



Executive Director's Report – January 2022

2022 Managers & Secretaries Meetings – In effort to increase attendance and participation, the QVCOG Managers and Secretaries Meetings will be returning to a “permanent” meeting location in 2022 (Emsworth Borough Building, 171 Center Avenue, Pittsburgh, PA 15202). Meetings will occur on the fourth Wednesday (unless otherwise noted) of the month at **10:00 a.m.** In order to ensure universal access meetings will continue to be simulcast over Zoom, though in-person attendance for these meetings is strongly encouraged.

Route 65 Study – Final Analysis & Recommendations – On 1-26-2022 members of the Remaking Cities Institute & Michael Baker International will be presenting the final report for the Route 65 Study. The presentation will include a comprehensive summary of the report as well as a list of recommendations moving forward. All are welcome to attend and participate in the event which will be held at the Sewickley Public Library (500 Thorn Street, Sewickley, PA 15143) beginning at 7:00 p.m. The meeting will be simulcast over Zoom for those unable to attend in-person. A condensed version of the presentation will be provided to the QVCOG Board of Directors at their January 19th Regular Meeting.

Recycling Performance Grant - The QVCOG recently submitted a joint application for an Act 101 Section 904 Recycling Performance Grant through the PA DEP for 14 of its member communities for the 2020 cycle. As noted in previous reports, the COG has used PRC for prior applications to aggregate its recycling data. By bringing this initiative in-house the COG will save \$5,000 in administrative fees. The reported data year over year (2019 vs. 2020) saw a slight increase for residential recyclable tonnage (+0.10%). In contrast, reported commercial tonnage increased by 68.3% for the 2020 application. The grant award is anticipated to be announced by the Spring of 2022. Participating members will receive their award based on their respective residential tonnage collected within 2020. The remainder of the grant (based on commercial tonnage) will be allocated towards the QVCOG's shared recycling fund.

2022 Contact Info – Municipal Managers/Secretaries have been provided with a spreadsheet which will be used to update the COG's elected officials contact information. Member communities are asked to relay the completed chart after their respective reorganization meetings. Member communities appointing a new QVCOG Delegate(s) are asked to contact Executive Director Conners as soon as possible.

Website Reboot – In effort to provide the most pertinent and useful information for interested parties the QVCOG has “rebooted” its webpage to establish a one-stop shop that highlights existing programming and educational opportunities available for member communities.

LGA Municipal Intern Program - Beginning January 10th applications will be accepted for the 2022 Local Government Academy Municipal Intern Program. Applications are due 2-15-2022. Interested parties may review past projects and program criteria by visiting localgovernmentacademy.org. Executive Director Conners has experience as both an intern and supervisor within this Program and would be happy to assist any member community with their project proposal. In effort to better connect with member communities and organizations within the region, the QVCOG is seeking selection as a host site during this cycle. The proposed Intern will engage with QVCOG member communities, nearby COGs, and other local institutions to benchmark existing organizational structures and programming to generate a strategic plan to best serve its 15 member communities.

Glass Recycling – The QVCOG is seeking a volunteer municipality to serve as its first host site for a shared 20-yard glass recycling receptacle. The prospective host community can offer its residents convenient access to recycle their glass and will serve as a flag bearer leading our region towards the ever-growing goal of sustainability. The host community will be asked to periodically monitor the dumpster to ensure that the stated rules are being followed and must notify the QVCOG when the vessel needs serviced. Communities interested in hosting this resource are asked to highlight a viable location (central access, lighting, and periodic supervision required) within a letter of interest to the QVCOG no later than February 1, 2022.