



Executive Director's Report – May 2023

WM Recycling Center Tour – All interested parties are invited to attend a tour of WM's Greenstar Recycling Facility (4100 Grand Avenue, Pittsburgh, PA 15225). The tour will take place on Wednesday, June 7th at 10:00 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 (pconners@qvcog.org).

QVCOG Managers and Secretaries Summer Picnic – On May 26th the QVCOG will be hosting the annual Managers and Secretaries picnic which will take place of the usual monthly meeting. The event will take place at 11:00 a.m. at Avalon Borough's Community Park (Shelter #1, - 708 New Brighton Rd, Pittsburgh, PA 15202). The event will be catered by the Bridgeside Market. All interested attendees are asked to email Executive Director Connors to ensure that an appropriate amount of food is ordered.

Purple Air Monitor Host Sites Needed – The QVCOG has been awarded two PurpleAir PA - II Air Quality Sensors by the Group Against Smog and Pollution (GASP). Per their website, PurpleAir makes sensors that empower Community Scientists who collect hyper-local air quality data and share it with the public. GASP monitors Allegheny County's air quality using a network of these monitors. The QVCOG is seeking two host communities for the devices. The only requirements for the units are a dedicated outdoor power source and access to WiFi. Interested parties are asked to email Executive Director Connors by May 12th. The real-time air quality map can be viewed at map.purpleair.com.

RAD Invoices – Within the first week of May, the QVCOG will begin distributing the 2022 RAD invoices to its member communities. Per Section 3172-B of Pennsylvania Act 77 of 1993, "Contributions to Councils of Government: Beginning in the second full calendar year in which disbursements are received from the State Treasurer under section 3157-B and in each year thereafter, municipalities other than the county and the city shall contribute an amount equal to at least twenty-five per centum (25%) of the increase in the amount of such disbursements received in excess of the prior calendar year to entities or organizations created pursuant to the act of July 12, 1972 (P.L.762, No.180), referred to as the Intergovernmental Cooperation Law, including councils of government. The contributions made pursuant to this section shall not be used to offset or reduce other contributions made to councils of government or other intergovernmental entities or organizations."

2023 PRC Hard to Recycle Event – In recent years the Pennsylvania Resources Council (PRC) has hosted annual Hard to Recycle (HTR) events at the Quaker Valley Area High School. Unfortunately, PRC has reduced the number of HTR events in 2023 (3 events total this year) and the QVCOG region has not been selected as a host site. PRC has cited a lack of funding and reduced volunteers as the primary driver for the reduction of HTR events. In the coming months, the QVCOG will seek to work with PRC and other regional vendors in an effort to offer a sustainable outlet for electronics and other items for its member communities.

Important Dates

May 13, 2023 – May Mart/Tree Pittsburgh Giveaway – Broad Street, Sewickley, PA

May 17, 2023 – QVCOG Board of Delegates Meeting – Big Sewickley Creek VFD

May 24, 2023 – SPC Electric Fleet Expo – UPMC Event Center

May 26, 2023 – QVCOG Managers and Secretaries Committee Picnic – Avalon Community Park

May 29, 2023 – Memorial Day – QVCOG Office Closed