DATES TO REMEMBER

JULY 21-24, 2017  
NACo ANNUAL CONFERENCE, GREATER COLUMBUS CONVENTION CENTER, FRANKLIN COUNTY

JULY 22, 2017  
OHIO RECEPTION (DURING THE NACo CONFERENCE), DUE AMICI, COLUMBUS

AUGUST 2, 2017  
CCAO DRAINAGE LAW REVISION TASK FORCE, ALLEN COUNTY SANITARY ENGINEER’S OFFICE, LIMA

AUGUST 4, 2016  
CEBCO BOARD OF DIRECTORS, CCAO OFFICES, COLUMBUS

AUGUST 11, 2016  
CORSA BOARD OF DIRECTORS, CCAO OFFICES, COLUMBUS

AUGUST 14, 2017  
NW OHIO VOTING EQUIPMENT EXPO, CAMP PERRY LODGING AND CONFERENCE CENTER, OTTAWA COUNTY (PORT CLINTON)

AUGUST 28, 2017  
CCAO BUDGET BRIEFING AND VOTING EQUIPMENT EXPO, WARREN COUNTY ADMINISTRATION BUILDING, LEBANON
ASSOCIATION NEWS

Franklin County welcomes NACo

After years of planning, the Franklin County Commissioners John O'Grady, Marilyn Brown and Kevin Boyce welcome the National Association of Counties (NACo) Annual Conference and Exposition to O-H...I-O! This will be the FIRST time NACo has been held in Columbus.

The conference will focus on counties seizing new opportunities while also smartly addressing challenges in our communities. Over 2,000 attendees from rural and urban, large and small counties are converging upon Columbus for four days of education and networking. Click here to explore the updated conference schedule.

Ohio Reception during NACo Conference – July 22

The Franklin County Board of Commissioners and CCAO, with generous support from Kooperman, Mental, Ferguson, Yaross and the Remington Road Group, cordially invite you and a guest to a reception during the NACo Annual Conference. Network with your peers and celebrate your successful advocacy for county government during the budget process. The reception will be held on Saturday, July 22 from 9:30 to 11 p.m. at Due Amici Restaurant, 67 East Gay Street, in downtown Columbus. Transportation will be provided. The bus departs at 9:15 p.m. from the Greater Columbus Convention Center Second Level Connector (east side).
CCAO Drainage Law Revision Task Force – August 2

The next meeting of the CCAO Drainage Law Revision Task Force will be held on Wednesday, August 2, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Allen County Sanitary Engineer’s Office, 3230 North Cole Street, in Lima. The agenda, set by Task Force Chair Steve Stolte, Union County commissioner, will give “big picture” presentations on the proposed petition ditch law revisions. Stolte would like to obtain a consensus agreement on the committee’s final recommendations for legislative changes. Committee members will receive the draft revision package by July 28. State Representative Bob Cupp will attend the meeting. Lunch will be served. Please RSVP your attendance to Mandi Fuerst, CCAO administrative assistant, on or before July 28. Read more…

STATE ACTIVITIES

T-CAP program grant application due Aug. 21

This week, the Department of Rehabilitation and Correction (DRC) released the grant documents for the Targeted Community Alternative to Prison (T-CAP) Program. The application deadline is Aug. 21 at 8:30 a.m. It is important to note that this will be the only opportunity for a voluntary county to apply for a FY 2018-2019 T-CAP grant and the grant will run from Sept. 2017 through June 30, 2019.

Target counties (the 10 largest counties) may apply now for both years of the biennium or wait until April/May of 2018 to apply for FY 2019 when they are required to participate. The chart included in the T-CAP grant announcement indicates the maximum amount of money a county can be awarded for the two year biennium. Also note that the prohibition from sending the T-CAP target population of F5 offenders is not effective until July 1, 2018, or the beginning of FY2019.

The grant application is to be submitted electronically to DRC and is in the form of an MOU that is signed by the board of commissioners and the court of common pleas administrative judge along with the sheriff and an official of any municipality operating a local correctional facility to which the common pleas court would sentence offenders under the grant proposal. The grant description indicates that the grant is intended to provide funding for community correction alternatives and not to solely provide funding to incarcerate offenders, therefore, the grant should not plan to allocate more than 50 percent of the grant funds received on jail incarceration.

Lake Erie photo contest open until Aug. 31

The Ohio Lake Erie Commission’s theme for the 25th Annual Life on Lake Erie Photo Contest is “Lake Erie Starts Here.” The goal of the new focus is to draw attention to how people’s actions in the Lake Erie watershed in Ohio are improving lake water quality. This year photographers are asked to submit photos or photo essays along with a few sentences of why they submitted the work. In addition to the quality of the photo, judges will consider how the photo relates to the health of Lake Erie. Deadline for submission: Aug. 31. For more information, please contact Sandra Kosek-Sills, Ohio Lake Erie Commission, at (419) 357-2775. Read more…
FEDERAL NEWS

Senate healthcare bill and ACA replacement halted

The Senate’s Better Care Reconciliation Act (BCRA) and efforts to replace the Affordable Care Act (ACA) have faltered due to lack of votes needed to begin debate on their version of the health overhaul bill.

Late on July 17, four senators announced they would not support the bill. Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell announced the Senate would instead consider a package to repeal major parts of the ACA with a two-year delay. However, by mid-day July 18, three senators issued statements saying they would not vote for a motion to advance a simple repeal measure without a replacement. The announcements left Leader McConnell without the majority votes to bring his backup plan for a vote.

While current health reform legislation appears to be dead or at least temporarily on hold, there are other health bills that must be passed in the upcoming months that may now see increased attention. For instance, Congress must extend federal funding for the Children’s Health Insurance Program (CHIP) and community health centers, among other things. Read more…

Congress introduces National Flood Insurance Program renewal legislation

The House Financial Services Committee completed a markup of legislation June 21 that would reauthorize the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP), currently set to expire at the end of September. The committee considered seven bills that may be combined into one legislative package. While some of the proposals considered by the committee were non-controversial, the 21st Century Flood Reform Act (H.R. 2874) includes provisions that would allow the annual limitation on premium increases to bump up from 5 percent to 8 percent for NFIP policy holders. The bill would also create a new state affordability surcharge on each policy that is not residential, opening the door for policy surcharges to publicly owned properties including county facilities and businesses that operate within a flood zone.

In the Senate, there are currently two major proposals that would reauthorize the NFIP: the Sustainable, Affordable, Fair, and Efficient National Flood Insurance Program Reauthorization Act of 2017 (S. 1386), also known as the SAFE NFIP Reauthorization Act, and the Flood Insurance Affordability and Sustainability Act of 2017 (S. 1313). Read more…

State Cyber Resiliency Act of 2017

NACo encourages counties to ask their members of Congress to support the State Cyber Resiliency Act of 2017 (H.R. 1344/S. 516). This legislation would create a new State Cyber Resiliency Grant Program administered by the U.S. Department of Homeland Security’s Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA). Under the program, cyber resiliency grants would be awarded to individual states, which could then distribute the funds to local governments. Grants awarded through the program would support state and local government efforts to prevent, prepare for and respond to cyber threats and vulnerabilities. Read more…
NACo ACTIVITIES

Water quality management at the county-level

NACo has published a new report on Water Quality Management at the County-Level. County leaders can use this report to better understand water quality management and the resilience strategies available as they work to make their counties more resilient, healthy and safe for residents.

Proposed by-laws change considered at NACo business meeting

At the 2016 Annual Business meeting, action was deferred on one proposed bylaws change until 2017. The proposed bylaws change, first recommended by NACo's Board of Directors in 2015, affects the NACo voting formula for counties that vote at the Annual Business meeting. This update would account for changes in population across the country in recent decades, and aims to maintain a balance within and across the association.

Right now, each county gets a certain number of votes for the Annual Business Meeting to use for policy resolutions, national officers, bylaws and changes to the American County Platform. The number of votes each county receives is determined by its NACo dues – dues are calculated based on population. This change will affect only the number of votes a county receives and will not change NACo dues.

Click here for more information. The proposed bylaws change to the weighted vote formula will come before the NACo Membership during the Annual Business Meeting, Monday, July 24.

Read more...

EDUCATION AND GRANTS

How regional food system investments transform communities – Aug. 8

Communities across the country challenged by the changing conditions in the coal industry are exploring innovative revitalization and diversification strategies to build stronger, more resilient economies. Investing in agriculture and regional food systems has emerged as a leading diversification strategy that can be replicated across coal-reliant communities from Colorado to Kentucky. Join NACo for a webinar on Aug. 8 at 3 p.m. to learn about practical tools and strategies, outlined in a new book by the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) and the Federal Reserve, to support stakeholders in developing regional food systems as a part of their economic development plans. Read more...
Ohio EPA Sustainability Conference – Oct. 3

To assist businesses, communities and other organizations become more sustainable, the Ohio EPA will host its first Sustainability Conference on Tuesday, Oct. 3 at The Fawcett Center, 2400 Olentangy River Road, in Columbus. A large part of the conference is targeted to businesses and communities that are moving beyond basic environmental requirements into cost-effective sustainable strategies to improve environmental performance and save valuable resources. The agenda focuses on ways to become a part of the circular economy, how sustainability can improve communities, how our water resources can benefit from sustainable approaches, and the resources and incentives that can help your sustainability efforts.

To view the complete conference agenda and register for the event, visit Ohio EPA's Sustainability Conference website at [http://epa.ohio.gov/sustainability_conference.aspx](http://epa.ohio.gov/sustainability_conference.aspx). If you have questions, please contact Supora Johnson at (614) 644-2268.

Hazard mitigation assistance grant funding deadlines

The Ohio Emergency Management Agency (Ohio EMA) announced that local governments may apply for Hazard Mitigation Assistance grant funding. Mitigation project priorities are identified in local hazard mitigation plans. In Ohio, most mitigation projects address the hazards of flooding or wind. In accordance with the Federal Emergency Management Agency guidelines, the application period for two Hazard Mitigation Assistance (HMA) grant programs -- the Flood Mitigation Assistance (FMA) program and the Pre-Disaster Mitigation (PDM) program – begins in August.

There are two application deadline dates for Ohio applicants:

- **Aug. 4** – Communities/counties considering the development of an application for PDM or FMA must complete the HMA pre-application form and e-mail it to Ohio EMA.
- **Sept. 29** – Date for all applications to be submitted to Ohio EMA for review and comment prior to final submittal to FEMA in November.

Click here for more information about the grant funding.

CLASSIFIEDS

Classified ads will be published on our [website](http://epa.ohio.gov) free of charge as a service to counties. Ads will be posted until the application deadline. When submitting your ad to CCAO, please provide a link to the online job posting and a deadline date. Email your classified ad or a copy of the ad and a deadline date. Email your classified ad to Mary Jane Neiman, CCAO Public Relations Associate.

Please note: Ads will only be published for county government related positions. We are not accepting other governmental subdivision or corporate ads for publication.