

**QUAKER VALLEY COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS**

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**Executive Director's Report – March 2023**

**Reconnecting Communities Pilot (RCP) Grant Award** – \$1.4 million in federal funding was awarded to the City of Pittsburgh and the Manchester Citizens Corporation from the U.S. Department of Transportation's (DOT) Reconnecting Communities Pilot grant program, created by the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act. The project will study ways to reunite the Manchester and Chateau neighborhoods while keeping those who travel on PA-65 safe and connected. Construction of Route 65 "severed these neighborhoods, inflicting lasting detrimental effects on the community." The QVCOG provided a letter of support for the project's application and hopes to emulate the project's success in its continuing evaluation of the Route 65 corridor.

**Transportation Survey** - PennDOT and the Southwestern Pennsylvania Commission (SPC) are seeking public input for its 2025 12-year Transportation Program Update. Interested parties are encouraged to share their transportation priorities, including specific infrastructure improvements for our region (i.e. Route 65). The survey may be completed digitally by visiting <https://survey.talkpatransportation.com/#/Survey> or by requesting a paper copy (send an email to [pconners@qvcog.org](mailto:pconners@qvcog.org)).

**LGA Municipal Intern Program Awards** – A total of three QVCOG member communities were selected as host sites for the Local Government Academy's (LGA) 2023 Municipal Intern Program (MIP). Those who were selected are expected to attend two pre-program events. First a virtual Placement Site Orientation is set to take place via Zoom on Monday, March 13th from 12:00 p.m. - 1:00 p.m. Second and most important, the Municipal Intern Fair will take place on Wednesday, March 22nd from 12:30 p.m. - 2:30 p.m. at the University of Pittsburgh's William Pitt Union Lower Lounge - [3959 Fifth Ave., Pittsburgh, PA 15260](https://www.upitt.edu/locations/100-William-Pitt-Union-Lower-Lounge). Participants must confirm their attendance with LGA. The aforementioned communities and projects can be found below:

Avalon Borough - Blighted Property and Code Enforcement Initiative

Edgeworth Borough - Sidewalk Repair Project Project

Leetsdale Borough - Community Revitalization Project

**May Mart/Tree Pittsburgh Adoption Event** - Since 1965, the Sewickley Civic Garden Council's May Mart has welcomed in spring with a family-friendly street fair and activities to support gardening and the environment. Vendors and garden clubs will offer flowers, plants/native plants, herbs, gardening items, food, gifts, and products to enhance our region's gardens, lives and communities. A tree adoption event hosted by Tree Pittsburgh will coincide with the event. QVCOG residents may add some beauty to their yards by procuring a young native tree(s) which will be provided by Tree Pittsburgh! Interested participants may register by visiting [treepittsburgh.org](http://treepittsburgh.org). Registrants may pick up their tree(s) on Saturday, May 13, 2023, anytime between 9:00 AM - 11:00 AM, next to KeyBank (400 Broad Street) in Sewickley, PA. Please note, each QVCOG household may reserve up to two trees (while supplies last).

**Important Dates**

March 15, 2023 – QVCOG Board of Delegates Meeting – 7:00 p.m. – Avalon Borough Building  
March 22, 2023 – QVCOG Managers and Secretaries Committee Meeting – 10:00 a.m. Aleppo Township Building  
March 22, 2023 – Municipal Intern Fair – 12:30 p.m. - 2:30 p.m. – William Pitt Union (Lower Lounge)