

Slate Belt COG

Mission Statement

Our mission is to address local government concerns on a regional basis providing a neutral forum to discuss issues of common concern. When appropriate we will articulate common positions on major issues and our municipalities may individually opt-in or opt-out for the provision of programs, services and/or utilization of municipal equipment to spread costs and increase efficiency of service.

Members

Bangor Borough
East Bangor Borough
Lower Mt. Bethel Township
Pen Argyl Borough
Plainfield Township
Portland Borough
Roseto Borough
Upper Mt. Bethel
Washington Township
Wind Gap Borough
Bangor Area School District
Pen Argyl School District
County of Northampton

Officers and Director

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Meeting Times and Locations

The fourth Wednesday of each month at 7:00 PM
Meetings take place at the Washing Township Elementary School on US Rt. 191

Municipal Managers/Secretaries monthly meeting takes place at the Slate Belt COG office

COG Activities

- Joint Board of Appeal for Uniform Construction Code & Property Maintenance Code
- Emergency Management programs including a major live drill
- Assisted several of our municipalities to design, apply for grants and implement special projects (disaster recovery improvement project and a housing rehabilitation improvement project)
- Helped to secure the first slate quarry hole reclamation project
- Assisted one or more municipalities to secure more affordable health insurance

coverage

- Hosted a PennDOT educational seminar
- Acquired and provided to our members leaf vacuum machines
- Assisted our members to secure professional services to create a new cable tv franchise agreement
- Secured a grant for and sponsored a regional police service study
- Secured a grant for and currently conducting a peer to peer recreation study for SB-COG
- Provided educational outreach to lower income residents regarding financial planning, insurance, and reverse mortgages.
- Prepared a municipal zoning map
- Assisted with the creation of a KOZ sub-zone
- Assisted the State PACOG with strategic planning and conference planning
- Assisted one of our municipalities with their Delaware River Joint Toll Bridge Commission Park & Ride Project
- Provided limited advice regarding joint purchasing of in-field soil mix for local, municipal base ball fields
- Assisted and advertised for E-cycling event
- Co-sponsored a Lafayette College Slate Belt Redevelopment and revitalization plan