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PSATS 2022 Educational Conference & Exhibit Show



2022 PSATS Conference: The mobile app is ready to download!

The 2022 Conference app is here! Conference registrants can access workshop materials in advance and until the end of the year through your desktop, smartphone, or tablet for any 2022 session, not just the ones you attend! Start planning your agenda on the conference app today!

Latest News

The Horses Are Out of the Gate!

And they're off! The 2022 election ballot is taking shape. There are 12 candidates running for U.S. Senate, 11 for Governor, 12 for Lt. Governor and 55 for 17 Congressional seats as of petition filing deadline last night. State Senate and House candidates have not yet begun circulating petitions as their district boundaries remain not finalized by the Courts. PSATS expects the 11 Governor candidates to appear at a forum at our April conference to discuss their vision of the partnership with local government.

America 250!

America 250 was formed to celebrate the 250th birthday of the United States which will occur in 2026. Stay tuned for more information about how your community can participate in the celebration and steps you can take now! A sample commemorative resolution for townships' consideration and adoption was shared at the October business meeting and will be included in your March Bulletin for your April agenda (should you choose). Ask your county to join you in supporting this celebration. We will also have a special guest speaker at the April Conference.

Have You Registered Yet for the 2022 Annual Conference? Don't Wait, Rates Increase April 1!

PSATS urges every township to send at least one delegate to the 2022 Annual Educational Conference and Exhibit Show. The knowledge gained can help your community save money, plan for the future, and explore new ways of serving residents. [Register by March 31](#) to avoid higher rates!

The 2022 theme of "Together Again" is particularly fitting after two canceled conferences. The Conference features over [80 informative workshops](#), plus speakers, general sessions (including the all-important resolutions voting Tuesday morning), nearly 300 exhibitors, and ample opportunities for networking with your fellow township officials from across the state.

PSATS' 2022 Annual Conference and Exhibit Show: You can't afford to miss it! Register today at conference.psats.org.

Does Your Township Have Historic Properties?

The Pennsylvania State Historic Preservation Office (PA SHPO), a bureau of the Pennsylvania Historic and Museum Commission, is conducting a multiyear inventory of older and historic places that are underrepresented in the statewide inventory. 7,500 properties were added in 17 counties across the state in the first year.

PA SHPO is asking Pennsylvanians who live and work in the following counties to suggest older and historic places in their communities for this baseline survey initiative: Berks, Bucks, Butler, Carbon, Crawford, Delaware, Fayette, Greene, Lawrence, Lehigh, Luzerne, McKean, Montgomery, Northampton, Pike, Schuylkill, Venango, Warren, Washington, Wayne, and Westmoreland. If you have an older place that you would like to submit, [click here](#) to submit it online or email submissions to ra-bhpmail@pa.gov. Survey teams will be in these counties beginning in April to capture basic information about the location and appearance of places visible from the public right-of-way.

Submissions can include:

- **Local places:** These are older and historic places important to your community. It can include buildings, neighborhoods or commercial areas, archaeological sites, structures, objects, or public spaces. Identify where the site is located and describe why this place is significant to you or your community.
- **African American churches or cemeteries**
- **Underrepresented communities**
- **Historic resources currently underrepresented in the inventory,** including: recreational properties, urban redevelopment projects, fraternal buildings, mid-century resources (built between 1945-1970), industrial resources, and local vernacular architecture.

[Click here](#) to learn more about this effort.



Municipal Outreach Session

Through PennDOT Connects, the Pennsylvania Department of Transportation and its regional planning partners are strengthening their partnerships with communities by involving local government at the very beginning of the planning process so that land use, development, and transportation are better integrated and more effective.

An Opportunity to Learn More about PennDOT Connects and Potential Funding Opportunities

The municipal outreach/peer exchange sessions will consist of interactive workshops that engage participants in peer exchange and idea-sharing. Municipalities will have the opportunity to interact with PennDOT, their local metropolitan planning organization or rural planning organization (MPO or RPO) staff and one another. Beginning with an overview of the PennDOT Connects Municipal Resources Program, the session will present the strategic priorities of PennDOT Connects and the community outcomes it supports. Participants will be encouraged to contribute their own ideas on how to take advantage of the program and to share their own best practices in planning, land use, and project delivery.

PennDOT Connects is an opportunity for communities to be heard and to improve transportation projects in ways that may have not been considered before or were recognized too late in the project delivery process. Attend a session near you to learn more about PennDOT Connects and the free resources available to municipalities.

Note: These sessions will focus on the resources available to municipalities through PennDOT Connects and not on specific projects on the Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) in PennDOT Districts.

Registration link: [Register here](#)

[Fundamentals of Zoning – The Why and How of Zoning - Virtual Class - 3/22/22](#)

The workshop is intended to educate both the newest supervisors and the ones who have seen it all. We will discuss the legal roles of supervisors and others, zoning hearings (including conditional uses), and several other important aspects of zoning ordinances that are often overlooked or misunderstood.



[2022 PAAZO Spring Educational Forum - 4/24/22](#)

This educational forum explores issues that zoning officers and planning and zoning officials face on a regular basis, and discusses effective strategies to address them.



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