

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.

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- ◆ 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:

- ◆ The newly released study by 10,000 Friends of Pennsylvania, *Sewage Facilities and Land Development: An Analysis of Sewage Facilities Planning and Permitting in Relation to Land Use Planning and Development in Southeastern Pennsylvania* (2005).
- ◆ The National Research Council Report, *Regional Cooperation for Water Quality Improvement in Southwestern Pennsylvania* (2005).

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

C O N F E R E N C E S C H E D U L E

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
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Ronald Bailey
Executive Director
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Joanne Denworth
Senior Policy Manager
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