

QUAKER VALLEY COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS

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Executive Director's Report – November 2021

2022-26 Waste & Recycling Contract – During its August 18th Regular Meeting the Board recommended that the 11 participating member municipalities move forward in awarding the 2022-26 Waste & Recycling Contract to Waste Management. Since that time, the QVCOG has received the required executed Resolution & Agreement from all participating municipalities. The new Waste and Recycling Contract will commence on January 1, 2021. Municipal Staffs should begin to receive their respective 2022 collection calendars on November 1, 2021. If your municipality has any questions concerning the new Agreement, availability of calendars, educational materials, or the new complaint reporting process, please contact Executive Director Connors as soon as possible.

COG-Wide GIS Zoning Map – An accessible GIS map is available for all QVCOG member municipalities. This **free** resource provides a “one stop shop” for residents, staff, and business owners to identify designated zoning classifications for any parcel within any participating community. Additionally, users can access the zoning regulations (if available), Allegheny County Parcel info, Google Street View, and more! To date, 11 member municipalities have contributed their zoning information or are in the process of doing so. Interested parties may contact Executive Director Connors to set up individual tutorials regarding this tool. More info can be found at qvcog.org/cog-wide-gis.

2022 Meeting Dates and Locations – In keeping with the precedent established in 2021, the QVCOG will be seeking volunteer communities to host both the Managers & Secretaries meetings (fourth Wednesday of each month at 9:15 a.m.) and Board of Directors Meetings (third Wednesday of each month at 7:00 p.m.). If your community is willing to host one or both of these meetings, please reach out to Executive Director Connors at your earliest convenience.

CDBG Year 48 Final Applications – Throughout the month of November the QVCOG has worked to submit all outstanding information (i.e. concurring resolutions passed by the participating community, site photos, etc.) through ACED's application portal. The deadline for “final” CDBG Year 48 applications is November 19, 2021. The following projects have been submitted for consideration:

- MPR003 - Avalon Borough - California Avenue Park Rehabilitation
- MRB031- Bell Acres - Borough Park ADA Parking Project
- MPD024 - Bellevue Borough - Blight Remediation Projects
- MRB034 - Leet Township - Orchard, Beech, & Plum ADA Sidewalk Project
- MRB033 - Leetsdale Borough - Henle Park ADA Parking & Walkway Project
- MRB032 - Sewickley Borough - Centennial Avenue ADA Sidewalk Project

Act 101 Section 904 Performance Grant - In the coming weeks, the QVCOG will be working to aggregate residential and commercial recycling data for all 15 member communities. In the past, the COG has partnered with Pennsylvania Resources Council (PRC) to collect this data prior to submission to the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection (DEP). In order to save on administrative fees (\$5,000) as well as to ensure that all available data is collected within our communities, the QVCOG will be bringing this operation in-house for 2021. The deadline for submitting this Grant is December 30, 2021.

GIS “Roundtable” – On December 15th at 10:30 a.m. the QVCOG will host a GIS roundtable at the Leet Township Building (194 Ambridge Avenue, Ambridge, PA 15003). This event will be open to both in-person and virtual attendance. The new QVCOG GIS Zoning Map will be a focus of discussion. Additionally, participants will have an opportunity to discuss their past/present use of the platform as well as their vision for GIS mapping moving forward. The demonstration/discussion will be facilitated by Matt Mercurio of Civic Mapper.