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Latest News

Reminder: DEP Accepting Applications for Growing Greener Grants until June 24

The state Department of Environmental Protection is accepting applications for the following grants until June 24:

- **Growing Greener Plus Grants Program:** Priority areas include those that reduce nonpoint source pollution, especially nitrogen, phosphorous, and sediment pollution from agricultural and stormwater runoff, as well as AMD-related iron, aluminum, acidity, and sediment pollution. DEP is particularly interested in design and construction projects that implement effective best management practices that reduce or eliminate pollutant loadings and lead to local water quality improvements. [Click here](#) to learn more.
- **Surface Mining Conservation and Reclamation Act:** This funding addresses legacy mining impacts. [Click here](#) to learn more.
- **Watershed Planning and Restoration Grants (Section 319):** DEP is looking for projects that reduce nonpoint source pollution in targeted watersheds with watershed implementation plans, particularly projects that reduce nitrogen, phosphorous, and sediment pollution from agricultural and stormwater runoff. [Click here](#) to learn more.

Today in History....

On June 6, 1944, Supreme Allied Commander General Dwight D. Eisenhower gave the go-ahead for the largest amphibious military operation in history: Operation Overlord, the Allied invasion of northern France, commonly known as D-Day.

By daybreak, 18,000 British and American parachutists were already on the ground. An additional 13,000 aircraft were mobilized to provide air cover and support for the invasion. At 6:30 a.m., American troops came ashore at Utah and Omaha beaches.

Legislative & Policy



The Senate will be in session today, June 6. Watch the session live [here](#).

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[Creative Public Engagement Strategies to Get Diverse Input - 6/8/22](#)

This session will explore which groups are often under-represented in traditional outreach programs and provide creative engagement strategies to ensure all voices are heard.

[Level Up: Become a COSTARS Superstar - 6/15/22](#)

In this webinar, you will learn the best practices for using the COSTARS program, which is the statewide cooperative purchasing program administered through the Department of General Services.

[Municipal Newsletters on Low to No Budget - 6/21/22](#)

This webinar will show participants how to use low-cost/no-cost tools to create engaging municipal newsletters.

[A Handbook for the Effective Administration of State and Local Broadband Programs- 6/22/22](#)

This webinar will help guide local governments at all levels to develop comprehensive strategies to build high-speed broadband networks in areas where they do not yet exist and help residents subscribe to broadband where it does exist



while maintaining public confidence by spending funds wisely and optimally.

[2022 MS4 Stormwater Ordinance Updates - 6/28/22](#)

If your township has a NPDES MS4 permit, you are required to update your stormwater ordinance for consistency with the DEP's 2022 Model Stormwater Management Ordinance.



[Creating Advantages in Today's Difficult Bidding Environment - 6/29/22](#)

Supply chain issues and staffing shortages have created challenging conditions when bidding and awarding municipal projects. This thought-provoking session will provide strategies to help your township realize time and cost-efficiencies during the bidding process, all while putting in place practices that reduce the need for headache medicines.



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