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2022 Educational Conference & Exhibit Show



2022 Conference: Are YOU registered for the FREE first-timers webinar?

Navigating the conference can be challenging for both first-timers and seasoned attendees. Register for the First-Timers Webinar, a free online forum offered from 10-11 a.m. or 1-2 p.m. on Wednesday, March 30.

Latest News

PRPS Offers Virtual Class on Accessible and Safe Playgrounds

The Pennsylvania Recreation and Park Society is offering a class on Accessible and Safe Playgrounds April 12 at 1 p.m. This class will review the federal regulatory playground requirements in the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) and discuss how these elements interface with the American Society for Testing and Materials (ASTM) voluntary playground safety standard. The speakers will review ADA enforcement, recent decisions, and the critical role played by families of children with disabilities in this and other disputes. Finally, the speakers will spend time describing maintenance smart practices that can keep your agency off the front page. PSATS members may use the partnership discount TRAIN22 at checkout for special rates. [Click here](#) to learn more or to register.

Reminder: DCED Accepting Applications for Act 13 Grants until May 31

The state Department of Community and Economic Development is accepting applications for Act 13 programs until May 31. There are several specific grant programs funded from impact fees from natural gas wells under Act 13 of 2012:

[Abandoned Mine Drainage \(AMD\) Abatement & Treatment Program](#): Townships may apply for grants to reclaim abandoned mine wells, remediate and repair existing AMD project sites, and monitor water quality to track nonpoint source load reductions from AMD remediation projects.

[Baseline Water Quality Data Program](#): Townships may apply for grants to establish baseline water quality data on private water supplies using the Baseline Water Quality Data program.

[Flood Mitigation Program](#): Townships may apply for grants to perform flood mitigation projects.

[Greenways, Trails, and Recreation Program](#): Townships may apply for funding to plan, acquire, develop, rehabilitate, and repair greenways, recreational trails, open space, parks, and beautification projects.

[Orphan or Abandoned Well Plugging Program](#): Townships may apply for grants to clean out and plug abandoned and orphan oil and gas wells, stray gas mitigation systems, and well venting projects.

[Sewage Facilities Program](#): Townships may apply for grants for costs associated with the planning work required under Act 537, the Pennsylvania Sewage Facilities Act.

[Watershed Restoration and Protection Program](#): Townships may apply for grants to construct, expand, repair, maintain, or rehabilitate new or existing watershed protection best management practices.

Today in History.....

On March 25, 1968, after being told by Defense Secretary Clark Clifford that the Vietnam War is a “real loser,” President Johnson, still uncertain about his course of action, decided to convene a nine-man panel of retired presidential advisors. The group, which became known as the “Wise Men,” included the respected generals Omar Bradley and Matthew Ridgway, distinguished State Department figures like Dean Acheson and George Ball, and McGeorge Bundy, National Security advisor to both the Kennedy and Johnson administrations. After two days of deliberation the group reached a consensus: they advised against any further troop increases and recommended that the administration seek a negotiated peace.

Learn

PSATS educational events will be listed as follows: Mondays – All webinars; Tuesdays – Administrative; Wednesdays – Planning/Zoning; Thursdays – Public Works; Fridays – Public Safety.

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

Join your EMC colleagues from around the state at this highly-interactive session, and hear informative presentations from local and state emergency management personnel and hear the latest news and information from PEMA and TEMA.



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