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location in Palmer Township, PA in 2018. With the opening of the new Resort, Renée continues to offer wonderful, positive dog training, access to the ever growing world of activities for dogs, with structured daycare & boarding, and local access for dog sports practice and trials.

The new resort currently offers Daycare, Boarding and positive reinforcement Lodge & Learn, with more amazing opportunities in the works. Boarding is hotel style, with private suites in 2 sizes, choice of bedding, indoor and outdoor play. Daycare hours are 7:30 AM - 6:00 PM and limited to 24 dogs. All dogs are screened for safety and better play options. There are full day / half day options. It is anticipated early 2020, we will be able to see the training classes move to the new training side of the building which includes programs for House Manners, Puppy K, AKC CGC programs & Tricks classes. Training for the following dog sports is also offered: Nose Work, Agility, Obedience, Tracking, Conformation and the ever popular Rally Obedience.

Renee said, "My greatest joy has been educating people about their dogs, how they learn and how to reach reliable skills clearly and easily. A thinking dog is a pleasure to live with and to teach. Effective understanding of how dogs think/learn eliminates much of the stress between species."

Let's Speak Dog is the "go to" for all your dog's needs offering daycare, boarding, group classes, private coaching, in home training, behavior services including dogs with aggression, reactivity. We can be contacted at www.letsspeakdog.com, or call the Resort at (484) 373-4365. Email address is: info@letsspeakdog.com.

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"What concerns me most are the potential impacts that we can't yet see, driving new costs that will increasingly strain state and municipal budgets." DePasquale said. "It's difficult for most people to fathom the magnitude of the problems that lie ahead – which only makes the planning process even more challenging."

DePasquale held public hearings in Pittsburgh, State College and Harrisburg as part of

developing his special report, which contains three observations and nine recommendations.

Observation 1: Local and state leaders are struggling to plan for extreme weather and other climate change impacts due to a lack of coordination and inadequate resources.

"Though some plans exist at the state, county and municipal levels, there needs to be more leadership and coordination at the state level," DePasquale said. "As a state, we can and must do better."

"Pennsylvania's sewer systems are among the oldest in the nation," DePasquale said. "Not only are those systems ill-suited to handle heavier rainfalls that cause increased flooding, some also release untreat-

ed sewage into the same rivers that supply drinking water to millions of people."

Observation 2: Pennsylvania is not prepared for the severe impacts of climate change, and taking a solely reactive approach will lead to millions of dollars spent on recovery and remediation.

The report notes that, according to the National Institute of Building Sciences, every \$1 spent on natural disaster mitigation saves \$6 in recovery costs. However, because many people incorrectly believe that federal disaster assistance is always available, too little attention is paid to making proactive investments in mitigation.

Observation 3: Pennsylvania must join other states in reducing greenhouse gas emissions, especially carbon dioxide and methane, in the electricity, transportation, industrial and agricultural sectors.

The report's 9 recommendations are as follows:

1. The governor should expand the GreenGov Council into a climate hub to improve

coordination, especially among the Department of Environmental Protection (DEP), state leaders, county leaders and local leaders to encourage and facilitate climate action at all levels of government.

- 2. DEP should improve upon its public awareness campaign that educates citizens on what they can do to reduce greenhouse gas emissions and participate in climate action on the local, county and state levels.
- 3. DEP should develop and follow implementation measures for its Climate Action Plan to help Pennsylvania stakeholders learn how they can effect change.
 - 4. The governor should include in his 2020-21 budget a funding increase for all state agencies including DEP, PEMA, PennDOT, DCNR and DGS that are involved in planning for and reacting to severe weather and other climate change effects.
 - 5. The governor and General Assembly should prioritize proactive planning at all levels by:
 - fully funding applicable state agencies to lead this effort,
 - harmonizing regulations currently in place,
 - · improving outreach and education to counties; and
 - · implementing statewide planning, including an updated state water plan, a statewide land use plan, and guidance to implement these plans.
- 6. The General Assembly should create a resiliency fund that PennDOT and other state agencies could draw from to pay for natural disaster clean-up that is not funded by federal or other state sources.
- 7. DEP should take comprehensive and timely steps to measure and regulate methane emissions from the oil and gas sector.
- 8. The General Assembly and DEP should offer incentives to improve electric vehicle usage, sales and infrastructure in the state through targeted investments and consumer education.
- 9. The Department of Agriculture should better engage with the state's agriculture sector to develop and release a plan of action for climate change, including best practices to reduce emissions and to improve resiliency.

Review the full special report and learn more about the Department of the Auditor General online at www.paauditor.gov.



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