

**QUAKER VALLEY COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS**

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**Executive Director's Report – April 2022**

**WM Recycling Facility Tour** - All interested parties are invited to attend a tour of Waste Management's (now WM) Greenstar Recycling Facility (4100 Grand Avenue, Pittsburgh, PA 15225). The tour will take place on Wednesday, May 4th at 11:00 a.m. This site visit will provide an in-person visual demonstration of the recycling separation and consolidation process and will serve to highlight proper recycling techniques specific to the curbside recycling program. Those who are interested in attending the tour are asked to RSVP via email ([pconners@qvcog.org](mailto:pconners@qvcog.org)).

**Act 152 Grant** - Allegheny County Economic Development (ACED) has announced the 2022 Act 152 Program's application window will open on March 21, 2022 with applications being accepted until April 29<sup>th</sup>. Permissible projects through this program include the demolition of any residential, commercial, institutional or industrial structure within Allegheny County that meets 3 of the 9 blighted conditions as defined by the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania. As a reminder, member communities may apply through the QVCOG for this program.

**Hard to Recycle Event** - On July 23<sup>rd</sup> the Pennsylvania Resources Council (PRC) will be hosting a hard to recycle event at the Quaker Valley High School (625 Beaver St, Leetsdale, PA 15056). The event will take place between 9 a.m. - 1 p.m. PRC's Hard to Recycle Collection events are registration based. Member communities are encouraged to promote this event and the registration requirement. More information can be found by visiting [prc.org](http://prc.org).

**Active Allegheny Grant** - Allegheny County Economic Development (ACED), in partnership with the Allegheny County Health Department (ACHD), has announced that funding is now available through the Active Allegheny Grant Program (AAGP). The purpose of the AAGP is to provide financial assistance to communities to develop plans and design transportation projects that will, when implemented, provide bicycle and pedestrian connections to important local destinations and transportation systems and increase residents' opportunities for physical activity. Applications will be accepted until 4:00 p.m. on Friday, May 27, 2022.

**Joint Police Grant** – In recent months the QVCOG has worked with Haysville & Glenfield Boroughs who have both expressed interest in partnering together in effort to seek a more community-based police solution. Please note, both municipalities are currently served by the Pennsylvania State Police. Both communities have requested quotes from Sewickley Borough for policing services. Additionally, Sewickley Borough Chief of Police David Mazza has identified a Regional Policing Assistance grant through the Office of Justice Programs of the Pennsylvania Commission on Crime and Delinquency which may help offset some of the initial costs for the service agreement. While the initial grant period has passed it is anticipated that another round of grant funding will be available beginning July, 2022. It is anticipated that Sewickley Borough in partnership with the QVCOG will be submitting an application for the aforementioned grant during that time frame.

**Cyber Security Training** – In an effort to provide a proactive solution for an increasingly important workplace environment, the QVCOG has purchased access for a Cyber-Security webinar that will be hosted by the Pennsylvania State Association of Boroughs which will take place on June 15, 2022 at 12:00 p.m. Attendees will learn how to spot fraudulent emails, links, or texts and how to recover from a ransomware attack as well as what insurance policies will and won't cover. All member communities are encouraged to take advantage of this free webinar. Those who are interested in attending the webinar are asked to request the login credentials via email ([pconners@qvcog.org](mailto:pconners@qvcog.org)). A recording of the webinar will also be available upon request.

**Haysville-Glenfield Route 65 Sign** – In recent months Haysville Borough and the QVCOG have been in contact with PennDOT District 11 and Senator Devlin Robinson's office in an effort to install an LED "speedminder" sign along Route 65 near the Norfolk Southern railroad crossing (adjacent from Pittsburgh Stage, Inc.). Funds were procured with the assistance of Senator Robinson and in the coming weeks PennDOT will be working to establish a location and install the signs. Haysville Borough will be financially responsible to pay for the upkeep and electricity associated with the signage.

**Recycling Performance Grant Distributions & 2022 Dues Invoices** – During the week of April 4th the QVCOG sent out dues invoices for the 2022 calendar year. Additionally, the QVCOG was notified of its award for the 2020 Act 101 Section 904 Performance Grant through the Pennsylvania DEP. Participating municipalities will be receiving their distribution for the program in the coming weeks.