

## TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES

### \*New Item

#### **Climate Change, Energy, Green Infrastructure, Stormwater, Sustainability, & Water**

**National Energy Codes Conference:** Join us [5/2-4/23](#) & [learn](#) about the new energy code funding opportunities emerging from the BIL & Inflation Reduction Act.

**\*Energy Savings & Impacts Scenario Tool (ESIST):** On [5/3/23 from 2-3 pm](#) EPA Staff will be available to show users how access the latest data, walk through outputs focused on [energy savings](#), costs, & multiple benefits, & answer questions.

**Qualified MS4 Stormwater Inspector:** On [5/4/23 from 9:30 am-5:30 pm](#) join us for this [course](#) which is designed for MS4 inspectors of all kinds (stormwater, engineering, code enforcement, health, & water quality), construction site & industrial personnel that may encounter MS4 stormwater issues including stormwater inspectors, building inspectors, engineering review staff.

**PA Groundwater Symposium:** On [5/9/23 from 8:25 am-4 pm](#) [join](#) groundwater professionals, natural resource managers, educators, & others interested in the management & protection of PA's water resources.

**\*Watershed Friendly Property Certification Expansion:** On [5/11/23 from 12-1 pm](#) [learn](#) how to follow a few simple guidelines to manage your property to protect area streams & rivers. Healthy landscapes make healthy communities, & the practices encouraged through the program help protect local streams & rivers & promote habitat for birds, fish, & other wildlife.

**\*Siting & Zoning Considerations for Large-Scale Solar:** On [5/18/23 from 12-1 pm](#) we'll [focus](#) on the importance of having solar ordinances. Zoning ordinances should define exclusion areas, type of use, setback, screening, access, decommissioning, & other considerations. Examples of recently adopted regulations will also be shared.

**Climate Solutions Symposium:** Join us [5/22-23/23](#) for this [event](#) that will feature plenaries, panel discussions, breakout sessions, an arts & communication session & a poster session, all focused on developing & elevating solutions to climate change.

**\*Renewables Summit:** Join us [5/22-23/23](#) for this [summit](#) which brings together industry professionals, NGOs, & decision-makers to discuss important issues to the PA renewables market. The event is also a great networking opportunity.

**Clean Water Conference:** Join us [5/23-24/23](#) & [learn](#) about the most important & up-to-date CB restoration issues, network with fellow CB supporters & activists, develop strategies to advance federal, regional & local restoration goals, & learn from successes.

**\*Connect & Protect - Building an Enduring Appalachian Climate Corridor:** On [5/24/23 @ 2 pm](#) learn about this [report](#) which builds awareness of climate change threats & highlights climate action opportunities to safeguard the region's public safety, economic stability, & ecological health. It is a tool to integrate climate-smart actions into conservation strategies & strategic planning efforts & demonstrates the potential within the Appalachian landscape to help

achieve ambitious goals set by the US government related to conservation, EJ, & the climate crisis.

**\*Renewable Energy Academy - Solar Photovoltaic Systems:** On [6/8/23 from 9-11:45 am](#) [learn](#) how solar photovoltaic (PV) systems work, identify the significant components of a PV system, outline the process of installing a PV system at a home or business, & estimate the cost & payback associated with solar PV.

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**PA CSI MS4:** Join us [6/8-9/23](#) for this [webinar](#) that is designed Municipal personnel, System permit regulations & compliance to restore & maintain the waters of the US. Gain an in-depth understanding of stormwater permits, the 6 minimum control measures, how to conduct inspections, & the authority, demeanor, & discretion of stormwater inspectors to enhance your credentials of qualified.

**PA Watershed Forestry Summit:** Join us [6/13-15/23](#) for this [summit](#) which brings together restoration & conservation professionals, decision makers, & volunteers to share the latest info related to forest buffers & lawn conversion practices.

**Municipal Stormwater Facilities Program:** On [6/13/23 from 8 am-12 pm](#) we'll [introduce](#) participants to the stormwater processes, explain the need for stormwater control measures, highlight the key laws regulating SCMs, define the common types of SCMs, explore inspection procedures, & outline general maintenance activities.

**An Investigation Into LED Lighting:** On [6/15/23 from 12:30-1:30 pm](#) representatives from Nila, Inc. will [share](#) their expertise into LED lighting & explain the benefits of infrastructure upgrades in your facilities.

**Stormwater Control Measures O&M:** On [6/20/23 from 8-11 am](#) we'll [prepare](#) you to perform routine & corrective maintenance on common types of SCMs. Participants will learn the keys of a successful SCM Operations Program, common SCM types & components; what infiltration/filtration surfaces are, common SCM vegetation considerations, & the difference between routine vs. corrective maintenance.

**Compensatory Mitigation Training Course:** Join us [6/26-30/23](#) for this [course](#) which is designed to foster collaboration among regulators, compensatory mitigation sponsors, & users (buyers of credits) ensuring that all entities have a thorough grounding in compensatory mitigation policy in order to facilitate the establishment of compensatory mitigation programs on the ground. In addition to addressing core elements of compensatory mitigation instrument establishment & implementation, this advanced course also covers in-lieu fee programs & other credit trading systems & concepts.

**Water Quality & TDML's:** On [6/28/23 from 12-4 pm](#) join us if you have impaired water bodies in your municipal jurisdiction.

**\*Beach Access Routes - Key Considerations for Public Entities:** On **7/21/23 from 2-3 pm** we'll [review](#) the scoping & technical requirements for beach access routes from the ABA Outdoor Developed Areas Final Rule. It will also review the ABA's requirements that apply to beach access routes in national parks & other outdoor areas developed by the federal govt., as they can be a useful tool for ADA covered entities that are looking for BP guidance related to beach access routes.

**Integrated Planning Permits for Municipalities:** On **7/27/23 from 10:30 am-5 pm** we'll deliver training on implementing the goals of the Water Infrastructure & Improvement Act of 2019.

**Advancing Climate Resiliency in Small & Medium Sized PA Cities:** On **8/8/23 from 11 am-12pm** this [webinar](#) will focus on outdoor recreation, equity, & the economy.

**Dive Deeper (Water Education) Summit:** Join us **9/28/23** for this professional development conference which offers hands-on workshop/s, inspiring guest speakers, diverse exhibitors, a networking lunch, & much more. Save the Date!

**Financing Water Infrastructure Projects:** On **10/17/23 from 2-3 pm** we'll [examine](#) how communities across the country are addressing challenges in financing water infrastructure projects.

**Statewide Watershed Conference:** Join us **10/29-30/23** & [learn](#) from fellow watershed organization leaders as they share restoration & education project success stories as well as their journeys toward effective strategic planning & people-centered leadership.

**River Rally:** Join us **5/13-16/24** for this [conference](#) with outstanding local field trips, stimulating sessions, amazing venues, & opportunities to enjoy the riverfront with old & new friends from across the network!

### **Bicycle & Pedestrian, Trails, Transportation, & Volunteers**

**Trails in Natural Areas:** On **5/2/23 from 10-11 am** we'll discuss the challenges, successes, & lessons learned in planning, developing, & managing trails located within/passing through nature preserves & other lands where supporting wildlife habitat & biodiversity are major concerns. Email [cgrayshaw@weconservepa.org](mailto:cgrayshaw@weconservepa.org) to RSVP.

**\*Safe Streets & Roads for All (SS4A) - Implementation Grants:** On **5/2/23 from 1:30-3 pm** we are offering a general [overview](#) of the SS4A program & the grant application process & provide a particular focus on applying for Implementation Grants.

**\*Promoting Complete Street Policies with Traffic Signal Timing Practices:** On **5/2/23 from 3-4:30 pm** you will [hear](#) from representatives that bring firsthand knowledge of the real-world challenges in trying to reconcile fundamental conflicts of interest pitting driver vs. pedestrian, mobility vs. safety, policy vs. practice, & inertia vs. change. Their experience & recommendations will help to lead & inform the next generation of efforts to evolve longstanding traffic signal timing practices into a multimodal world.

**National Shared Mobility Summit:** Join us **5/2-4/23** for this [summit](#).

**\*How Automated Enforcement Can Perpetuate Inequities in Transportation:** On **5/3/23 @12:30 pm** we'll [discuss](#) how automated traffic enforcement has the potential to perpetuate bias & disparities, increase fines & fees, & increase surveillance & incarceration in

BIPOC (Black, Indigenous, & people of color) communities. We will also discuss equitable & just alternative safety strategies that prioritize historically marginalized communities.

**\*FHWA Local Road Technical Assistance:** On **5/3/23 from 1-2:30 pm** we'll [provide](#) information on accessing available technical assistance, the different format TA can take, & feature the benefits realized by the participating agencies. TA included workshops & trainings, data enhancement & analysis, safety issue & countermeasure identification, & safety planning. These efforts featured collaboration between county, local, & Tribal agencies, State DOTs, FHWA, & LTAP Centers to tackle priority road safety issues.

**PennDOT Connects Municipal Outreach Session District 10:** On **5/3/23 from 1-3 pm** [learn](#) more about funding opportunities (PennDOT, DCED, & DCNR) & municipal resources for transportation planning.

**PennDOT Connects Municipal Outreach Session District 2:** On **5/4/23 from 9-11 am** [learn](#) more about funding opportunities (PennDOT, DCED, & DCNR) & municipal resources for transportation planning.

**\*Taking Advantage of Carbon Reduction Funds for Active Transportation:** On **5/4/23 @ 1 pm** join Rails-to-Trails Conservancy & FL Dept. of Transportation Chief Planner Huiwei Shen to [learn](#) more about how FL is strategically using their Carbon Reduction Program federal formula funds for active transportation. Huiwei will speak to FL's unique approach to the Carbon Reduction Program & the ultimate importance of mode shift as a carbon reduction strategy. After Huiwei speaks, there will be a guided discussion to brainstorm ideas, BP, & solutions around developing carbon reduction strategies.

**\*Speed Studies for Local Rural & Gravel Roads:** On **5/4/23 from 2-3 pm** we'll [present](#) two perspectives on establishing speed limits for local rural & gravel roads.

**\*Unlocking Federal Funding - Free New Tools to Help You Get Federal Funding for Tech:** On **5/4/23 from 2-3 pm** we'll [share](#) insights & lessons learned after the 1<sup>st</sup> year of implementation of the Infrastructure Investment & Jobs Act (IIJA). There will be speakers from both the public & private sectors taking a closer look @ the hurdles, the successes & where advanced technology solutions have driven a safer, greener transportation future.

**Plan & Design Sustainable & Permeable Recreational Trails & Embankments:** On **5/9/23 from 12-1 pm** we'll [explore](#) a variety of soil stabilization & porous pavement products that can be tailored to the needs of individual projects, including those with hard-to-access areas & stormwater concerns. Multiple types of infill & anchoring methods allow for project customization, resulting in low maintenance & attractive trails for years to come.

**\*Trees, Roots, & Trails:** On **5/11/23 @ 12 pm** we'll discuss arboriculture, basic construction principles, & maintenance considerations for developed & undeveloped settings. This [webinar](#) is the 1<sup>st</sup> piece of a bigger picture as we "dig deeper" into the topic of managing tree roots that are impacting transportation corridors.

**Building a Comprehensive Count Program in Your Park/on Your Trails:** On **5/11/23 from 1-2 pm** we'll [examine](#) real-world count data that illustrates this increased use of trails & parks & discuss the

logistics & BPs behind building robust count programs @ multiple scales.

**Forth Roadmap Conference:** Join us [5/15-17/23](#) for the nation's premier electric transportation [conference](#), where leaders convene to transform how people & goods move.

**PennDOT Connects Municipal Outreach Session District 5:** On [5/16/23 from 1-3 pm](#) [learn](#) more about funding opportunities (PennDOT, DCED, & DCNR) & municipal resources for transportation planning.

**Transportation, Transit, & Land Use What Are the Connections:** On [5/17/23 from 12-1:15 pm](#) we'll [highlight](#) the role of comprehensive planning, capital improvement planning, & regional cooperation in maintaining regional access in light of changing transportation infrastructure & travel patterns.

**Active Mobility for Older Adult Communities Through Planning & Implementation:** On [5/17/23 @ 3 pm](#) we'll [share](#) a study of 10 OACs in CA, as part of the SB-1 program managed by the Mineta Transportation Institute. Communities studied were active living & tiered living, with a mix of residents' household income & race.

**Informing the Trail Experience the Process of Signing a Trail:** On [5/18/23 from 1-2 pm](#) we'll [learn](#) about the trail & determine what needs to be communicated, & where info is best posted.

**PennDOT Connects Municipal Outreach Session District 9:** On [5/22/23 from 1-3 pm](#) [learn](#) more about funding opportunities (PennDOT, DCED, & DCNR) & municipal resources for transportation planning.

**PennDOT Connects Municipal Outreach Session District 8:** On [5/23/23 from 1-3 pm](#) [learn](#) more about funding opportunities (PennDOT, DCED, & DCNR) & municipal resources for transportation planning.

**Transportation Equity Fundamental II:** Join us [5/24-25/23 from 1-5 pm](#) as we [cover](#) the principles of accessibility-based transportation planning, evaluation tools & performance indicators for measuring progress toward equity goals, multimodal planning as a means to create affordable transportation systems, & case studies of successful initiatives & notable practices on transportation equity.

**PennDOT Connects Municipal Outreach Session District 12:** On [5/24/23 from 1-3 pm](#) [learn](#) more about funding opportunities (PennDOT, DCED, & DCNR) & municipal resources for transportation planning.

**\*TrailNation Playbook in Action - Creating Engagement Moments that Accelerate Your Trail Network:** On [5/24/23 @ 1 pm](#) we'll [explore](#) the different ways that communities across the country have leveraged existing moments & new opportunities to engage their residents, amplify the project vision & its benefits to the community & advocate for this critical infrastructure with their local decision makers. You will walk away with new ideas, BPs & strategies to accelerate buy-in for you trail network goals.

**PennDOT Connects Municipal Outreach Session District 3:** On [5/25/23 from 9-11 am](#) [learn](#) more about funding opportunities (PennDOT, DCED, & DCNR) & municipal resources for transportation planning.

**Pack Goats the Agile Trail Helpers:** On [5/25/23 from 1-2 pm](#) we'll [explain](#) the important role that a pack goat can play in your next trail adventure, including how to train & properly saddle & load a goat.

**Trail Skills Project:** On [6/1/23 from 1-2 pm](#) learn more about the [Trail Skills Project](#) that serves as the workforce hub for the trails community providing connections to trails education, trail expertise, professional development, & job opportunities.

**International Conference on Ecology & Transportation:** Join us [6/4-8/23](#) for this foremost interdisciplinary, inter-agency supported [conference](#) addressing the broad range of ecological issues related to transportation systems in all modes.

**\*Everybody Outside! Accessing the Inclusive Hiking Experience:** On [6/21/23 from 2-3 pm](#) we'll [explore](#) the federal guidelines for accessible trail design & the multiple ways that individuals with disabilities experience hiking activities. By attending this session, trail planners & managers will be able to better anticipate the needs of diverse users, & individuals with disabilities will learn what to expect from accessible trail design & adaptive hiking equipment. Join us in exploring these & other possibilities in promoting inclusive hiking experiences!

**More Than a Cycle Lane How Investment in Better Walking & Cycling Networks Improves Accessibility for People with Disabilities:** On [6/21/23 @ 3 pm](#) we'll [discuss](#) how communities with well-connected networks of traffic calmed streets, cycleways, & pedestrian spaces allow for greater inclusivity for people with varying abilities.

**Evolution of Bikeways How Cities Have Progressed with the Ever-changing Design Guidance & Research:** On [7/19/23 @ 3 pm](#) we'll [show](#) how bikeways have evolved over time as cities have continually learned from past projects.

**Systemic Safety From Analysis to Implementation:** On [8/16/23 @ 3 pm](#) we'll [share](#) 2 case studies of agencies seeking to answer questions through a systemic safety lens. The presentations will highlight the roles of both analysis & engagement in advancing our Vision Zero goals.

**PA Greenways & Trails Summit:** Join us [9/17-19/23](#) for this [summit](#). Save the Date!

**How Trails Support Healthy Aging for All:** On [9/21/23 from 1-2 pm](#) [learn](#) how we can all rethink trails as public spaces that are fully accessible & inclusive of older adults.

**Engaging, Enabling, & Motivating Families & Diverse Trails Users:** On [9/28/23 from 1-2:15 pm](#) we'll [look](#) @ ways to expand the universe of trail visitors, considering planning, design, & messaging & discuss how welcoming more groups can build a stronger base of support by engaging a more diverse constituency of trails enthusiasts.

**Lighter, Faster, Drier-Beyond Quick-Build Towards Resilient Treatments for High-Quality Active Transportation Infrastructure:** On [12/20/23 @ 3 pm from 1-2:15 pm](#) we'll [explore](#) the performance of quick-build treatments for active transportation corridors, & what comes next after flexible posts & pavement markings.

**\*Sustainable Trail Management Construction & Planning:** Join this [On-Demand Talk](#) to gain a better understanding of trail management techniques, tools & materials needed to complete trail projects, &

volunteer stewardship models to care for trails in the long term. This discussion covers dealing with urban trails, as well as backcountry trail work. Additionally, representatives from the Natural Areas Conservancy & NY City Parks will share an overview of their trail work from the past 5 years.

### **Environment, Parks, Recreation, Natural Resources & Open Space**

**National Outdoor Recreation Conference:** Join us [5/1-5/23](#) for this conference.

**Landscape Design for Youth Gardens:** On [5/1/23](#) [learn](#) the basic steps & elements of landscape design for an interactive, fun, & sustainable youth garden.

**\*The Impact of Outdoor Programs on Young People:** On [5/2/23](#) from [12-1 pm](#) we'll [share](#) findings from Hello Insight's two-year pilot project focused on collecting & assessing data on nature/outdoor-based programs & their impact on young people's social & emotional learning.

**\*How to Bridge the Gap - Local/State/National-level Health-Recreation Partnerships Panel:** Join us [5/3/23 @ 3 pm](#) for this [webinar](#).

**From Data to Funding Accelerating 10-Minute Walk:** On [5/9/23](#) from [11 am-12 pm](#) join us for this [webinar](#) that focuses on outdoor recreation, equity, & the economy.

**\*Nature's Impact on Human Health Action Guide:** Join us [5/10/23 @ 3 pm](#) for this [webinar](#).

**Maintenance Roundtable Sustainable Operations:** Join us [5/16/23](#) from [12:30-1:30 pm](#) for this [open discussion](#) among maintenance, facility & grounds, & operation professionals from depts. across industries. Conversation during this session is meant to surround "sustainability."

**Sustainable Operations:** On [5/17/23](#) from [12:30-1:30 pm](#) [learn](#) about alternative practices in facility, grounds, & open space management; tools & processes other maintenance professionals implement to become more "sustainable"; consider new solutions to common challenges experienced across industries; & highlight successful efforts to maximize operational efficiencies.

**The Latest Buzz on Beekeeping & Pollinators:** On [5/17/23](#) from [1-2 pm](#) we'll [discuss](#) all things pollinators. Join us to learn more about the importance of pollinators, what's causing pollinator decline, & what you can do to help.

**Project Play Summit:** Join us [5/17-18/23](#) as we [chart](#) the next steps in building communities where all youth have the opportunity to develop their human & athletic potential.

**An Appreciative Approach to Inspiring Solutions:** On [5/18/23](#) from [12-1:30 pm](#) you'll gain an [understanding](#) of the theory of Appreciative Inquiry; experience Appreciative Inquiry methodology through discussion exercise; & share best practices, case-study solutions, & organizational achievements with colleagues.

**\*Native Plant Walk & Talk to Celebrate Native Species Day:** On [5/18/23](#) from [5-7 pm](#) [learn](#) about the importance of native species,

ecosystem & economic benefits of native species, impacts of invasive species, & preventing the spread of invasive species.

**The Mechanics of Land & Easement Acquisitions:** On [5/23/23](#) from [1-2 pm](#) we'll provide an [overview](#) of the mechanics of land & easement acquisitions using Natural Lands' process. This session will provide a robust intro for new conservation staff, as well as a refresher for veteran staff & volunteers. Of course, we know that no project is ever really 'standard', so some time will be given to discussion of where things can go wonky.

**\*Trees & Community - Rooted in Resilience & Equity:** Join us [5/31-6/1/23](#) as we gather researchers, community organizers, & others to explore [Trees & Community: Rooted in Resilience & Equity](#). Our urban & community forests play an important role in climate change mitigation & adaptation. Active stewardship, whether by professionals or trained citizens like Tree Tenders, strengthen local resilience to climate change while creating more sustainable & desirable places to live.

**Balancing Nature & Commerce Course:** [Join](#) us [5/31-6/2/23](#) as community-based teams will identify opportunities to build healthier communities based upon their unique assets & hear about the latest trends in resilient natural & cultural resources, diverse recreation assets, accessibility as a foundation, & revitalized main streets & downtowns. Teams will develop specific action plans for implementation when they return home!

**Park Study Tour:** Join us [6/1-3/23](#) for this [park study tour](#) that will provide an informative case study on how a city can dramatically restore & conserve its park grounds.

**Components of a Well-Rounded Development Program:** On [6/1/23](#) from [1-2 pm](#) join fundraiser & community development professional Noah J. Roufos-Abbey for this interactive [workshop](#) & info session. Noah welcomes the opportunity to share BPs & industry insights that can help build strategies & structures that advance conservation work & resource procurement.

**Conservation Finance Boot Camp:** Join us [6/5-9/23](#) for this week-long intensive [workshop](#) that helps mid-career professionals utilize innovative & effective financing strategies to increase social & ecological resilience.

**Inside-Out International Conference:** Join us [6/12-15/23](#) for this [conference](#).

**\*How Wildlife Endures Extreme Weather, Limited Resources, Predators to Stay Alive:** On [6/13/23 @ 12 pm or 7 pm](#) [learn](#) about the animals that face competition for resources, harsh climates, & predators. We will also discuss some species that have adapted in interesting/unusual ways to survive.

**An Investigation into LED Lighting:** On [6/15/23](#) from [12:30-1:30 pm](#) our seekers will [share](#) their expertise into LED lighting & explain the benefits of infrastructure upgrades in your facilities.

**Park People Conference:** Join us [6/21-23/23](#) as we explore on the ground [park](#) solutions that support community belonging & resilience, nourish relationships between people & the rest of nature & recognize city parks as essential infrastructure for cities.

**\*Accessing the Inclusive Hiking Experience:** On [6/21/23](#) from [2-3 pm](#) we'll explore the federal guidelines for accessible trail design &

the multiple ways that individuals with disabilities experience hiking activities. By attending this [session](#), trail planners & managers will be able to better anticipate the needs of diverse users, & individuals with disabilities will learn what to expect from accessible trail design & adaptive hiking equipment.

**Playground Maintenance Technician Certificate Online Cohort:** Join us **8/7-25/23** for this [training](#), which is the most comprehensive, long-standing maintenance & inspection training program in the country.

**\*Park Foundation School:** Join us **8/20-24/23** for the [Park Foundation School](#) which gives park & recreation professionals including nonprofit park foundation, conservancy, & friends group partners the tools & resources needed to build community support & financial resources to enhance their parks & recreation services. Whether you represent a park & recreation agency or a supporting nonprofit organization, this school will give you the knowledge, skills & resources to START, BUILD & GROW your park foundation or conservancy.

**\*Urban Acquisition & Stewardship Issues:** Join colleagues on **8/24/23 from 10-10:45 am** for a Zoom roundtable discussion focused on urban conservation acquisition & stewardship issues. The conversation will be led by participants & could include discussions around collaborative relationship-building between land trusts & local government, community groups, acquisition/site assembly strategies; & complex ownership issues (vacant/abandoned properties, developer-owned properties, etc). Email [cgrayshaw@weconservepa.org](mailto:cgrayshaw@weconservepa.org) to RSVP &/or to suggest further topics for the agenda.

**What is Deferred Maintenance:** Join us on **8/29/23 from 12:30-1:30 pm** for this [open discussion](#) among maintenance, facility & grounds, & operation professionals from depts. across industries. Conversation during this session is meant to surround budgeting challenges & the concept of deferred maintenance.

**Fall Pool Recertification Workshop:** Join us **9/5/23 from 9 am-3 pm** if you apply pesticides (chlorine, bactericides, etc.) to any public/commercial swimming pool & are currently certified. This [class](#) will focus its attention on the core info, including intros to pesticides, federal & state laws, pesticide safety, toxicity, health issues, & emergencies, along with pesticide formulations, label content & environmental effects.

**Fall Swimming Pool 101 Workshop & Exam:** Join us **9/6-7/23 from 9 am-5 pm** as we focus on the core info including, but not limited to intro to pesticides, federal & state laws, pesticide safety, toxicity, health issues & emergencies, along with pesticide formulations label content, & environmental effects. The content of the [class](#) will also discuss info specific to swimming pools, such as pool calculations, water balance & testing, sanitation/oxidation, filtration, & pool & hot tub safety.

**How to Approach Equitable Parks Planning:** On **9/12/23 from 11 am-12 pm** join us for this [webinar](#) that will focus on outdoor recreation, equity, & the economy.

**Online Pool Recertification Workshop:** On **9/20/23 from 9am-3 pm** we'll [focus](#) on the core info, including intros to pesticides, federal & state laws, pesticide safety, toxicity, health issues, & emergencies, along with pesticide formulations, label content & environmental effects.

**\*Financial Sustainability Certification Program:** Join us **9/26-28/23** & together we can create a movement to strengthen financial acumen in parks & recreation - one person and one agency at a time. This eye-opening & [engaging experience](#) will be one you won't forget.

**Playground Maintenance Technician Certificate Online Cohort:** Join us **10/9-27/23** for this [training](#), which is the most comprehensive, long-standing maintenance & inspection training program in the country. It teaches systems, processes, & BPs in proactive maintenance.

**National Recreation & Park Association Annual Conference:** Join us **10/10-12/23** for this conference which brings together thousands of people across several different fields including parks & recreation, conservation, health, landscape architecture & city planning. Save the Date!

**Symposium on Conservation Impact:** Join us **10/11-12/23** where we'll [focus](#) on nature-positive solutions & how they can catalyze better outcomes for climate, biodiversity, & human well-being. Nature-based solutions are increasingly being recognized as critical tools to making progress towards both climate & biodiversity goals, & countries from around the world have committed to both measurable targets & funding to help reach them.

**Conference on Landscape Architecture:** Join us **10/27-30/23** for this [conference](#) which is the largest gathering of landscape architects & allied professionals in the world—all coming together to learn, celebrate, build relationships, & strengthen the bonds of our incredibly varied professional community.

**Land Protection & Stewardship Roundtable:** On **11/28/23 from 10-10:50 am** for this [roundtable](#) which is open to people involved with acquiring & stewarding land & conservation easements.

**Certified Playground Safety Course:** Join us **11/29/23-12/1/23** for this [course](#) which trains individuals to identify hazards on public playgrounds & playground equipment, how to rank hazards according to injury potential, & how to apply that knowledge & establish a playground safety program. The course covers the material necessary to pass the Certified Playground Safety Inspector certification exam.

**National Natural Resources Education Conference:** Join us **5/6-8/24** for the largest gathering of natural resources educators working in land-grant Universities, the biennial national [conference](#) of ANREP!

**\*National Outdoor Recreation Conference - Stewarding People, Place, & Play:** Join us **5/6-9/24** for this [conference](#) which showcases innovative & creative approaches to nature-based outdoor recreation research, planning, & management. Save the Date!

**Greater & Greener Conference:** Join us **6/21-25/24** for this [conference](#).

**Health, Historic Preservation, Planning, Land Use, Blight, Broadband, Brownfields, Economic Development, & Zoning Intro Revolving Loan Fund:** Join us **5/1-2/23 from 12-5 pm** for an in-depth [look](#) @ RLF program development, implementation, & management. Demonstrates how an RLF program can complement your economic development strategy, encourage investment, & assist traditionally underserved businesses.

**Community Development & Housing Practitioners' Conference:** Join us **5/1-2/23** for this [conference](#) which serves as an opportunity for DCED grantees & other interested stakeholders to receive training on the requirements of programs, hear about best practices, & network with peers.

**Climate Change & Mental Health Interventions Workshop:** On **5/2/23 from 12-1:30 pm** join APHA's Center for Climate, Health & Equity for an interactive [workshop](#) on how to design mental health interventions with a public health approach, focusing on how to engage & prioritize vulnerable populations.

**\*Places of Social Inclusion - Addressing Homelessness & Mental Health Needs in Public Space:** On **5/16/23 & 5/18/23 from 10 am-12 pm** we'll provide an [overview](#) of how the mental health & housing crises play out in public space & how placemakers can partner with social service providers to contribute to more inclusive places & fairer cities.

**Scenario Planning for Urban Futures:** Join us **5/17-19/23 from 8 am-4:30 pm** & [practice](#) applying scenario planning techniques with leading practitioners & develop concrete ideas for how to implement scenarios in specific contexts, such as addressing climate change impacts, demographic shifts/financial shocks.

**Congress for the New Urbanism:** Join us **5/31/23-6/3/23** for this premiere national [event](#) on building better places.

**International Public Markets Conference:** Join us **6/8-10/23** for this [event](#) that focuses on new trends & innovations for the preservation & revitalization of public markets internationally.

**Intro Tax Increment Finance:** Join us **6/14-15/23 from 12-5 pm** for an in-depth [look](#) @ the guiding principles & appropriate application of TIF.

**Advancing Equitable Economic Development with Affordable Housing:** On **6/20/23 from 2-3 pm** we'll [demonstrate](#) how investment in affordable housing advances equitable economic development with a discussion of innovative financing approaches that can help these projects succeed.

**Making Room Housing for a Vibrant Community:** Join us **6/25-28/23** for PA's premier revitalization [conference](#).

**Driving Investment in Main St. Redevelopment:** On **7/18/23 from 2-3 pm** we'll [share](#) creative financing approaches that are being used to reinvest in main street communities around the country.

**PA Wilds Dinner + Awards Program:** The next PA Wilds Dinner & Awards will take place on **7/27/23**. Additional details to be announced. Save the Date!

**Bond Rating Agency Trends:** On **8/8/23 from 2-3 pm** we'll [discuss](#) rating agency trends & take a look @ new initiatives being implemented that improve municipalities' bond ratings to attract new economic development.

**BPs & Strategies for Housing Finance:** On **9/19/23 from 2-3 pm** we'll [highlight](#) the variety of finance tools available for supporting affordable housing projects & discuss BPs for deploying these to meet the growing need.

**Intro Tax Credit Finance:** Join us **9/27-28/23 from 12-5 pm** as we [examine](#) the application of tax credit programs & their use in greater economic development finance efforts.

**American Planning Association PA Chapter Conference:** Join us **10/15-17/23**. Save the Date!

**Nature-Based Placemaking Connecting Nature, Commerce & Community:** Illustrates how [NBP](#) can improve the economic vitality, quality of life, & sense of place within a community.

**Grant Writing, Funding, Fundraising, Weather, ADA/ABA, & Other**

**Cut Costs & Get Creative with Nonprofit Appeals:** On **5/2/23 from 3-4 pm** we'll will [help](#) you build a culture of philanthropy that can transform your fundraising efforts. We'll also discuss how to identify philanthropic intent with an investor. In addition, we'll touch on how to change the conversation within your nonprofit to focus more on investable outcomes than activity/outputs. After all, nonprofit sustainability is not about writing a better grant/relying on the "3Gs" (golf, galas, & giveaways).

**From One-Time Donors to Lifelong Supporters, Advanced Strategies for Donor Retention:** On **5/3/23 @ 1 pm** [learn](#) effective techniques for engaging with your supporters @ each stage of the donor journey. From personalized communication to meaningful impact reporting, build strong relationships with your donors to keep them coming back for more!

**\*Maximizing Your Event Sponsorship Potential:** On **5/3/23 from 1-2 pm** we'll [explore](#) the strategies & BPs for maximizing your event sponsorship potential. We'll cover topics such as identifying the right sponsors, crafting compelling sponsorship packages, & creating a positive experience for your sponsors before, during, & after the event to ensure ongoing support.

**\* Accessible Exterior Routes & Surfaces:** On **5/4/23 from 2:30-4 pm** we'll address [the requirements](#) for exterior routes & surfaces to ensure everyone has access within all spaces on a site. Access Board Accessibility Specialists will review the differences between accessible routes for building sites, outdoor recreation areas, trails, & beaches. Additionally, the presenters will share info on the concepts of stable, firm, & slip resistant surfaces in the outdoor environment. Playground surfaces will also be covered.

**How to Create a Powerful Multi-Channel Appeal Campaign:** On **5/10/23 @ 1 pm** [learn](#) how to create a powerful multi-channel appeal campaign to supercharge your fundraising efforts this year.

**How to Outsmart Inflation Using Data to Navigate Fundraising Curing Challenging Times:** On **5/11/23 from 1-1:45 pm** [learn](#) actionable takeaways on how you can apply this data today & what it means for the future.

**How to Create a Strategic Plan That Will Prepare Your Team to Win Event Sponsorships:** On **5/11/23 @ 1 pm** we'll [focus](#) on building your organization's sponsorship strategic plan for your upcoming event(s) which will be foundational for your annual event sponsorship outreach & can be duplicated year after year.

**Grant Writing for Nonprofits How to Write a Grant That Wins:** On **5/16/23 from 3-4:30 pm** we'll [provide](#) you with the basic knowledge & understanding of what elements go into a successful nonprofit grant

application once you have identified an opportunity you want to apply for.

**Amazingly Successful 1-to-1 Solicitations a Step-By-Step Guide to Asking:** On **5/23/23 from 1-2:30 pm** our presenter will [share](#) with you his most important findings over 35 years of successfully cultivating & soliciting thousands of donors individually.

**How to Begin a Planned Giving Program with Limited Resources:** On **5/23/23 from 1-2:30 pm** we'll [share](#) valuable insights on how you can strengthen your organization's planned giving program & how to craft compelling marketing messages that resonate with potential donors.

**Federal Grants Securing Millions for Your Organization:** On **5/24/23 from 1-2:30 pm** we'll [provide](#) you with basic knowledge & understanding of the federal grant-seeking process from initial opportunity identification & preplanning for forecasted applications through completing a competitive application.

**Facebook For Public Participation:** On **5/31/23 from 2-3:30 pm** we'll offer a look @ the way [Facebook](#) can be used in Public Participation. With interactive posts, live streaming, advertising, videos, & more. Facebook has a lot of potential to support public participation, but it is hard to do it well. Learn from power users about how to get your engagement content seen by your desired participants. Hear about innovative approaches & learn how to measure your impact.

**So You Want to Write a Grant:** On **6/6/23 from 1-1:45 pm** we'll [discuss](#) how grants can help your organization implement new programs/projects to best achieve its mission. We'll also address the common pitfalls encountered by many organizations seeking grants for the 1<sup>st</sup> time as well as common challenges for new grant writers.

**Finding a Needle in a Haystack How to Successfully Research Grants:** On **6/7/23 from 3-4:30 pm** we'll [discuss](#) how to best use the most common paid databases utilized by US-based nonprofits for foundation research & integrate that research with free research tools in order to draft an initial grant strategy. We will use proven tools & strategies to successfully compile the multitude of info & documents collected during the research process in order to create a prioritized proactive grant-seeking strategy.

**How to Develop a Cultivation & Stewardship Plan for Donor Retention:** On **6/7/23 from 3-4:30 pm** we'll [equip](#) you with tools to create & execute a cultivation & stewardship plan for your nonprofit.

**How to Organize an Annual Giving Campaign that Draws Donors in & Keeps Them Engaged:** On **6/14/23 from 3-4:30 pm** we'll [show](#) you step-by-step how to set up & run an Annual Giving Campaign that draws donors in & keeps them engaged for your nonprofit.

**Project Management for Grant Professionals:** On **7/25/23 from 1-2:30 pm** we'll [teach](#) you how to harness the power of the values & principles of Agile project management in your organization to significantly improve the grant-seeking process.

**The 3 Ps of Inclusion Philosophies, Policies & Practices:** Ensuring community members with disabilities have successful experiences in a recreation setting relies on active inclusion. This free talk [highlights](#) the tools that identify when adaptations/specific supports are needed to give individuals with disabilities every opportunity to access & benefit from recreation.