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Latest News

Population Groups “Virtual Town Hall” Invitation Coming

Watch your email over the next 24 hours for an invitation to register for next week’s virtual town hall meeting for your respective population group. These are quarterly opportunities for everyone to share input to your Population Standing Committee as they prepare to submit resolutions or address issues of concern to similarly sized communities. The 4 groups are: townships under 2,000; townships between 2-5,000; townships between 5-10,000; and townships over 10,000. This meeting will last about an hour and a registration link will be sent to you in the next 24 hours. Please register and participate. There will also be a population roundtable gathering on Monday morning at the conference during the first workshop session.

Find Out What You Need to Know About the Conference!

Are you a first-time attendee of the PSATS Annual Conference who is wondering what to expect? Has it been a while since you attended our conference? Are you a repeat attendee but would like to know what’s in store for this year’s event? The best way to get the information you need and your questions answered is to sign up for the FREE [What You Need to Know Webinar](#), which is being offered TWICE on March 30, at 10 a.m. and again at 1 p.m.

PSATS staff will walk you through the four days in Hershey and explain how to make the best use of your time at the conference, when and where workshops are held, how to best navigate the exhibit show, what you should know about resolutions voting at the business session, what networking and social activities are available, how to find your way around the Lodge, and much more!

Get your conference questions ready and register for the free What You Need to Know Webinar today!

CFA Accepting Grant Applications for Multimodal Transportation Fund

The Commonwealth Financing Authority (CFA) is accepting grant applications for its [Multimodal Transportation Fund](#). Townships are eligible to apply through DCED’s online single application for assistance **until July 31, 2023**. Please note this opportunity is separate from PennDOT’s Multimodal Program.

The CFA Multimodal Transportation Fund provides grants to encourage economic development and ensure that a safe and reliable transportation system is available to commonwealth residents. Eligible projects include the development, rehabilitation, and enhancement of transportation assets to existing communities, streetscape, lighting, sidewalk enhancement, pedestrian safety, connectivity of transportation assets, and transit-oriented development.

For more information, including frequently asked questions and an application checklist, visit the [Multimodal Transportation Fund program](#) on DCED’s website.

U.S. EPA Proposes PFAS National Primary Drinking Water Regulation

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) announced a [proposed National Primary Drinking Water Regulation](#) to protect public health from PFAS pollution. Polyfluoroalkyl substances (PFAS) are human-made chemicals that do not occur naturally in the environment and can cause adverse developmental and immune system effects.

The proposed EPA regulation would establish legally enforceable levels, called maximum contaminant levels (MCLs), along with health-based, non-enforceable maximum contaminant-level goals (MCLGs) for six PFAS in drinking water:

Compound	Proposed MCLG	Proposed MCL (enforceable levels)
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Perfluorooctanoic acid</i> (PFOA) • <i>Perfluorooctane sulfonic acid</i> (PFOS) 	Zero	4.0 parts per trillion (also expressed as ng/L)
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Perfluorononanoic acid</i> (PFNA) • <i>Hexafluoropropylene oxide dimer acid</i> (HFPO-DA, aka “GenX Chemicals”) • <i>Perfluorohexane sulfonic acid</i> (PFHxS) • <i>Perfluorobutane sulfonic acid</i> (PFBS) 	1.0 (unitless) Hazard Index	1.0 (unitless) Hazard Index

The proposed rule notably establishes limits for more compounds and has more stringent levels than those adopted by the Pennsylvania Environmental Quality Board [earlier this year](#). The commonwealth set MCLGs for PFOA at 8 ng/L and PFOS at 14 ng/L and MCLs for PFOA at 14 ng/L and PFOS at 18 ng/L. These levels were adopted to protect the health of commonwealth residents while the U.S. EPA

continues to address rulemaking.

This proposed EPA rule would require public water systems to monitor for these PFAS, notify the public of PFAS levels, and reduce the levels of these chemicals in drinking water if they exceed the proposed standards. EPA anticipates finalizing the regulation by the end of 2023. PSATS will be reviewing the regulation to determine the impact on townships. For more information on the proposed regulation, please visit [EPA's website](#).

Learn

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



Duties Of A Zoning Hearing Board

From making decisions on contentious public issues to learning the ins and outs of the Municipalities Planning Code, being a member of a zoning hearing board can be a challenge. Attend this class to be better prepared for the next meeting or hearing.

[3/23/23 - Monroe County](#)

[3/28/23 - Lancaster County](#)



[2023 PAAZO Spring Seminar - 4/23/23 - Dauphin County](#)

This educational seminar explores issues that zoning officers and planning/zoning officials face on a regular basis, and discusses effective strategies to address them.

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