

## **Turtle Creek Valley COG Director's Report**

TCVCOG Board Meeting  
December 14, 2022

### **Upcoming Meetings**

1/5/23: TCVCOG Manager's Meeting, 2pm  
1/17/23: TCVCOG Police Test  
1/26/23: January Board Meeting, 6:30pm  
2/10/23: Annual Dinner

### **CodeNforce/Code Enforcement**

We are pleased to report that we are entering into our official BETA phase. Glassport Borough has agreed to be a BETA user, and will begin using the system in January, and the same is under consideration in Wilkins Twp. We are going to use this time to better understand what it will take to provide quality support, and therefore understand our long term costs better. We will then be able to determine an appropriate price for the system starting in 2024. BETA towns will be paying \$1,800/yr, plus \$50/hour in support over 2 hrs per month.

### **Annual Dinner – Friday, February 10<sup>th</sup>**

The TCVCOG Annual Dinner will take place on Friday, February 10<sup>th</sup> at Edgewood Country Club. We are considering the Italian Buffet option, which is new this year. Your feedback is appreciated in terms of the content for the evening. Would you prefer to continue having a political speaker, or would you like some form of entertainment, like a magician for something different? Please let me know.

### **County Executive Candidate Forum**

I have been talking with Steel Rivers COG about co-hosting a forum for candidates running for County Executive. How do you feel about this? Our goal would be to host this in March, so that we are able to get to know the candidates, and they are able to better understand some of our unique challenges in the East. Your participation would be strongly encouraged.

### **Homes Within Reach Conference - December 7-9<sup>th</sup>, 2022**

Natalie attended the Homes within Reach conference presented by the Housing Alliance of Pennsylvania. There were multiple sessions covering the topics of blight, land banking, and code enforcement. The Turtle Creek Valley COG's collaborative work, with Tri Cog Land Bank, City of Bridges Land Trust and Rebuilding Together Pittsburgh was highlighted during one of the sessions. The session also discussed the CODENFORCE database and there was interest from others towns in the state to use CODENFORCE when it is ready.

**Manager's Meeting: November 3, 2022:**

Hybrid- Zoom & In Person: Greg Bachy, Swissvale; Connie Rosenbayger, East McKeesport; Nate Bish, North Braddock; Mike Bolen, Pitcairn; Tim Little, Monroeville; Joe Varhola, North Versailles; Stephanie Schwoegl, Chalfant; Dana Donavan, Women for a Healthy Environment; Michelle Nacarrati – Chapkis Women for a Healthy Environment; Amanda Settelmaier and Natalie Merola Turtle Creek Valley Cog

Dana Donavan, and Michelle Naccarcati- Chapkis from Women for a Healthy Environment - presented to the group: Information on Lead/ Lead 101. The group then discussed what can be done on a municipal level to help with preventing lead exposures. Currently Act 152 includes lead safe demolitions, it would be helpful to have more lead safe demos using the wet, wet, wet method. The group also discussed pros and cons around dust wipe sampling during an Occupancy inspection. This included cost, turn around times, legal implications. WFHE offered to provide information that the towns can put on their websites for resident education. East McKeesport will be willing to talk about pilot testing programs, as well Swissvale.

**Manager's Meeting: December 1, 2022:**

Greg Bachy, Swissvale; Connie Rosenbayger, East McKeesport; Mike Bolen, Pitcairn; Tim Little, Monroeville

This meeting served as an open forum to freely discuss any topics of interest. Issues pertaining to Rental Registry were discussed at length.

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Respectfully submitted,  
Amanda Settelmaier