



Executive Director's Report – February 2022

GIS Roundtable - On February 23rd at 11:00 a.m. (immediately following the Managers and Secretaries Meeting) Mr. Matt Mercurio of Civic Mapper will be presenting in partnership with Mr. Aaron Brouse of ESRI on the topic of ready built “GIS Solutions” available through the ESRI platform. Additionally, guests will have the opportunity to engage with the presenters concerning the GIS technical assistance program available through the QVCOG. Anyone interested in this increasingly essential technology is encouraged to attend either in person or virtually.

GEDTF Grant Award Announcement - Ben Avon Borough Building Renovation - On January 28, 2022 the QVCOG was awarded a \$200,000 Gaming Economic Development and Tourism Fund Grant by the Commonwealth Finance Authority to assist in the renovation of the Ben Avon Borough Building. The project includes the abatement of asbestos and lead-based paint, replacing the slate roof, replacing the overhead door, and replacing 15 windows to improve energy efficiency, thermal comfort, and security. Member communities may apply through the QVCOG for this annual funding source (deadline typically within the month of October). This Grant has no income requirement.

Route 65 Presentation - On January 26, 2022 the QVCOG hosted a presentation conducted by Michael Baker International & the Remaking Cities Institute on the topic of the Route 65 corridor. The presentation was based on a 5-year study and report generated by the aforementioned organizations. A recording of the presentation and ensuing Q&A session as well as a copy of the final report can be accessed by visiting qvcog.org.

Proactive Code Enforcement and Zoning Technical Assistance Programs - During the QVCOG's February Managers and Secretaries meeting (February 23, 2022 – 10:00 a.m.) Mr. Anthony Ascioffa & Mr. Chris Rearick will be discussing the Proactive Code Enforcement and Zoning Technical Assistance Programs available through the COG. These programs are currently being used by Emsworth Borough and may provide a solution for any QVCOG member community facing zoning or code enforcement challenges. Those interested in these programs are encouraged to reach out to Executive Director Connors for further information.

Glass Recycling Update - The QVCOG is continuing to seek 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 March 1, 2022.

QVCOG Police Chiefs Tour – On Thursday, March 10th QVCOG area Police Chiefs and other departmental representatives will be touring the new Allegheny County Emergency Services Facility (150 Hookstown Grade Road Coraopolis, PA 15208) from 10:00 a.m. – noon.