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Latest News

Want to Serve on a State Advisory Board?

From time to time, multiple state agencies seek nominations from PSATS to serve on a variety of advisory boards for the Commonwealth. These boards can range from farmland preservation to sewage advisory committees, pipeline safety to recycling, transportation to public safety, local government to land use planning and everything in between. If you are interested in being considered when any vacancies occur, please send an email with your contact information, committee(s) of interest and a short bio or resume to PSATS Executive Director Dave Sanko at dsanko@psats.org. Please enter "State Board" in the subject line.

New Pennsylvania Superfund Cleanup Project Announced

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency has announced \$1 billion in funding for new cleanup projects at [22 Superfund sites](#), including the Ryeland Road Arsenic site in Heidelberg Township, Berks County.

There are thousands of contaminated sites across the country due to hazardous waste being dumped, left out in the open, or otherwise improperly managed. [Superfund cleanups](#) help transform and repurpose contaminated properties into residences, businesses, or parks and recreation facilities.

The Ryeland Road Arsenic Superfund Site formerly housed facilities that made pesticides, fungicides, paints, and varnishes and disposed of waste. Past operations contaminated soil and groundwater with arsenic, lead, and other chemicals. New federal dollars will be used to remove soil contamination.

"We're thankful that the federal government is helping Heidelberg Township and looking out for the wealth, health, and betterment of our community. We're hoping to see this site turned into greenspace for future generations," said David Randler,

chairman of the Heidelberg Township Board of Supervisors.

Learn

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

[Operational And Financial Considerations For Electric Vehicles - 2/15/23](#)

This webinar will focus on the operational and financial issues that municipalities must consider with respect to the use of electric vehicles within their fleets, as well as choosing providers for EV charging stations for municipal and public use.



[The Anatomy Of Limiting Municipal Liability - 2/16/23](#)

In this webinar you will learn about the core areas of municipal risk and ways in which you can achieve the most benefit for a minimal investment in time and money.



[Using GIS To Solve Local Economic Development Questions - 2/21/23](#)

Using a case study of sewer capacity and solar farm development in Berks County, planning experts will illustrate the importance and value of integrating GIS into decision-making when engaging in economic development projects.



[Preparing For A DEP MS4 Inspection - 2/22/23](#)

In this session, a township manager and township engineer will share the experience of one Pennsylvania township when DEP inspected its MS4 program. They will also provide tips so that you can be better prepared if and when DEP shows up at your municipal building.



[Understanding The Sunshine Act - 2/23/23](#)

This webinar will take a deep dive into the Sunshine Act. Sam Wisner of Salzmann Hughes will review and discuss what there is to understand, what agencies, boards and commissions must comply with the Sunshine Act, public meeting requirements, exceptions to "Open Meetings," penalties, public comment, and much more.



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