# **CD** Education and

Outreach

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# **Purpose:**

Share knowledge and experience from other CDs on education and outreach activities <u>you</u> can do to improve the Program in your County.

- Participate in existing events
- Host your own events
- Improving communications

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# **Municipal Events**

# Townships

- 47 Counties have Conventions (mostly fall)
  - Mostly one day, equipment demos, talks, vendors
  - Many have <u>booth space</u> available
- PSATS State Convention (Hershey in April)
- PA State Assn. of Twp. Supervisors: <a href="www.psats.org">www.psats.org</a>

Crawford County —— Mixer at PSATS in Hershey



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# **Municipal Events**

- Boroughs
  - PASB State Convention (Hershey in May)
  - PA State Assn. of Boroughs <a href="http://boroughs.org">http://boroughs.org</a>

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# Regional Events

- Council of Governments (COGs)
  - COG: group of municipalities coordinating to act as one unit for common benefit
  - 52 COGs exists in PA in various forms
  - PA Assn. of COGs: www.pacog.com

# Regional Events

# Contractor Workshops

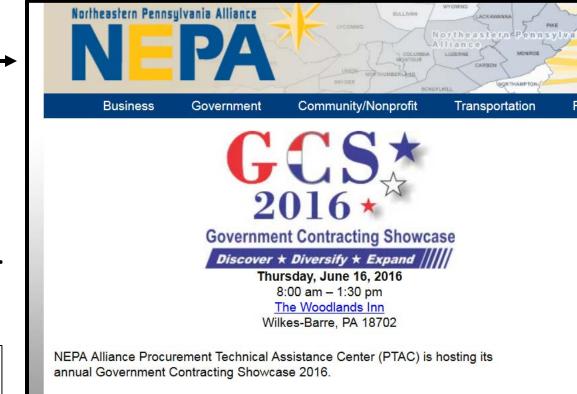
Various sizes and sponsors

Typically focused on municipalities and

contractors

## **Example:** NEPA

"Government Contracting Showcase" draws ~200 attendees every year. Includes vendors, presentations, demos, etc.



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# Regional Events

- "Other" Applicants
  - Consider outreach to other potential applicants based on conditions in your county
    - PennDOT
    - PA Game Commission
    - PA Fish and Boat Commission
    - County Agencies

# Legislative Breakfasts or Tours

## Breakfasts

- Typically short sessions with local legislators and municipalities
- Excellent opportunities for presentations and project showcases

## Tours

- Many areas have occasional tours to allow legislators and municipalities to see activities in their region
- Consider adding a DGLVR stop

# **Participate in Existing Events**

- Municipal Events
  - County conventions (twps, boroughs)
  - PSATS/PASB State Conventions (April and May)
- Regional Events
  - COGs
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# The most important thing to remember when planning to host your own event:

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# If you feed them...they will come.

(can be as simple as coffee and doughnuts)

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# **Demo Days**

- Typically ½ day sessions with food on site
  - Keep it short, to the point, and hands-on
  - May include presentation indoors
  - Typically on active project site
  - Could do before / during / after demo days

Possibilities are endless: French mattress, underdrain, shallow pipe, headwalls, grading, equipment, road fill...

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# **Tailgate Sessions**

- Less structured than a demo day
- Invite potential applicants to "stop by"
- Example:

"On \_\_\_\_\_\_\_, we will be installing \_\_\_\_\_\_ on Smith Road in Jones Township. CD Staff will be on site from 7am to 3pm to talk and answer questions. Feel free to stop by. Coffee and doughnuts available"

# **Program Update Sessions**

- Invite potential applicants for short meeting
- Review application deadlines, policy changes, local priorities, etc.
- Review successful projects from last year
- Recognize participants?

Crawford County giving certificates for quality work completed

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# **Project Tours**

- Consider ½ day annual tour of completed projects
- Provide transportation if needed
- Invite legislators, municipalities, contractors and others
- Could be DGLVR focused only, or part of a larger CD project tour.

# **Pre-project site visits**

- HIGHLY ENCOURAGED
- Work out kinks before they invest the time on the application and plan
- Increases odds of a cooperative plan to address both environmental and maintenance concerns

## **Other Ideas**

- Municipal Breakfasts: focus on projects
- Municipal Secretary Breakfast: focus on admin

Invite your

neighboring CDs too!

## **Host Your Own Events**

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- Program Update Sessions
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## **Press Releases**

- Announce funding and application deadline
- Announce grants awarded
- Highlight successful project
- Announce other outreach efforts

## **Newsletters**

- DGLVR only, or as part of CD newsletter
- Paper or digital

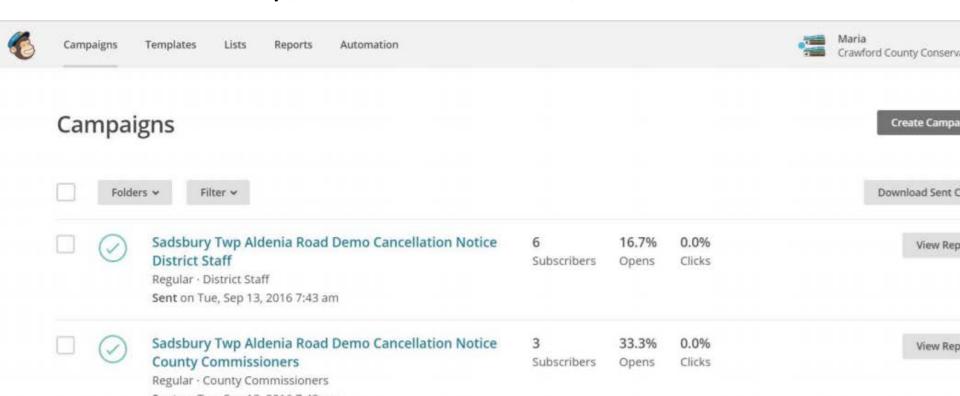
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- DGLVR only, or as part of CD newsletter
- Paper or <u>digital</u>
  - Digital newsletter and e-mail services can help:
     MailChimp, Constant Contact, etc.



## **Social Media**

- More municipalities are using, especially in more urban areas
- Also lets municipalities communicate with each other.



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# **Project Signs**

- Text
- Logo
- Contact Information



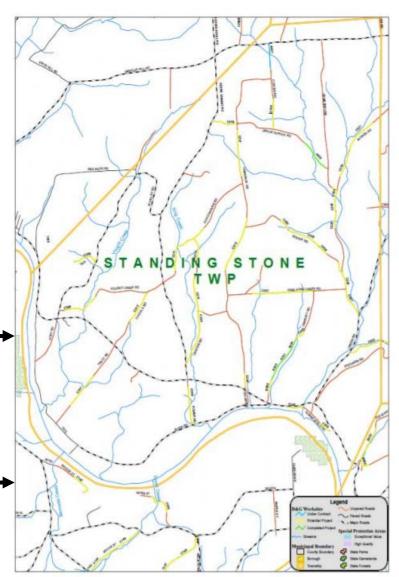
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## **Winter Visits**

- Scheduled or "pop in" visits to municipalities during winter or other slow times
- Don't need an agenda. Can talk application cycles, hunting stories, potential projects, etc.
- Consider providing maps of potential projects
- Don't forget coffee and doughnuts

Bradford County twp\_\_\_\_ project map

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# **Improving Communications**

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Brief ~30 minute sessions like this one

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One-day sessions like last summer.

Focus on DnG and LVR project sharing and discussion. Details and registration available soon.

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• June 8<sup>th</sup> Centre County

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One-day sessions, mostly in field, focusing on bankfull and "common crossing installation issues". Details and registration available soon.

Space limited.

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Training on "culvert and bridge assessment for Aquatic Organism Passage". Limited Space. Only attend if you plan to actively add to the inventory in the future.

Will discuss more details at project sharing sessions.

More info at <a href="https://www.streamcontinuity.org">www.streamcontinuity.org</a>

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