



Municipal *connections*

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Nate Carll - Regional Conveyance Team Member

Nate Carll is ALCOSAN's Manager of Interceptor Systems, following in the footsteps of John Garofalo who retired in 2022. Many of our municipal partners have a story about John to look back on. But here is Nate's story...

In 2022, Nate Carll joined ALCOSAN as Manager of Interceptor Systems, after working as an engineering consultant on projects in Michigan, Ohio, and Pennsylvania. Growing up in Oil City, Pennsylvania, Nate was inspired by his uncle. "My uncle was a civil engineer and hearing about his experiences...made engineering an attractive field to try and work in." While attending Baldwin-Wallace College in Berea, Ohio, Nate studied physics with a minor in mathematics. He then earned his Master of Science in Civil Engineering from Cleveland State University.

Nate said his favorite part of working at ALCOSAN is "being able to work with a diverse group of people and being a part of our current and exciting upcoming projects." Nate manages over 50 people in the interceptor systems group. On an average day, Nate starts by reviewing staffing and performing morning checks of pump stations on the EDS SCADA System, Main Pump Stations levels, and river elevation levels, as well as coordinating with external contractors. His daily tasks "can go in a variety of ways..." and may include field visits, coordination with GIS for asset management tasks, reviewing proposals, and scheduling certifications for crew members. What surprises Nate most about his current role are the advancements in technology being developed to manage system assets and the tools and equipment required to maintain our systems.

As Regionalization progresses, Nate is well-prepared to manage ALCOSAN's increasing miles of sewers, since his grandmother (his hero) taught him to have a strong work ethic. His wife and children are his greatest motivation and his highest priority. Someday, he would like to travel to the rain forests in Machu Picchu, Peru, and learn to play the guitar.

There IS a free lunch – but only if you register by March 24

ALCOSAN is again having its special luncheon honoring our municipal partners at noon on Friday, April 14, at the ALOM Spring Educational Conference at Seven Springs. **The deadline to register is March 24, 2023, and here's where you do it:**

https://secure.lglforms.com/form_engine/s/UCIXcgYxTrWBDlprz57SGw

A conference meal plan is required.

Virtual Public Meeting

Mark your calendar for our virtual public meeting on March 30 at 6 p.m. on ZOOM. We will be detailing our progress on the Clean Water Plan, and our work to adapt the plan to make it more efficient. It's easy to be part of the meeting – just head to www.alcosan.org and look for the link for the virtual public meeting.



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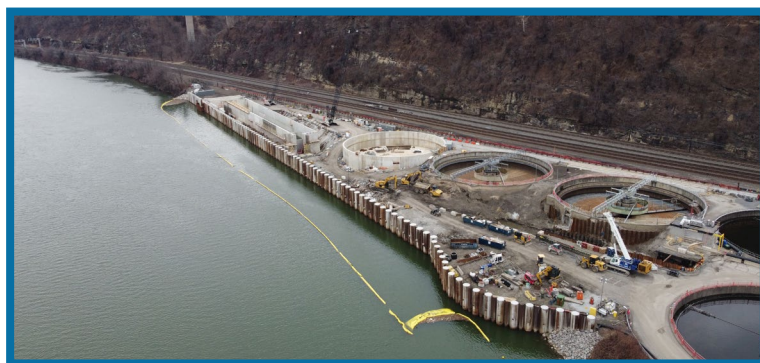
Clean Water Plan Moves Forward

Each of the programs associated with the Clean Water Plan has been making significant progress lately. Design of the Ohio River Tunnel is working towards the 60% submittal in Summer 2023. Once the documents are reviewed, they will be submitted with our various permit applications needed for construction. Review of those permit submissions by the Regulatory Agencies is expected to take about a year. ALCOSAN has also hired the Ohio River Tunnel construction management team and kicked off the design phase of the Allegheny River Tunnel Near Surface Facilities Package 6.

The Plant Expansion progress continues. ALCOSAN opened the parking garage for our union personnel in November 2022 and immediately broke ground on the adjacent Environmental Compliance Facility scheduled for completion Summer of 2024. The chlorine contact tank and a final settling tank associated with the North End Plant Expansion are taking shape, and the foundation and walls of the grit tanks have been installed on the East Headworks project.



East Headworks



North End Plant Expansion



Parking Garage Opened

2023 Clean Water Assistance Fund Update: Changes in eligibility, amount of funding, and much more

Each year, the federal government makes changes in income limits for people seeking utility help – and the changes are big this year. In addition, ALCOSAN has increased the quarterly payment for those eligible to \$42. Dollar Energy continues to manage the Fund, with a dedicated toll-free number for more information: 1-888-282-6816

For details about the Fund, download our camera-ready Fact Sheet here
[ALCOSAN's 2023 Clean Water Assistance Fund Fact Sheet](#)

Act Now for Municipal Funding

Several Department of Conservation and Natural Resources (DCNR) grants will be closing on April 5, 2023. These grants include Park Rehabilitation and Development program, Land Acquisition and Conservation program, and many others.

Please make sure to get your applications in no later than 4:00 pm on Wednesday, April 5 <https://apps.dcnr.pa.gov/grants/>

GROW Cycle 8 Deadline Approaches

Letters of Interest (LOI) submissions for the Green Revitalization of Our Waterways (GROW) program are due **March 31**. If the LOI meets the goals, the municipality or authority will be invited to submit a formal project application, which will be used to evaluate the proposed project. By the first week of May 2023, applicants will be informed of their status.



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