

# Saving \$ - Managing Water:

## Regional and collaborative approaches to water, sewer, and stormwater management in Pennsylvania

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Pennsylvania is blessed with abundant water resources. However, our communities face multiple demands relating to management of stormwater, safe and efficient handling of sewage, public water supplies, and land uses. In response, many Pennsylvania municipalities are implementing collaborative solutions and experiencing increased efficiencies.

***Saving \$ - Managing Water: Regional and Collaborative Approaches to Water, Sewer, and Stormwater Management***, a one-day conference for elected officials, authority managers, watershed organizations, planners and engineers, and citizens interested in water resources, is

- ***A briefing*** on working examples of collaborative municipal and regional approaches to water, sewer, and stormwater management. The conference will feature presentations on numerous regional and multi-municipal initiatives, including:

**Centre County, Spring Creek Watershed** where 14 municipalities are working with watershed organizations to address water resources issues, anticipate growth, and attract funding; **Lehigh County Authority** where 7 municipalities are linking a multi-municipal sewage facilities plan to a multi-municipal land use plan; and **Allegheny County, 3 Rivers Wet Weather Demonstration Project** where 83 municipalities are adopting common provision of services to address regulatory issues and save money. Presentations will also explore **Westmoreland County Authority's** approach to consolidating water supply systems to increase efficiencies and economies of scale; **Perkiomen Watershed Conservancy's** initiative to develop public outreach materials for multiple municipalities in Bucks, Berks, Montgomery, and Lehigh Counties to meet stormwater permit requirements; examination of **multi-county cooperative efforts** in eastern, central, and western Pennsylvania; and **cooperative stormwater, water and sewer, and pilot projects and funding** across the Commonwealth.

- ***A forum*** for exploring the economic and development benefits of implementing practical collaborative approaches to managing and planning for water resources and infrastructure.
- ***An opportunity*** to identify upcoming and future policy initiatives, and pending state activities, which will affect communities' ability to launch and fund regional and collaborative approaches.

## Conference Schedule

- 8:30 – 9:30**                      **Registration**
- 9:30 – 12:15**                    **Morning Sessions** on *Innovative Approaches to Multi-Municipal Collaboration; Increasing Efficiencies in Management and Planning; and Collaborative Efforts to Engage the Public on Water, Sewer, and Stormwater Issues*
- 12:15 – 1:30**                    **Lunch**
- 1:30 – 5:00**                    **Afternoon Sessions** on *Cooperative Stormwater Planning and Management Initiatives; Large-scale Regional Cooperation; Opportunities and Obstacles for Collaboration; and Upcoming and Future Initiatives (e.g., Act 220 state water plan, Act 537 regulation revisions, Sustainable Water Infrastructure Task Force)*

## Featured Speakers include (among others):

- Jennifer Adkins, Executive Director, Partnership for the Delaware Estuary
- Aurel Arndt, General Manager, Lehigh County Authority
- Jan Bowers, Executive Director, Chester County Water Resources Authority
- Curt Fontaine, Municipal Authority of Westmoreland County
- Andrew Gavin, Chief, Restoration and Protection Section, Susquehanna River Basin Commission
- Ty Gourley, Institute of Politics, Allegheny County
- John Hines, Executive Director, Water Planning Office, Pennsylvania DEP
- Dale R. Kratzer, Vice President, Spotts, Stevens and McCoy, Inc
- JoEllen Litz, Commissioner, Lebanon County
- Paul Marchetti, Executive Director, Pennsylvania Infrastructure Investment Authority
- Cory Miller, Executive Director, University Area Joint Authority
- Ken Najjar, Branch Manager, Delaware River Basin Commission
- John Schombert, Executive Director, 3 Rivers Wet Weather, Inc.
- Drew Shaw, Chief, Environmental Planning, Montgomery County Planning Commission
- Timothy Rogers, Manager, Shaler Township
- Ed Wilson, Vice President for Policy and Research, 10,000 Friends of Pennsylvania

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Registration Fee: \$25

Deadline: May 12, 2008

A continental breakfast and buffet lunch are included in your registration.

The preferred method of registration is through the conference website at [www.eli.org/pennwater.cfm](http://www.eli.org/pennwater.cfm).

If web registration is not possible, you may mail or fax the form below:

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