



Municipal connections

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In Memory of Jack Shea, ALCOSAN Board Member



We remember our friend and board member Jack Shea, who sadly passed away on August 29 at the age of 79. A familiar face to many, Jack was a faithful member of the ALCOSAN board for 18 years. He served as a long standing Board Treasurer, member of the Professional Services and Biosolids Committees and, an original member of the Green Committee.

A long-time leader in the labor movement, Jack began his union career in 1967, when he became part of the organizing committee to form a union where he was employed. Jack's union involvement evolved over time and included serving as Director of Organizing for the IUW/CWA, AFL-CIO District 7, which covers 13 states. In 1998, he became president of the Allegheny County Labor Council of the AFL-CIO. He retired as president of what became the Allegheny-Fayette Counties Labor Council, AFL-CIO, in 2017.

Green Revitalization of Our Waterways (GROW)

Transformative green infrastructure and a major sewer separation project highlight the Allegheny County Sanitary Authority's (ALCOSAN) latest round of Green Revitalization of Our Waterways (GROW) grants, approved recently by the Authority's Board of Directors.

Ten of ALCOSAN's partner municipalities and municipal authorities have been offered over \$7M in grants in the program's seventh round. Created by ALCOSAN in 2016, the GROW program helps the Authority's customer municipalities and municipal authorities fund meaningful source control projects that help keep water out of the sewer system and reduce sewage overflows.

This year's group of awards includes a \$3.7M grant to Crafton Borough for a sewer separation project along Broadhead Street and \$1.7M to the Borough of Homestead for implementation of green stormwater infrastructure on 12th Avenue. Alongside these two major projects were three other significant awards, including a sewer rerouting project in the Borough of Bridgeville and sewer rehabilitations by the Pittsburgh Water and Sewer Authority and the Borough of Whitehall.

Including this cycle, ALCOSAN's GROW program has offered grants in excess of \$67M for approximately 150 projects, leveraging approximately \$59M in municipal, authority and third-party funding. In all, those projects are expected to reduce the volume of overflows into the region's waterways by more than 215 million gallons per year.

Any municipality or municipal sewer authority within the ALCOSAN service area is eligible for GROW grants. The eighth cycle will begin later this year, and ALCOSAN is already scheduling informational meetings to assist municipalities in the application process.

For more information about the GROW program, visit alcosan.org/clean-water-plan/grow-program.

GROW Cycle Seven Award Descriptions

Key: SS – Sewer Separation; I/I – Infiltration and Inflow; GSI – Green Stormwater Infrastructure; SO – Sewer Optimization

Bellevue Borough

- Sanitary sewer lining (I/I) – Upper O-21 Lining and Smoke Testing. Sanitary sewer lining of 5,005 feet near Lincoln Avenue Business District. \$77,100

Bridgeville Borough

- Sanitary sewer lining and system optimization (I/I, SO) – McLaughlin Run / C-54 Sanitary Sewer Re-Routing Project. Sanitary sewer lining of 4,241 feet and re-routing flow from C-53-10 to C-54 at Baldwin St and Margaret St. \$350,200

Crafton Borough

- Sewer Separation (SS) – Broadhead Storm Sewer Separation. The project includes two new separate stormwater systems to remove stormwater from the combined sewer system near Broadhead Avenue and Perrine Street. \$3,738,400

Emsworth Borough

- Sanitary sewer lining (I/I) – Ohio River Boulevard Lining Project. Sanitary sewer lining of 3,407 feet near Route 65. \$76,500

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Girty’s Run Joint Sewer Authority

- Sanitary sewer lining (I/I) – Goldsmith Valley Sanitary Sewer Rehabilitation and Replacement. Sanitary sewer lining of 5,264 feet in Ross Township. \$156,000

Homestead Borough

- Green Stormwater Infrastructure (GSI) – Transforming 12th Avenue. Installation of a GSI project around Barrett Elementary School that includes underground storage, a permeable pavement parking lot, and bioretention bump outs. Stormwater from nearby streets will be rerouted to the project site. \$1,681,947.70

Mt. Lebanon

- Sanitary sewer lining (I/I) – Reimbursement Sewer Rehabilitation. Sanitary sewer lining of 5,376 feet near Crystal Drive off Castle Shannon Boulevard. \$80,800
- Sanitary sewer lining (I/I) – Sewer Rehabilitation. Sanitary sewer lining of 6,620 feet along Pennsylvania Boulevard. \$189,200

- Sanitary sewer lining (I/I) – Sewer Rehabilitation. Sanitary sewer lining of 1,013 feet near Mount Lebanon Boulevard. \$8,000
- Sanitary sewer lining (I/I) – Reimbursement Sewer Rehabilitation. Sanitary sewer lining of 3,827 feet near Cochran Road. \$98,163.64

Pittsburgh Water and Sewer Authority

- Sanitary sewer lining (I/I) – 2022 Small Diameter Sewer Rehabilitation – Contract 2 – Maytide Phase III. Sanitary sewer lining of 10,568 feet near Queenston Street. \$304,400

Ross Township

- Sanitary sewer lining (I/I) – Sangree Park Sanitary Sewer Lining. Sanitary sewer lining of 2,868 feet near Sangree Road. \$58,400

Whitehall Borough

- Sanitary sewer lining (I/I) – Highgrove Road Sanitary Sewer Improvements. New sanitary sewer totaling 1,972 feet near Highgrove Road. \$254,900

OPEN HOUSE

What a day at ALCOSAN! Despite having a much smaller footprint due to the over \$250 million in active Plant Expansions, our 2022 Open House was a success! 1,028 of our friends came to visit on a beautiful Saturday afternoon.



Guests enjoyed a variety of activities during the day, including our plant tours, which saw over 600 participants. ALCOSAN’s four Clean Water Plan exhibits also were very popular, as many were interested in the numerous projects ALCOSAN is undertaking to improve the water quality of our rivers and streams.

REGIONALIZATION

ALCOSAN continues to work with municipalities to complete the transfer of multi-municipal trunk sewers and facilities to ALCOSAN, as well as preparing and submitting DEP permit transfer applications, the final step before transfer.

Municipalities participating in the Regionalization program soon will receive an invitation for workshops to discuss the municipality’s advancement in the Regionalization process. If you have questions on repairs or the execution of the transfer agreement documents, please contact Julia Spicher, Manager of Regionalization at julia.spicher@alcosan.org.

FUNDING

\$320 million has been allocated from the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) to two critical and popular water and sewer grant programs! Over \$200 million will be dedicated to the H2O program and over \$100 million to the Small Water and Sewer Program. These grants are perfect sources for funding matches for ALCOSAN’s GROW program. Application dates open on October 1 and close on December 21. Thank you to Senator Lindsey Williams and her staff for providing us with this information.

For additional information and funding opportunities, please click the link below from Pennsylvania Municipal Authorities Association (PMAA): <https://www.municipalauthorities.org/resources/funding-opportunities-for-authorities/>



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