



# Pennsylvania Municipal League

2022

# STATE OF THE LEAGUE



## EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S MESSAGE

The State of The League in 2022 is one of positive growth. Our new focus on advocacy, membership and operations has allowed us to promote and hire professional, highly qualified staff. Key accomplishments this year include:

- Implementation of the federal Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act and continued efforts to assist local communities in planning for the American Rescue Plan Act allocations.
- Amendments to the Fireworks Law and the development of model ordinances.
- Educating legislators and staff regarding the PTSI and pension proposals which would be costly mandates for municipalities.
- Increased League membership to over 130 municipal members.
- Completion of US Senate and Gubernatorial campaign questionnaires.
- Release of "It's Not 1965 Any More -- State Tax Laws Fail to Meet Municipal Revenue Needs" report with the Pennsylvania Economy League.
- Publication of the ENVISION 2032 report highlighting local innovation achievements in 7 key areas of municipal governance and recommending objectives over the next decade to improve the efficiency and effectiveness of local government in Pennsylvania.
- Delivered high quality training and professional development opportunities both virtually and in person including through the PA Construction Codes Academy, the PA Training Hub, Sustainable PA and the Public Employer Labor Relations Advisory Service (PELRAS).
- Successful Municipal Leadership Summit in Pittsburgh with our partners the Pennsylvania State Association of Township Commissioners and the Pennsylvania Career Fire Chiefs Association.

Thank you to the talented League staff, Board of Directors, Executive Committee and most importantly League members for their support, guidance and positive engagement.

[Watch Executive Director's Video Report](#)

## ADVOCACY

### 2022 By the Numbers

1,166

bills tracked throughout the 2021/2022 legislative session

12

Policy Resolutions adopted during the 2022 Municipal Leadership Summit

12

Take Action calls posed for grassroots advocacy over the year in the monthly Legislative Locator

### 2022 Legislative Highlights

- Amended The Fireworks Law, Act 74 of 2022, providing local governments with greater control to curb the illegal use of consumer fireworks.
- Provided membership with model ordinances to implement the new Fireworks Law provisions.
- Published the local taxation study, It's Not 1965 Any More -- State Tax Laws Fail to Meet Municipal Revenue Needs, in partnership with the PA Economy League.
- Hosted a Governmental Affairs Intern, Hannah McManus, from Shippensburg University for the fall semester to research and develop a Blight Remediation Toolkit detailing best practices and featuring members with successful remediation policies.
- Held a local use of radar press conference and rally with the Radar Coalition and other stakeholders.
- Provided ARPA and IIJA information, as available, to our membership.
- Hosted the 2022 Capitol Conference.
- Advocated for our members on a variety of topics including:
  - Local preemption
  - Local use of radar
  - Right to Know Law
  - Advertising modernization
  - Uniform Construction Code
  - Act 47
  - Blight remediation
  - Local taxation modernization
  - Local government impacts of implementing OSHA
  - Highly automated vehicles
  - Post-traumatic stress injury

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Strength Through Engagement.

## We Are 134 Members Strong.

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1<sup>st</sup> Class City

1

2<sup>nd</sup> Class City

1

2<sup>nd</sup> Class A City

45

3<sup>rd</sup> Class Cities

44

Boroughs

14

1<sup>st</sup> Class Townships

24

2<sup>nd</sup> Class Townships

4

Municipalities

**LEADERSHIP**  
Elected for 2022-23



League President  
Mayor Michael Lombardo  
City of Pittston



League 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President  
Mayor Douglas Baker  
City of Franklin



League 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President  
Mayor Derek Slaughter  
City of Williamsport

## SIGNATURE PROGRAMS



124 Certified Sustainable PA Communities

47 are League Members

sustainablepa.org

11 Platinum

51 Silver

51 Gold

11 Bronze

### Public Employer Labor Relations Advisory Service

PELRAS – our labor and employment law advisory service provides training, a labor newsletter and expert legal help at discounted rates. PELRAS membership currently stands at 324 members.

### Your Key to PA Local Government

This free eBook, available at [PML.org](http://PML.org), is designed to help Pennsylvanians understand how their government is organized and how they can participate as a citizen to support their municipality and the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.

### GrantFinder

The League is pleased to provide members with a no-cost, value-added benefit called GrantFinder – a real-time, online searchable database of nearly 8,000 eligible grants for which local governments may apply. This searchable database tracks federal, state, foundation and corporate grants available to municipalities and local non-profits.

### Municipal Utility Alliance

The MUA has successfully enabled local governments to take every opportunity to benefit from the energy markets through competitive pricing. The MUA provides nearly 270 municipalities and authorities with over 1.7 billion kilowatt hours of energy for their facilities and street lights.

### Pennsylvania Local Government Investment Trust

PLGIT is a financial management trust designed exclusively for local governments, offering a wide array of investment options and cash management services. 70 members belong to the Trust and 23 utilize the P-Card (debit/credit card).

**ENVISION 2032**

Charting the Future for Pennsylvania's Municipalities

This year as part of our ongoing [ENVISION 2032](#) initiative which was launched in 2021 to engage members and stakeholders in a 10-year visioning process, we convened seven forums across Pennsylvania that brought together more than 200 municipal leaders and stakeholders to share promising practices, learn from their fellow local leaders, and discuss what the future potentially holds.

We then published the [ENVISION 2032 leadership publication](#), which debuted at our Municipal Leadership Summit in October.

The publication covers the topics of highest concern that municipal leaders identified in the survey and forums: Infrastructure, Municipal Finance, Equity and Civic Engagement, Community Development, Sustainability, Public Health & Safety, and Economic Vitality.

If your municipality has an interesting approach or project to share as part of our ongoing ENVISION 2032 initiative, we want to hear about it! Please complete the form [here](#).

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## TRAINING & PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

### League Training (Participants)

PELRAS Conference – 394  
 District Meeting (Virtual) – 64  
 Municipal Leadership Summit – 255  
 Sustainability Conferences (Hybrid) –  
 Spring - 26 | Fall - 36

### APMM Training (Participants)

Annual Conference – 126

## Municipal Leadership Summit

The 2022 Summit of the Pennsylvania Municipal League, Pennsylvania State Association of Township Commissioners and PA Career Fire Chiefs Association was held October 6-9 in the City of Pittsburgh. [Click here](#) to watch the Municipal Leadership Summit video!

Featured speakers and guests during the summit included:

- Governor Tom Wolf
- State Treasurer Stacy Garrity
- NLC CEO & Executive Director Clarence Anthony
- Attorney General Josh Shapiro
- Auditor General Timothy DeFoor
- Senate Minority Leader Jay Costa
- Pittsburgh Mayor Ed Gainey
- DCED Deputy Secretary of Community Affairs and Development Rick Vilello
- Former NFL Quarterback Charlie Batch

On October 5, together with KABOOM!, the City of Pittsburgh, the Pennsylvania Department of Conservation and Natural Resources (DCNR), The Grable Foundation, Duquesne Light, Highmark Health, and Allegheny Health Network, we built a playground at West Penn Park – Polish Hill!

[Click here](#) to watch the playground build video!



## Civility Campaign

During the Municipal Leadership Summit, The League was proud to present an initiative aimed at fostering civility in the delivery of public services whether they be in an office setting, a public meeting or any contact with a member of the public. The [Civility Campaign](#) begins with elected and appointed officials signing the following pledge:

“As a public servant, I hereby pledge to work daily to build a stronger and more prosperous community by advocating for civil engagement, respecting others – even during disagreements – building bridges to foster relationships and respecting different viewpoints, while finding solutions for the betterment of my municipality.”

Sign your [pledge](#) today!

## INSURANCE TRUSTS

### PennPRIME Insurance Trusts

Our Property & Liability and Workers' Compensation Trusts are not-for-profit risk pools, owned and operated by our members, and developed specifically for cities, townships, boroughs, authorities and tax collection committees.

PennPRIME Trust offers coverages that address Property, General Liability, Auto Liability, Auto Physical Damage, Public Officials Liability, Employment Law Liability, Police Professional Liability, Crime, Concierge Cyber, Volunteer Accident and Public Law 477 (Heart & Lung). Our value-added services, afforded to each member, include property appraisals, contract reviews, boiler and elevator inspections, and access to legal counsel to address employment issues proactively.

PennPRIME Workers' Compensation Trust provides Pennsylvania-required coverage, including Employer's Liability. In addition, we custom tailor our services to each of our members to assist them in preventing and reducing workplace injuries. These include multi-faceted resources and training opportunities delivered on-site, virtually, and on-demand through our website.

Members of both Trusts receive personalized support from attorneys, claims adjusters, loss prevention representatives, underwriters, and other professionals experienced in municipal operations. Both Trusts include a loss control grant program, designed to financially assist our members with safety and risk management initiatives they choose to prioritize. We also develop comprehensive claims reviews and work with our member to facilitate optimal claims management every step of the way. With the depth and array of coverages and services PennPRIME offers, we are truly a one-source provider.

### U-COMP is a group unemployment Trust

for public entities across Pennsylvania. The Trust is comprised of Cities, Townships of various classes, Boroughs, Municipalities, Housing and Redevelopment Agencies and Transit Authorities. It assists the members in lowering their unemployment liability and also educates its members on the latest unemployment legislation. U-COMP provides great opportunities for dividends, low annual rates and works closely with a third-party claims administrator to assist you with the risks and burdens of an unemployment claim. Our staff provides prompt, personalized, and professional service from the submission to the completion of an unemployment claim.

**Corporate Partnerships:** 19 Business Leaders Network Members  
 32 Associate Members



**Business Leaders Network**

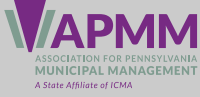
Comcast was presented with the 2022 Community Partnership Award during the Municipal Leadership Summit Awards Breakfast on October 7.

Congratulations to Comcast for this well-deserved achievement. Alka Patel, Jennifer Frees and Toni Murphy accepted the award on behalf of Comcast.



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## SECRETARIAT SERVICES



The Association for Pennsylvania Municipal Management is a nonprofit, nonpartisan association of professional municipal managers and administrators working in Pennsylvania local government.

APMM is dedicated to the promotion of professional and effective local government management in Pennsylvania. There are currently 222 full-time municipal managers and 48 assistant municipal managers and administrators among its membership.



The Pennsylvania State Association of Township Commissioners represents Pennsylvania's first class townships and their elected governing officials before the Pennsylvania General Assembly and the Commonwealth's various agencies. PSATC is comprised of 62 member townships.

## ONLINE PRESENCE • PML.org

### Daily Newsfeed

3,290 articles posted | 46 League mentions

### Monthly Executive Director Video Reports

### Member Dashboard

### Civility Pledge for Elected and Appointed Officials

### Municipal Job Junction+ - FREE to Members

208 classifieds posted | 113 League member ads



## EXCLUSIVE PUBLICATIONS

### Legislative Locator

### League Link

### Membership Directory

### PELRAS UPDATE

### PELRAS SCOOP

### Municipal Reporter

#### Edition Themes

- » Spring: Equity
- » Summer/Fall: *Gubernatorial and Senatorial Election Impact on Local Government*
- » Special Edition: *ENVISION 2032*
- » Winter: *Changing Demographics in PA*



## NATIONAL AFFILIATE



13 Direct League Member Municipalities

1 Pennsylvania representative served on the NLC Board of Directors

» Philadelphia Councilmember Brian O'Neill - Past President

Allentown  
Altoona

Carlisle  
Easton

Farrell  
Harrisburg

Lancaster  
New Castle

Norristown  
Philadelphia

Pittsburgh  
State College

Wilkes-Barre

## FINANCE

The League continues to utilize funds received by members to grow programs and services that will enhance the value of membership.

Trust and program fees, training contract reimbursements and dues represent the major revenue contributors. In 2022, the League was able to hold most of its events in a live format causing revenues to increase slightly over 2021. Expenditures increased over 2021 because of inflation and more of the League's events returning to in-person events. The League has again also managed to maintain expenditures even with increases in health care, pensions etc.

Over the last several years the net assets of the League have continued to grow and have increased approximately 14% since 2014.

## 2022 PROJECTED REVENUES

