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TAKE ACTION!

Attention municipal officials! Please familiarize yourselves with your State Senate and House Members! The new session will be upon us shortly! Review PML's Advocacy Toolkit [here](#).

LOCAL GOVERNMENT DAY AWARDS NOMINATIONS

2019 Governor's Awards for Local Government Excellence

Application Deadline is December 14, 2018.

Do you have local government leaders in your community who demonstrate exceptional dedication to improving public services? Each year, the "Governor's Awards for Local Government Excellence" are presented to local government leaders who have demonstrated exceptional dedication to improving public services through innovative projects or initiatives. Visit the [Local Government Day Awards webpage](#) to learn more about the judging criteria for each category, the award guidelines, and submitting a nomination.

Click [here](#) to submit a nomination.

Programs and initiatives that have received an award in the past include:

Building Community Partnerships

**Innovative Planning and Sound
Land Use Practices**

Responding to Adversity

Intergovernmental Cooperation

**Promoting Community/Economic
Revitalization**

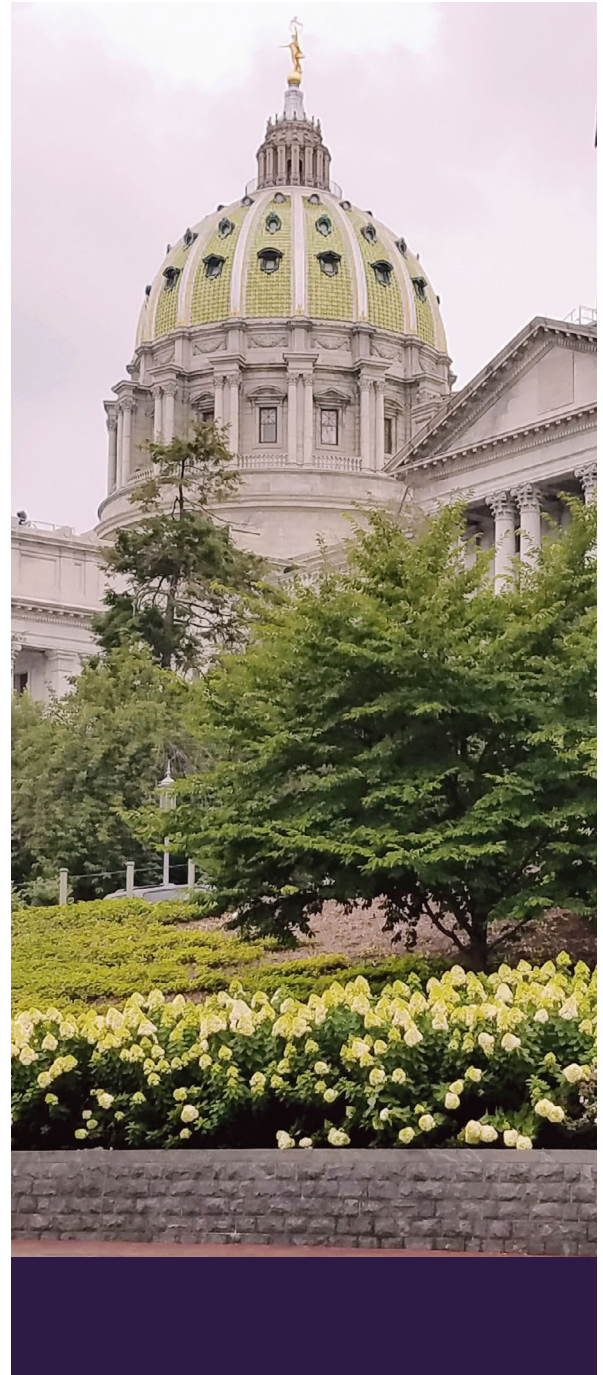
Information Technology

**Innovative Community/
Governmental Initiatives**

Health & Wellness Initiatives

**Fiscal Accountability and Best
Management Practices**

Individual Recognition





OTHER NEWS

2019 – 2020 PA Senate and House of Representatives Leadership

This month the Senate and House made leadership elections for the 2019 – 2020 Session as follows:

Senate Republican Leadership:

Interim President Pro Tempore –
Joe Scarnati (R – Jefferson)
Leader – Jake Corman (R – Centre)
Appropriations Chair – Patrick Browne (R – Lehigh)
Whip – John Gordner (R – Columbia)
Caucus Chair – Bob Mensch (R – Montgomery)
Caucus Secretary – Richard Alloway (R – Franklin)
Policy Chair – David Argall (R – Schuylkill)

Senate Democratic Leadership:

Leader – Jay Costa (D – Allegheny)
Appropriations Chair – Vincent Hughes (D – Philadelphia)
Whip – Anthony Williams (D – Philadelphia)
Caucus Chair – Wayne Fontana (D – Allegheny)
Caucus Secretary – Larry Farnese (D – Philadelphia)
Caucus Administrator – John Blake (D – Northampton)
Policy Chair – Lisa Boscola (D – Northampton)

House Republican Leadership:

Speaker-Nominee – Mike Turzai (R – Allegheny)
Leader – Bryan Cutler (R – Lancaster)
Appropriations Chair – Stan Saylor (R – York)
Whip – Kerry Benninghoff (R – Centre)
Caucus Chair – Marcy Toepel (R – Montgomery)
Caucus Secretary – Mike Reese (R – Westmoreland)
Caucus Administrator –
Kurt Masser (R – Northumberland)
Policy Chair – Donna Oberlander (R – Clarion)

House Democratic Leadership:

Leader – Frank Dermody (D – Allegheny)
Appropriations Chair – Matt Bradford (D – Montgomery)
Whip – Jordan Harris (D – Philadelphia)
Caucus Chair – Joanna McClinton (D – Philadelphia)
Caucus Secretary – Rosita Youngblood (D – Philadelphia)
Caucus Administrator – Neal Goodman (D – Schuylkill)
Policy Chair – Mike Sturla (D – Lancaster)





Cities Celebrate Passage of America's Water Infrastructure Act

Following the passage of [America's Water Infrastructure Act of 2018](#) (S. 3021), in October, National League of Cities (NLC) President Mark Stodola, Mayor of Little Rock, Arkansas, released the following statement:

“The National League of Cities commends Congress for the passage of America’s Water Infrastructure Act of 2018 with broad bipartisan support. This comprehensive legislation represents an important investment in American communities and infrastructure, and it could not have come at a better time.

“Local governments currently fund 95 to 98 percent of all water and wastewater infrastructure investment, and cities and their leaders have long called for a renewed federal partnership to help communities upgrade their drinking water and wastewater infrastructure and improve stormwater management. America’s Water Infrastructure Act is crucial to building, maintaining and improving our nation’s levees, dams, ports, harbors and inland waterways, and will help reduce the backlog of authorized infrastructure projects lacking funding for completion.

“This is a great victory and an important step forward to addressing our nation’s infrastructure crisis. But our work is not over. Cities will continue to advocate for full allocation of Harbor Maintenance Trust Fund dollars and codifying the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency’s Integrated Planning Framework, which is not addressed in the final version of the bill. We look forward to partnering with Congress on these issues and ensuring that the revitalization and restoration of America’s water infrastructure systems remain a top national priority.”

The Act authorizes \$5.8 billion for 15 projects under the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (Army Corps) related to navigation, flood control and ecosystem restoration, and includes additional provisions related to wastewater and drinking water and workforce development.

For a breakdown on key takeaways and important provisions for cities, visit NLC’s blog, [CitiesSpeak](#).