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Latest News

Running Out of Time for August ARP Distribution

While we reported earlier this month to expect the second tranche of the American Rescue Plan funds by the end of August, we have learned that the request to the State Treasury has not yet been made by the Administration. Hope for September?

Participate in Free Federal Grant Webinars Today and Tomorrow

The National Association of Towns and Townships is holding a series of members only federal grants webinars with grant expert Heidi Schott, Managing Director of Grant Services at The Ferguson Group, LLC. All PSATS members are members of NATaT and invited to participate.

- ❑ **Session 1: August 24th at 1-2p.m. ET - Grant Basics and Identification:** This presentation will provide an overview of the federal grants landscape, required registrations, how to search for federal grants, and strategically position projects ahead of a solicitation. [Click here](#) to participate in the live session this afternoon.
- ❑ **Session 2: August 25 at 1-2p.m. ET - Grant Writing:** This session will provide an overview of common grant narrative elements with tips and tricks for writing and submitting a competitive grant application. [Click here](#) to participate in tomorrow's live session.

Don't miss these opportunities! If you are unable to attend the event live, a recording will be posted on NATaT's website at www.natat.org under "Member Resources."

DEP Releases Draft 2022 Pennsylvania State Water Plan

The state Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) released the [draft 2022 Pennsylvania State Water Plan](#) identifying regional and statewide water resources priorities and recommending statewide and legislative actions to address those priorities. Township officials may review the draft plan and comments on it **by September 19**. The plan is a collaboration between DEP, regional committees, and a statewide committee.

[Comments can be made online through the DEP eComment system](#), may be emailed to ecomment@pa.gov, or can be mailed to the DEP Policy Office, Rachel Carson State Office Building, P.O. Box 2063 Harrisburg, PA 17105. All comments must include the commenter's name and address and be received **by September 19 at 11:59 p.m.** PSATS will provide comments from a statewide perspective. Township officials should pay particular attention to regional priorities, as well as any unfunded mandates, and provide input as appropriate.

The draft 2022 State Water Plan recommends that over 100 actions be continued, expanded on, or initiated in flood control, stormwater management, water withdrawal, legacy coal mining impacts, legacy oil and gas wells, drinking water and wastewater treatment, contaminants of emerging concern, and agricultural nonpoint source pollution. These include recommendations for the General Assembly to consider, such as establishing water well-drilling construction standards and funding for stormwater and sewage management planning efforts. Pennsylvania has six water planning regions and recommendations are based on these regions.

The plan recommends strengthening the link between land use and water resources and promotes an integrated water resources management approach. To reduce the impact of flooding, the plan recommends investing in enhanced flood forecast and warning systems and updating floodplain and flood insurance maps.

Today in History...

On August 24, 1814, during the War of 1812 between the United States and England, British troops entered Washington, D.C. and burned the White House. When the British arrived at the White House, they found that President James Madison and his first lady Dolley had already fled to safety in Maryland. Soldiers reportedly sat down to eat a meal made of leftover food from the White House scullery using White House dishes and silver before ransacking the presidential mansion and setting it ablaze.

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

In the PAAZO Fall Seminar, learn from experts on a wide variety of topics pertinent to your duties as a municipal Zoning official.

[9/13/22 - Cumberland County](#)

[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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