

QUAKER VALLEY COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS

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Executive Director's Report – March 2022

QVCOG Intern - On March 2nd it was announced by the Local Government Academy (LGA) that the QVCOG was selected as a Municipal Intern Program Host site for the 2022 Program. As a part of this process the QVCOG will be attending the Municipal Intern Fair on April 13th which serves as the primary introductory tool and helps establish a fit between interested candidates and participating organizations. The QVCOG's selected Intern will work with the Executive Director as well as municipal staff and officials within the COG's member communities in effort to promote current programming and analyze the possibility for future collaborative opportunities, including the future of the Route 65 project and glass recycling program. The Intern will also engage with other Allegheny County COGs and like-minded organizations within the region to benchmark existing structures and programming to find efficiencies and opportunity for the COG to better serve our 15 member communities.

Banner Community Recognitions - The QVCOG would like to congratulate the 8 member communities who were recognized as 2022 "Banner Communities" by the Allegheny League of Municipalities! Avalon Borough, Bellevue Borough, Edgeworth Borough, Emsworth Borough, Kilbuck Township, Leet Township, Leetsdale Borough, and Sewickley Borough

GIS Roundtable – On February 23rd several municipal managers and elected officials were in attendance for a presentation by Mr. Matt Mercurio of Civic Mapper and Mr. Aaron Brouse of ESRI on the topic of ready-built “GIS Solutions” available through the ESRI platform. Those interested in the ArcGIS software are encouraged to contact Executive Director Connors. Several QVCOG ArcGIS licenses are available free of charge on a trial basis through May 16th.

Route 65 Committee – At its February 16th Regular Meeting, the QVCOG Board authorized the formation of an internal Route 65 Advisory Committee. This Committee will be made up of QVCOG Delegates as well as municipal managers from member communities. This Committee will be responsible for advising the QVCOG Board concerning future measures and initiatives emanating from the recent Route 65 Study.

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 (pconnors@qvcog.org).

Glass Recycling Center Opens - The QVCOG will be launching a Pilot Glass Recycling Program for our fifteen member communities. Beginning Saturday, March 12th users will be invited to use a site located in Sewickley Borough's Riverfront Park (300 Chadwick St, Sewickley, PA 15143) free of charge. The QVCOG anticipates the Pilot Program will last approximately 3 months to evaluate the viability of the program. This Pilot Program will be funded through the QVCOG's joint recycling fund. At the Pilot Program's conclusion the QVCOG will evaluate the feasibility of establishing a second location (to be determined) as well as a shared cost structure based on each participating municipality's population. The Rules and Regulations for the program can be found below:

- The dumpster hauling and glass recycling service will be provided by Michael Brothers Hauling & CAP Glass;
- Hours of operations will be from Dawn to Dusk each day;
- Glass containers must be rinsed of any perishable debris prior to being recycled;
- Adhesive labels & container lids do not need to be removed from glass prior to being recycled; and
- Glass products such as mirrors, porcelain dishware, and light bulbs WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED.