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Latest News

PA Treasury Restates ARPA Round One Reallocation Payments

As Morning News reported last week, yesterday, state Treasurer Stacy Garrity restated that unclaimed funds from first round payments under the America Rescue Plan Act, totaling \$1.5 million, have been sent to municipalities that did apply for these funds. About 75 municipalities didn't apply for the ARP funds last year. PSATS previously reported on these additional payments.

The reallocated payments made on July 15 are relatively small; the largest was \$8,262.81. However, the second full round of payments – totaling about \$490 million – will take place later this summer. [Click here](#) for more.

DEP Submits Final WIP to EPA, Applauds New State Funding

The state Department of Environmental Protection submitted the final state Phase 3 Chesapeake Bay Watershed Implementation Plan to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA). It includes new funding from the 2022-23 state budget to support the progress being made on water quality improvement.

The budget includes \$320 million in state American Rescue Plan funds to help municipalities carry out water and sewage treatment projects and \$220 million in ARP funding for a new Pennsylvania Clean Streams Fund. The new fund will be used to help farmers implement water quality best management practices and develop and implement nutrient management plans, provide stormwater planning grants to municipalities, and plant urban trees.

The final plan also quantifies nutrient and sediment pollution reductions attained by several state programs that, until now, have not been fully counted. This includes gains made through DEP Nutrient Credit Trading Program, Chapter 105 construction-related wetland improvements, industrial and construction stormwater management, the Act 537 Sewage Facilities Program, municipal waste landfills, and land recycling.

The final plan calls for EPA computer modeling of bay pollution levels to be updated to include BMPs that Pennsylvania landowners put in place over 10 years ago and that have been installed in Pennsylvania on a larger scale than what the model currently accommodates. [Click here](#) to learn more about the WIP.

Today in History...

On July 20, 1969, President Richard Nixon, along with millions of others, watched as two American astronauts walked on the moon. Later that evening, Nixon recorded succinctly in his diary “the President held an interplanetary conversation with *Apollo* 11 astronauts Neil Armstrong and Edwin “Buzz” Aldrin on the Moon.”

Legislation & Policy



[Act 96 of 2022](#) (*HB 2644*) allocates federal Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act funds to the Orphan Well Plugging Fund and requires the state Department of Environmental Protection to provide grants for oil and gas well plugging. The act also sets bonding amounts for conventional wells. The act took effect immediately upon signature on July 19, 2022.

Learn

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



2022 PAAZO Fall Seminar

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[10/13/22 - Montgomery County](#)

[11/17/22 - Butler County](#)



The Role of the Planning Commission - York County - 9/14/22

In this class, you will learn the integral role that the planning commission plays in the short- and long-term development of the township and the quality of life of its residents.

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