municipality.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that Carrett LLC d/b/a Cantina Feliz has requested the approval of the Ambler Borough Council for the proposed transfer of Pennsylvania liquor license no. R-15892 to facilities within Ambler Borough to be located at 109-115 East Butler Ave, Ambler, Pennsylvania, 19002, with the understanding that said transfer must be approved at a later date by the Pennsylvania Liquor Control Board; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Ambler Borough Council held a properly advertised public hearing pursuant to the notice provisions of Section 102 of the Liquor Code to receive comments on the proposed liquor license transfer; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that Ambler Borough Council approves, by adoption of this Resolution, the proposed inter-municipal transfer of restaurant liquor license No. R-15892 into Ambler Borough Township by Carrett LLC d/b/a Cantina Feliz; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that transfers, designations and assignments of licenses hereunder are subject to approval by the Pennsylvania Liquor Control Board.

Duly adopted this _____ day of _____, 2024 by the Ambler Borough Council, Montgomery County, Pennsylvania, in lawful session duly assembled.

AMBLER BOROUGH

BY: _____
Glynnis Siskind, Borough Council President

ATTEST: _____
Mary Aversa, Borough Council Secretary

Public Safety Committee

February 6, 2024

Amy Hughes - Chair

Jen Henderson

Nancy Roecker Coates

Lou Orehek

OLD BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS

1. **PUBLIC WORKS & CODE REPORT**

The Code Enforcement and the Public Works reports are **attached**.

2. **DOWNTOWN BUTLER AVENUE**

The committee would like to discuss how to make Butler Ave downtown safer regarding ride-share and delivery drivers.

Public Utilities Committee

February 6, 2024

Karen Sheedy- Chair

Haley Welch

Amy Hughes

Lou Orehek

OLD BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS

1. **WWTP ENGINEER REPORT**

The WWTP Engineer's report is **attached**.

2. **ULTRA VIOLET SYSTEM INSTALLATION**

Bids are being requested from Co-Stars for the UV system installation at the Waste Water Plant. A recommendation is expected this evening.

3. **COMMUNITY CHOICE AGGREGATION**

Dennis Rowan will make a presentation on the Community Choice Aggregation (CCA) for PA Program this evening. **(attached)**



February 2, 2024

Mary Aversa, Borough Manager
Borough of Ambler
131 Rosemary Avenue
Ambler, PA 19002

Re: *Ambler Wastewater Treatment Plant
UV Disinfection Replacement Project
Costars Proposal Review & Recommendation*

Dear Mary;

As you're aware, over the past year, Environmental Engineering & Management Associates, Inc. (EEMA) has been completing PADEP permitting requirements, designing, and coordinating with plant staff and a Costars vendor on the replacement of the UV disinfection equipment at the Borough's wastewater treatment plant.

The Borough's current UV disinfection system was installed in 1999/2000, with a 20-year expected life, but as critically, is no longer supported for spare parts by its manufacturer.

The Costars vendor, Kappe Associates, Inc. (KAI) finalized and provided their Equipment Only Costars proposal to EEMA in January. Borough Council reviewed and approved the Equipment Only scope at its January 16, 2024 meeting, for \$735,100. The equipment has been ordered and the work is in a preliminary Shop Drawing / Submittals phase.

As requested, expected, and discussed, KAI has amended and provided their Costars proposal to include installation, their proposal dated February 2, 2024, attached. At the Borough's and EEMA's direction, KAI obtained competitive quotes for the installation for their proposal – the most comprehensive and reasonable from Eastern Environmental Contractors, Inc. (EEC), a contractor who has done a significant number of projects at the Borough's plant. EEC will be KAI's subcontractor on the project, under KAI's General Contractor Costars contract.

EEMA has reviewed KAI's February 2, 2024 proposal, specific to scope and exclusions, and finds it acceptable, recommending Borough Council authorize and motion to approve, at its discretion. The proposal is for **\$1.658,060**, now inclusive of the installation, at \$922.960, and the previously approved \$735,100.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Very truly yours,
Environmental Engineering
& Management Associates, Inc.

Anthony L. Price

Anthony L. Price, P.E.
Principal Engineer

Cc: Jarrett Evans, Superintendent, AWWTP

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January 31, 2024

Mary Aversa, Borough Manager
Borough of Ambler
131 Rosemary Avenue
Ambler, PA 19002

Re: Status Report - January 2024

Dear Mary;

The status of current active projects is as follows:

1. Conversion of Digesters - Construction continues for the conversion of the digesters from anaerobic digestion (without air) to aerobic digestion (with air). There is a total of 5 digesters in the scope. The first digester, T-9, was completed and re-started in March 2023, the second, T-10, in early August 2023, and the third, ET-17, was completed in December 2023. The plant is operating T-9, T-10, and ET-17 in a work-around, with down-sized sheaves and belts, as a permanent solution with VFD's will be considered at the end of or after the project. Work on ET-16 was started in January 2024. We anticipate completion of the final two digesters in the scope, T-15 and T-16, in the first quarter of 2024.
2. Diversion of Upper Dublin WWTP to Ambler WWTP - PADEP approved the Act 537 Plan prepared by Bucks County Water and Sewer Authority (BCWSA) in 2022 for closing the Upper Dublin Wastewater Treatment Plant and diverting that flow to Ambler's Wastewater Treatment Plant. EEMA and the Borough's engineer on the Diversion project, HRG, have been discussing the future Part II WQM permit for the Diversion with PADEP, with respect to the increased flow from the current 6.5 MGD to 7.7 MGD with the diversion, associated changes in permit limits and conditions, and the timeline of the construction of the necessary new facilities at the plant.
3. NPDES Permit Renewal - EEMA will be providing comments to PADEP with the Borough's other professionals at HRG and GHD for a collective response on the Borough's draft NPDES Permit in early February; released for public review and comments in late December 2023. We continue to review and discuss several aspects of the renewal, specifically with respect to the Copper BLM, Aluminum WER, proposed flows and new discharge limits.
4. UV Light Disinfection Replacement - The WWTP, EEMA, and its team completed work on design, finalized the scope, and requested competitive equipment and installation cost estimates in July through CoStars. The Borough approved the equipment portion of the CoStars proposal at its January meeting; the equipment has been ordered and is in preliminary Shop Drawing phase. EEMA anticipates presenting the CoStars proposal for the installation scope of the project to the Borough at its February meeting.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Very truly yours,
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Mary Aversa

Subject: FW: Narberth and Swarthmore Update on their CCA Implementation Plan progress
Attachments: Ambler CCA opportunity to EAC 11 15 23 to Mary Aversa 1.18.24.pdf

From: Dennis Rowan <drowan@rowanenergyintegration.com>
Sent: Thursday, January 18, 2024 1:29 PM
To: Mary Aversa <maversa@borough.ambler.pa.us>
Subject: Re: Narberth and Swarthmore Update on their CCA Implementation Plan progress

Hi Mary,

(Attached is the Power Point that we presented to the Ambler EAC.)

There are 5 Boroughs who have signed the MOU with Joule Community Power and CCA for PA to go through the process of **developing a Borough Opt-out CCA Implementation Plan**. This CCA Implementation Plan is in development based on ongoing meetings with: The Utilities, 3 meetings with PECO; The PA Consumer Advocate
The PA Public Utility Commission, 2 meetings, next meeting with the Office of Competitive Markets Jan26th
Meetings with Individual Commissioners' and Governor Shapiro's Energy office.

The ask from CCA for PA at this point is for Boroughs exploring CCA to sign the MOU and demonstrate to the PA PUC and Utility that Opt-Out CCA is viewed by multiple communities as a solution that helps meet community **Ready For 100% Renewable Energy Resolutions**.

The MOUs signed by the five Boroughs (more Boroughs will sign in 2024) enable the Boroughs and CCA for PA to demonstrate to the Utilities, PUC, Consumer Advocate and Governor's office that there is strong community need to take **local actions** to address the safety of their communities and reduce toxic pollution that cause health damages and contribute to climate change induced Natural disaster that threaten the life and environment of PA communities.

There are no Opt-out CCAs in PA at this time. The MOU enables the Boroughs to **explore** Opt-out CCA at no cost and no obligation to adopt a CCA. Borough CCA adoption would only follow after community meetings, a local ordinance, and a Request for Proposals to Electricity Generation Suppliers (EGS) that solicited a winning bid that the Borough Council would evaluate on the economic and environmental benefits. All of those steps would be Borough initiated.

Please reach out with any comments or questions. I look forward to the February meeting!

Best regards,

Dennis

Community Choice Aggregation (CCA) for PA

The CCA Borough Model will contribute to protecting local economy, natural resources, and community health

The Power of Community Choice Aggregation (CCA)

CCA enables local governments to choose electricity provider(s) for their constituents, at no cost. With CCA, PA Boroughs can purchase electricity on behalf of all residents and small businesses within their jurisdiction. Residents and local businesses can opt-out of the Borough CCA at any time, for free.

CCA will allow PA Boroughs to:

- Accelerate the transition to renewable energy.
- Negotiate the source of energy generation.
- Use bulk buying power to decrease energy cost through the wholesale energy markets.
- Create energy price stability (as opposed to fossil fuel instability).
- Enhance competitiveness and support local clean energy job creation.
- Protect constituents from predatory energy sales practices.

10 States have authorized CCA, generating 2-20% savings nationwide (*source: LEAN¹*).

When combined with solar, CCA provides more energy price stability and lower pricing, versus what consumers can negotiate on their own. In New York for example, 150+ municipalities representing 3.2 million people have already adopted CCA. And 80-90% of NY residents from opt-out CCA municipalities have been moved to clean energy. In contrast, 1-5% of residents in municipalities without CCA, switch to clean energy.

Pennsylvanians Want More Local Renewable Energy

CCA is featured in: Pennsylvania's Climate Action Plan, Philadelphia's Energy Vision, West Chester Council of Governments Energy Transition Plan, and Pittsburgh's Climate Action Plan as a **"high-value implementable action"** to accelerate renewable energy adoption and protect PA natural resources. The SolSmart Program Guide also encourages local governments to incorporate CCA.

47 PA towns, representing 2.5 million Pennsylvanians have passed **resolutions to use 100% renewable energy** for their facilities and fleets. CCA will enable these *Ready For 100²* communities to attain their renewable energy goals, well beyond purchases of renewable power for merely their own municipal facilities.

**73% of Pennsylvanians support renewable
(solar, wind, and hydro) electricity generation.**

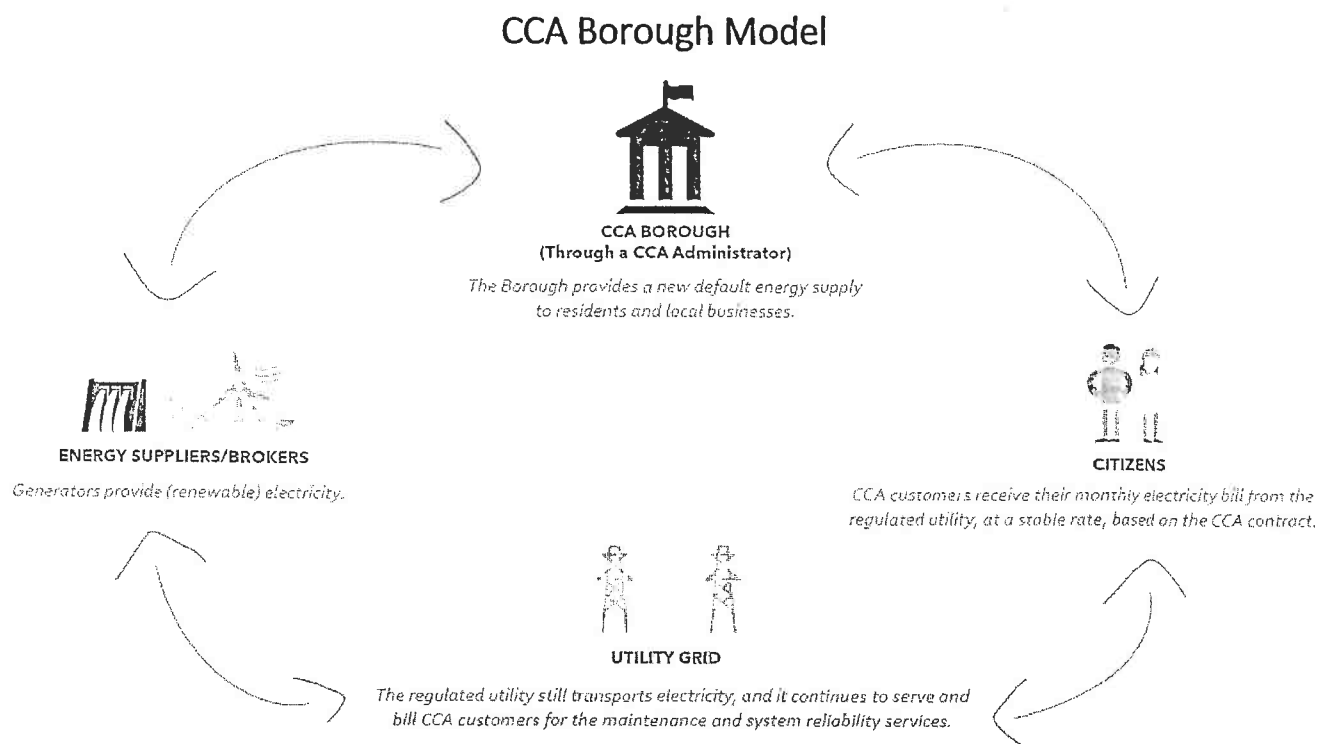
(Source: Vote Solar Poll Results, 2022)

¹ The Local Energy Aggregation Network (LEAN) is a nonprofit aiming to expand Community Choice Aggregation across the USA.

² As part of the Sierra Club's campaign, *Ready For 100* communities signed a local resolution to transition to 100% clean energy.

Pennsylvania Boroughs can currently establish CCA according to Title 8 of PA General Assembly, Chapter 24A "Manufacture And Supply Of Electricity."

"Boroughs may, either singly or jointly, manufacture or purchase electricity for the use of its inhabitants, (...) [and] cooperate with private power companies, other boroughs, electric cooperative corporations and other public or private electric power entities, (...) in the development of electric power and energy. (...) No person, partnership or corporation may introduce electric current for light, heat or power purposes, without the consent of the council, into the limits of any borough that is furnishing electric current to its inhabitants."



- The relationships between Citizens, Energy Supplier and Utility reflect existing PA’s retail choice laws.
- The PA Borough Code authorizes Boroughs to direct the Supplier to procure energy for their citizens’ benefit.
- With the support of a qualified CCA Administrator, the Borough conducts a procurement to select an energy supplier(s) to perform a service contract that:
 - *Determines price and service terms for its citizens,*
 - *Gives it the right to help define any local renewable energy projects serving the Borough,*
 - *May offer citizens a variety of added-value clean energy services.*
- The Borough may allow citizens to opt out of its program at any time, at no cost to citizens.

FAQ available on Pages 3 & 4.

CCA can leverage both the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law (BIL) and the Inflation Reduction Act (IRA) allocated to renewable energy, infrastructure deployment, energy efficiency, and so on.

To learn more and explore CCA for your Borough, contact Dennis Rowan at drowan@rowanenergysolution.com, and watch our last webinar [here](#).

Borough Actions:

1. Schedule a working or public session to better understand how the CCA model works for your Borough. The CCA for PA Working Group will meet with you to address CCA specific to your Borough.
2. Introduce a resolution to explore CCA for your Borough at a Borough Council meeting.
 - a. *Form an exploratory committee;*
 - b. *Collaborate with CCA for PA, to understand the details on CCA for your Borough.*
3. Select a Program Administrator to assist with the remaining steps and operation of the CCA program.
 - a. *Does not commit the Borough.*
 - b. *Authorizes the Program Administrator to present Supplier contract options on behalf of the Borough.*

FAQ on Community Choice Aggregation for PA Boroughs:

1. What options will people have? What changes?

Currently, residents and local businesses have 2 options to receive electricity supply: via PECO utility (default) or via a third-Party Supplier. With a CCA program, the community will have 3 options: CCA Energy (default), PECO utility, third-Party Supplier.

2. Will residents see any increase or decrease in electric power reliability?

The regulated utility remains responsible for the entire transmission and distribution system. Residents' transmission and distribution service, bills and costs will remain unaffected.

3. Will the CCA participants pay their electric bills to the Borough? Or will it be billed on our regular PECO bill?

Since the utility remains in charge of billing and electricity distribution, CCA subscribers still receive a PECO bill. Only the Energy Supplier section of the bill is changed.

4. Who does the CCA program apply to?

The CCA program applies to residents and small businesses within the local government's jurisdiction, who have not already chosen a competitive energy supplier. Government, schools and larger businesses generally have their own electricity procurement contracts and will not be affected by the CCA program. However, any consumer, large or small, can opt in to the CCA at any time.

5. What will the price of electricity be, compared to PECO price to compare (market rate)?

With CCA, the cost of electricity remains stable throughout the 2-to-5-year contract period. That way, the community is not subject to any energy price instability. This often generates savings, particularly when energy prices are rising³. Residents may always opt out of the program, and either buy power from the utility or from a private supplier, if they choose to.

6. What is the cost to the local government to start up a CCA program?

The CCA for PA team is offering to draft a program proposal at no cost. The administrator will be compensated by fees included in electricity supply costs, when the CCA becomes operational.

³ For example, Joule's first CCA contract with 20 municipalities in NY led to 17 million dollars of savings for the participating communities throughout the 30-month contract period. The history of rates in the Westchester, NY CCA program can be visualized [here](#).

7. What is the cost to the local government to manage the ongoing CCA program?

All administrative costs will be included in the subscribers' rate cost of the CCA option, meaning that the local government does not pay for the management of the CCA program. The more subscribers, the more these costs are amortized.

8. Will we have to create an "Energy Authority" – a separate entity from the Borough – that handles the procurement negotiation, the billing (or coordination of the billing with PECO), answers questions from residents, creates marketing materials for the program?

It is not necessary but Boroughs may decide that this "Authority" is an entity that they want to create, as the program matures. In any event, CCA's funds and performance will need to be clearly accounted for, as a separate "enterprise fund" activity, with clear and public records.

9. What is CCA for PA asking the Borough to commit to in order to prepare a CCA program proposal for PA Boroughs?

Sign a Letter of Intent to participate in the CCA planning process. There is no commitment to move forward with a local CCA program, at this stage.

10. Is there a safety net for low-income households in case CCA rates are above market rates? Or is the safety net to opt-out?

Any resident may opt out of the program, at any time and at no cost. Some CCA contracts may also contain guarantees of cost savings versus utility rates, at all times.

11. Where will the CCA electricity come from? Can the participating Boroughs have input into what "green energy" means, timeline for achieving 100% renewable, cap on rates, subscriber termination fees?

Yes, all is negotiable. Boroughs can be involved as much or as little as they would like to be, in every step of the process. CCA for PA intends to work with engaged Boroughs to flesh out a program proposal and introduce discussions with all stakeholders (including PUC, DEP, PECO, Governor's office) before any decisions by the Borough community are needed.

12. How many Boroughs and subscribers will we need to start a CCA for Boroughs program in PA? And how many Boroughs need to sign a Letter of Interest (or similar letter) to get the CCA program proposal for PA Boroughs started?

A minimum of 15,000 PECO accounts are needed to effectively launch a CCA program. We intend to prepare and develop a program structure proposal as soon as one Borough steps forward to do so.

13. If we go 100% PA solar, where does our electricity come from at night?

For Boroughs that want 100% renewable energy, we intend to build CCA programs that are 100% renewable (including wind, hydro, and solar). If renewable power plants do not generate precisely the power needed, at the precise hour the community needs it, residents will be served by the general grid power, and will settle financially so that its renewable counterparties are in essence compensated for the "trade" because they will over-generate at some moments and under-generate at others. On net, the CCA will purchase 100% renewably, renewable power plants will be paid for 100% of what they generate, and consumers will not pay a nickel more, to compensate more standard power generation.

14. I heard that a similar program ("Westchester Power") was pioneered in Westchester County, by Sustainable Westchester. Is there a contact at Westchester Power (NY) that we can connect with?

Mike Gordon, *Founder of Joule Community Power*, was the Founding Co-Chair of Sustainable Westchester, at the time—he guided this New York State pilot program. You may reach him at mgordon@jouleassets.com, for questions about the founding process. Dan Welsh, the current *Director of Westchester Power Program*, may be reached at dan@sustainablewestchester.org for questions regarding the current Westchester Power CCA program in NY.

Parks & Recreation Committee

February 6, 2024

Jen Henderson -Chair

Haley Welch

Lisa Auerbach

Nancy Roecker Coates

OLD BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS

1. **NO MOW MAY**

Staff is requesting guidance on the No Mow May program for 2024. **(attached)**

2. **RED TAIL CONTRACT**

Attached is the Red Tail contract for 2024, Authorization is requested to approve.

RECOMMENDATIONS

1. Authorization is requested to approve the Red Tail contract for 2024.

Borough Of Ambler

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AMBLER, PENNSYLVANIA 19002-4476

PHONE 215-646-1000
FAX 215-641-1355 ADMINISTRATION
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2024 NO MOW MAY REGISTRATION FORM AND AGREEMENT

Rental properties are not permitted to participate without the written permission of the owner on record

OWNER NAME: _____

OWNER ADDRESS: _____

OWNER TELEPHONE NUMBER(S): _____

OWNER EMAIL: _____

I (property owner of above noted property) hereby agree to the following rules and regulations:

- All lawns would need to be cut back to regular length by the end of the first weekend after May ends, by end of day Sunday June 2nd.
- The curb strip grass between the street and the sidewalk must be maintained at a mowed height, where a curb strip exists.
- Along the perimeter of the lawn next to the sidewalk or street if you have no sidewalk, the grass must be maintained at a mowed height for the width of a lawn mower.
- A sign identifying participation must be prominently displayed on the lawn. The sign will be picked up at the Borough building upon application and should be returned to the Borough once the program ends.
- I presently do not have any active or past property maintenance violations while owning this property.
- Educate neighbors on the benefits of No Mow May and why you are participating.

Information on this Registration form is true and complete to the best of my/our knowledge.

Date _____ Signature _____

**Borough of Ambler, PA
contract agreement with
Red Tail Restoration & Land Management, LLC**

Red Tail Restoration & Land Management, LLC, hereinafter referred to as “Red Tail Restoration”, will provide professional services to restore and maintain the ecological health of Ambler Borough Park, which is located off Edgewood Drive in Ambler, PA 19002. Work may also be performed in other locations throughout the Borough of Ambler as requested by Borough Council or other persons who have been given the authority by Borough Council to direct work performed by Red Tail Restoration. Services include:

- Removing invasive plants to support native plant diversity and wildlife habitat and public use of Ambler Borough Park.
- Providing expertise and advice and supporting general conservation tasks as mutually agreed upon by Red Tail Restoration and Borough of Ambler.

The Borough of Ambler agrees to fully indemnify and hold harmless Red Tail Restoration from any litigation that may arise out of the above mentioned duties for which Red Tail Restoration has been contracted to perform, unless due to gross error in the work performed by Red Tail Restoration.

The Borough of Ambler will not be held responsible for any bodily harm to Red Tail Restoration employees or to the owner of Red Tail Restoration if bodily harm occurs while working at Ambler Borough Park or other requested properties.

Red Tail Restoration will operate as an independent contractor and will submit monthly invoices to the Borough of Ambler, PA for services performed. Work will be charged at \$42.00 per hour plus preapproved material costs. Red Tail Restoration will provide up to 75 hours of service over the course of one year beginning January 1, 2024 through December 31, 2024. The terms of this contract will apply to any additional work requested and agreed upon during this contract period unless noted otherwise in writing.

Borough of Ambler: _____
Name & title printed below signature

Date: _____

Borough of Amber: _____
Name & title printed below signature

Date: _____

Red Tail Restoration: _____
Greg Gagliano, Owner
Red Tail Restoration & Land Management, LLC
P.O. Box 82, Glen Mills, PA 19342
(610) 772-1837 greg@redtailrestore.com

Date: _____

Red Tail Contract for Ambler Borough Park
75 hours @\$42/hour

Red Tail:

Top Priority from the Ambler Park Plan:

1. Perform streambank restoration and improve riparian buffers. Please forward recommendations for consideration before performing any work.

Other Priorities:

1. Removal of Japanese knotweed forest on the Tennis side of the creek near where the two channels join to go downstream, and along 100 feet upstream banks. Digging will be needed.
2. Serious thinning of Catalpa trees forest just west of the Japanese knotweed forest. Think enough that it will not be needed for another 4-5 years. What does Red Tail suggest we do with the negative space from where the Catalpa are removed?
3. Monthly Maintenance of the trails or pathways that will be marked and cleared in March by the borough. Mow and/or weed whack. Some trails are not flat enough to mow. The ones that are, could be weed whacked as fast with less equipment. It is mostly the edges that encroach from above (loppers) or from the sides.

Removal of identified multiflora rose -

Weed whack Japanese stilt grass before it goes to seed and keep timing its management as often as needed so hand pulling is not the major strategy to reduce its spread.

Provide quarterly reports from Red Tail provided to the Borough and EAC (AmblerEAC@gmail.com). Include dates of service, focus of activity, and notes for next time.

Questions for Red Tail:

What have you been attempting? How is it going? What are the difficulties? How do you propose to address those difficulties?

Salary & Personnel Committee

February 6, 2024

Lisa Auerbach- Chair

Jen Henderson

Karen Sheedy

Elizabeth Iovine

OLD BUSINESS

1. Resumes are being accepted for the vacant Water Superintendent position.

NEW BUSINESS

1. **EAC VACANCY**

A request was received to appoint Owen Baim to the vacant EAC position.(attached)

2. **WASTEWATER VACANCY**

An executive session is required to discuss a new candidate for the maintenance position.

3. **EMPLOYMENT CONTRACT**

A recommendation is forthcoming.