



Executive Director's Report – June 2024

Hard to Recycle Event - In partnership with the Pennsylvania Resources Council (PRC) the QVCOG has financially supported the return of a “Hard to Recycle” event to the region. The event has been scheduled for Saturday, July 27th from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. The event is set to take place at Leetsdale’s Buncher Industrial Park, Building No. 15 (687 Avenue A, Leetsdale, PA 15056). Hard to Recycle events provide responsible and convenient disposal for items that are not eligible for curbside recycling. At these events, individuals have been able to recycle items such as e-waste, cell phones, polystyrene, Freon-containing appliances, tires and more. These events require all participants to register in advance. Additional details of the event, including disposal fees and registration details can be found at qvcog.org.

Volunteers Needed – PRC is in need of volunteers for the July 27th HTR event. Being able to provide volunteers at this event will help the QVCOG in securing a future HTR date in 2025 and beyond. Volunteers may dispose of **up to \$60 worth of hard to recycle material** for free. Volunteers will be asked to direct traffic, check trunks, write receipts, or check in registrants. Anyone interested in volunteering are asked to send an email to pconners@qvcog.org.

Route 65 Intergovernmental Agreement – In an effort to formalize a unified consensus amongst member communities regarding Route 65, as well as to enhance future federal, state, and local grant applications for future planning initiatives, the QVCOG has drafted an intergovernmental agreement regarding the Boulevard. Please note, while the QVCOG has committed many years and resources to the evaluation of Route 65, nothing formal has been approved by the organization’s member communities. This agreement has been reviewed by the QVCOG’s Solicitor as well as the Route 65 Committee. The document will be considered for approval by the QVCOG Board of Delegates at its June 19th meeting. If approved, the document will be sent to each QVCOG member community for consideration. The content within the document is flexible and general in nature. The document seeks to build upon previous efforts/studies (i.e. the Route 65 Strategic Design Guide). Future Route 65 initiatives may include a focus on pedestrian and driver safety, enhanced placemaking (i.e. community identity), increased connectivity with regional transportation partners and amongst neighboring communities, as well as future improvements to existing roadway infrastructure.

2024 International City Management Association Conference – The 2024 ICMA annual conference will be held in the City of Pittsburgh from September 21 - 25, 2024. The conference will bring together local government professionals around the world to connect and learn from peers, focus on emerging trends and challenges, and provide solutions to help them prepare for the future. Registration for the event officially opened on June 12th and a discounted rate is available through August 14th.

Important Dates for June:

- June 6th - Tri-Borough Emergency Preparedness Committee - 6:00 p.m.
- June 19th - Board of Delegates Meeting - 7:00 p.m.
- June 20th - Police Chiefs Meeting - 11:00 a.m.
- June 26th - Managers and Secretaries Meeting - 10:00 a.m.