SEWAGE FACILITIES AND LAND USE: Collaborating for a Sustainable Future

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State and local decisions about development and the handling of sewage affect community finances, growth, and natural resources.

- Key weaknesses in Pennsylvania’s Sewage Facilities Act and Municipalities Planning Code make it difficult to ensure that development plans and sewage plans are mutually supportive.

- Newly released research by 10,000 Friends of Pennsylvania and the National Research Council documents the costly consequences of separating infrastructure planning from plans for growth in Pennsylvania communities.

- A targeted state investment strategy can support sound land use, sustainable development, economic efficiency, and prosperity.

- The General Assembly is considering a multi-year study of Pennsylvania’s sewage facilities policy.

**Sewage Facilities and Land Use: Collaborating for a Sustainable Future**, a one-day conference for elected and appointed state and local government officials; municipal authorities, engineers, and planners; and leaders and managers in the business, institutional, and nonprofit sectors, is:

A **briefing** on two cutting-edge new studies:


A **forum** for discussing the interaction of sewage facilities planning, land use, and prosperity with expert panelists, and sharing practical innovations in collaborative governance of sewage facilities.

An **opportunity** to identify legislative and policy solutions and help find a path forward.

Issues to be addressed include:

- Coordinating Act 537 and the Municipalities Planning Code

- Aligning infrastructure investment to support prosperity

- Collaborative governance, joint sewage facilities planning, and collaboration under Acts 67/68

- Dealing with aging infrastructure

- Connecting sewer and on-lot decisions to land use and watershed health

- Prospects for legislative and regulatory reform
CONFERENCE SCHEDULE

8:30 - 9:30  Registration

9:30 - 9:45  Welcome and Introduction

9:45 - 10:45  Opening Plenary Session
Coordinating Act 537 and the MPC: How sewage facilities planning affects land use, development, and economic prosperity

11:00 - 12:00  Second Plenary Session
National Research Council findings on regional cooperation for sewage facilities and water quality improvement in Pennsylvania

12:00 - 1:15  Lunch

1:15 - 2:30  Breakout Sessions

Session #1:
Collaborative Governance: Joint Sewage Facilities Planning, Collaboration under Acts 67/68, Inter-municipal Agreement Law

Session #2:
Connecting Sewer and On-Lot Decisions to Land Use and Watershed Health

Session #3:
Dealing with Aging Infrastructure

2:45 - 3:45  Afternoon Plenary Session
Pennsylvania's Investment Strategy - How can state investments support sound land use, sustainable development, economic efficiency, and prosperity?

3:45 - 4:30  The Way Forward: A Legislative and Policy Agenda

Conference to be followed by reception for participants and members of the General Assembly

Speakers include:

Geoff Anderson
USEPA Office of Smart Growth

Ronald Bailey
Executive Director
RenewPA

Joanne Denworth
Senior Policy Manager
Governor’s Policy Office

John Dernbach
Director
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Brian Hill
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Paul Marchetti
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