



Executive Director's Report – March 2025

Tree Adoption Event Details Finalized - During its February 19th meeting the QVCOG Board of Delegates unanimously approved an agreement with Tree Pittsburgh to develop the parameters for a tree adoption event for the QVCOG region. Approximately 100 young trees will be made available exclusively to residents within QVCOG member communities. All available trees and shrubs will be within 2-gallon containers that measure 8 3/4" in diameter and 8 1/2" deep and should fit in most vehicles. The event will take place at the Avalon Borough Pool parking lot on Saturday, April 12th from 12:00 p.m. – 2:00 p.m. This will be a registration-based event. Additional details regarding this event, including the registration link and available species of trees, will be provided in the coming weeks. Additional updates will be made available at qvcog.org.

Return of Hard to Recycle Event - During its February 19th meeting the QVCOG Board of Delegates unanimously approved a financial agreement with the Pennsylvania Resources Council (PRC) to bring a Hard to Recycle Event to the QVCOG region in 2025. The event has been tentatively scheduled for Saturday, October 18th from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. The specific location has not been finalized as of yet, but prior events have taken place at the Quaker Valley High School and the Leetsdale Industrial Park. 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, as well as the specific location will be available on qvcog.org in the coming weeks.

SPC Public Comment Period Regarding 2027 TIP – The Southwestern Pennsylvania Commission (SPC) is partnering with the State Transportation Commission and PennDOT in order to promote the 2025 Kick-off Public Comment Period for the 2027 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP). The 2025 Public Comment Period for the TIP update begins Monday, March 3, and continues through Wednesday, April 30. During the Public Comment Period, Pennsylvanians can submit feedback by taking the [Transportation Survey](#), emailing comments to RA-PennDOTSTC@pa.gov, or calling 717-783-2262 from 7:30 AM - 4:00 PM to request a printed copy of the Survey, or to complete the Survey by telephone. SPC and PennDOT will review and use the public survey results to help identify transportation needs and potential projects in the SPC Region during the development of the SPC Region's 2027 TIP. This survey allows respondents to submit a transportation issue or need on an interactive map and answer a series of questions about the importance of transportation investments in our communities, such as Route 65. Please take the survey and distribute the link to your network.

ALPR Cameras Being Installed Throughout Region - The QVCOG is happy to report that after many months of planning and waiting for the weather to break, five regional intersections are currently being outfitted with Automated License Plate Reader (ALPR) cameras, affiliated hardware, and software. This Project has been paid for through the Keystone Communities Program which was initially awarded to the QVCOG August of 2023. Under the guidance of the QVCOG's Police Chiefs Committee, quotes were solicited and awarded to the Surveillance Group for the physical infrastructure and PlateSmart for the affiliated software which makes the whole networked system work. The intersections that will be outfitted with the cameras can be found below:

- Avalon Borough - Intersection of Elizabeth Avenue & Route 65;
- Bellevue Borough - Intersection of N. Balph Avenue & Lincoln Avenue;
- Glen Osborne - Intersection of River Road & Route 65;
- Leetsdale Borough - Intersection of Cross Street and Beaver Street; and
- Leetsdale Borough - Intersection of Broad Street & Route 65