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## Latest News

### **Alert! PSATS Stormwater Conference Now Virtual**

To allow more township officials to attend our PSATS 2022 Stormwater Conference, we have moved our Stormwater Conference to an on-line, virtual class which also gives attendees the opportunity to attend both the “Policy” and the “Technical” track presentations. If your township is having difficulty complying with your current MS4 permit, has new employees wanting to know more about the role they play in your stormwater management program, or wants to learn the latest best practices for stormwater management, then you should attend the 2022 PSATS Virtual Stormwater Conference “Policy” track or “Technical” track, as appropriate.

The “Policy” track will now be presented on Thursday, Nov. 10, while the “Technical” track will now be presented on Wednesday, Nov. 9. Registration is \$150 per person for each track and includes certificate of attendance and all workshop presentation materials. Each event starts at 9 a.m. and concludes by 3:15 p.m. using the GoToWebinar on-line platform. If you are a consulting engineer or a member of a municipal stormwater operations staff, select the “Technical” track. If you have managerial and administrative stormwater responsibilities, select the “Policy” track. Review each agenda on the registration page.

### **Registration links:**

[Virtual Technical Track on Nov. 9](#)

[Virtual Policy Track on Nov. 10](#)

**Reminder: Deadline Approaching for New Grant Round for Recycling Program Development**

The state Department of Environmental Protection is accepting applications for a new grant round to support the development of municipal recycling programs under section 902 of the [Municipal Waste Planning, Recycling and Waste Reduction Act of 1988](#) (Act 101). Applications must be submitted online through the [Commonwealth's Electronic Single Application](#) website **by October 28**.

Applicants must complete the Sustainability Plan portion of the application that includes actions and strategies for program self-sufficiency. DEP's technical report on [Building Financially Sustainable Recycling Programs](#) can aid in developing methods and strategies. Only projects involving townships that have a mandatory trash collection program or projects seeking support for a residential recycling program that have a corresponding commercial recycling program will be considered for funding. Eligible and noneligible costs are listed in the grant application packet.

Questions should be directed to Mark Vottero, DEP Recycling Grants Coordinator, at [mvottero@pa.gov](mailto:mvottero@pa.gov) or (717) 772-5719. [Click here](#) for the Pennsylvania Bulletin notice.

#### **Today in History.....**

On October 12, 1492, Christopher Columbus landed in the "New World". After sailing across the Atlantic Ocean, the Italian explorer believing he had reached East Asia sighted a Bahamian island and went ashore to claim the land for Spain. Isabella and Ferdinand of Spain, sponsored his attempt to find a western ocean route to China, India, and the fabled gold and spice islands of Asia.

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## 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.

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

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

[11/3/22 - VIRTUAL](#)



### **[PSATS Zoning Academy - 11/30-12/1 - Butler County](#)**

This class will greatly benefit newer zoning officials, those looking to become zoning officials and municipal officials and employees seeking a better understanding of zoning's impact on municipal operations.

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