



Executive Director's Report – May 2024

USDA Seeking Disaster Recovery Needs After Record Rainfalls – The Natural Resources Conservation Service recently shared a survey opportunity with the Allegheny County Conservation District who subsequently shared it with the QVCOG. It is a survey for homeowners and municipalities to let NRCS know if they were impacted by the record setting April rainfall events that may have contributed to streambank erosion, landslides and other detrimental impacts. The hope is that gathering this information could lead to more funding for the Emergency Watershed Protection (EWP) program. Survey results will be assessed, and eligible property owners will be notified if the EWP Program is made available in Allegheny County. **Program availability is not guaranteed. The deadline to submit answers to NRCS is May 17. Please visit QVCOG.org for access to the survey link and additional information.**

Act 101 Section 904 Awards – The QVCOG has been informed that it is expected to receive a total award amount of \$26,888.34 for its joint 2022 Act 101 Section 904 Recycling Performance Grant through the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection. Please note, this is a \$755.02 increase year over year. Once the award is received, participating communities will receive payment via check from the QVCOG which will be based on their respective residential recycling tonnage rates in addition to a bonus amount based on population and commercial tonnage collection rates. The remaining amount will be rolled into the QVCOG's joint recycling fund, a separate line item within the organization's capital savings account. This fund has been utilized to help pay for the glass drop-off recycling program, the 2024 Hard to Recycle event, and will be the basis for future collaborative recycling initiatives.

Managers and Secretaries Picnic - On Wednesday, May 22nd the QVCOG will be hosting the annual Managers and Secretaries picnic which will take place of the usual monthly meeting. The event will take place at 11:00 a.m. at Avalon Borough's Community Park (Shelter #1, - 708 New Brighton Rd, Pittsburgh, PA 15202). The event will be catered by the Bridgeside Market. All municipal staff and seasonal interns are encouraged to attend. Please send an email to pconners@qvcog.org with your community's headcount by May 14th so that lunch can be planned for accordingly.

RAD Invoices – Within the month of May, the QVCOG will begin distributing the 2023 RAD invoices to its member communities. Per Section 3172-B of Pennsylvania Act 77 of 1993, “Contributions to Councils of Government: Beginning in the second full calendar year in which disbursements are received from the State Treasurer under section 3157-B and in each year thereafter, municipalities other than the county and the city shall contribute an amount equal to at least twenty-five per centum (25%) of the increase in the amount of such disbursements received in excess of the prior calendar year to entities or organizations created pursuant to the act of July 12, 1972 (P.L.762, No.180), referred to as the Intergovernmental Cooperation Law, including councils of government. The contributions made pursuant to this section shall not be used to offset or reduce other contributions made to councils of government or other intergovernmental entities or organizations.”

QVCOG Intergovernmental Reception - In place of the traditional “Annual Dinner” event, the QVCOG will be hosting a more interactive and engaging reception to recognize the value of intergovernmental collaboration and those who make it all possible. The event will take place at the Edgeworth Club on August 29th from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. Additional details will be provided at a later date.