



Discussing Key Real Estate Issues with Local Realtors

By State Rep. Ann Flood

I recently met with members of the Greater Lehigh Valley Realtors Association, including Asher Schiavone, director of government affairs, in my office to discuss their 2025 legislative agenda.

Our discussion focused on a proposal to exempt real estate and appraiser schools, which are already regulated by the Department of State, from additional oversight under the Private Licensed School Act.

We also discussed infrastructure improvements, appraiser certifications and other issues important to the local real estate community, most of which have already passed the House.

I appreciated the opportunity to hear their perspective and look forward to working with them on these priorities throughout the session.

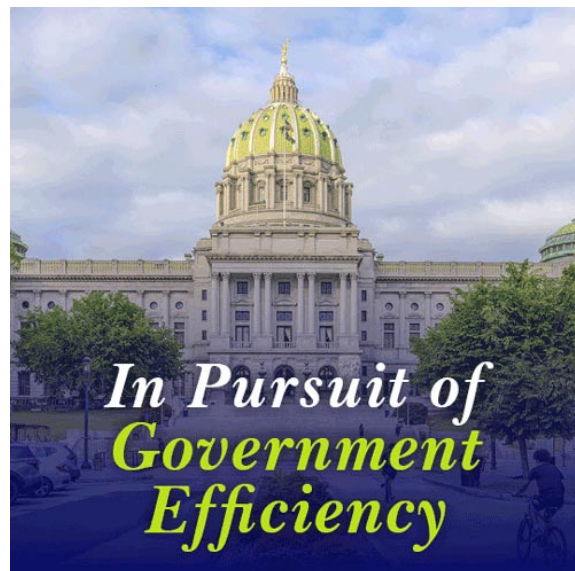
In Pursuit of Government Efficiency

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With the state budget deadline looming, the House Republican Policy Committee held a public hearing this week highlighting real-world examples of how state government agencies can operate more effectively without expanding bureaucracy.

The hearing featured testimony from Pennsylvania State Treasurer Stacy Garrity and Pennsylvania State Treasury Policy Director Thomas Armstrong, showcasing Treasury's measurable successes in modernizing operations, cutting waste and delivering better service to Pennsylvanians – all while keeping spending under control.

Garrity's results-driven leadership stands in stark contrast to Gov. Josh Shapiro's proposed budget, which grows government without delivering measurable reform. Instead of bloated bureaucracy, Treasury's approach reflects what Pennsylvanians expect from their government: smart management, responsible spending and tangible results.



Offering Veteran Service Appointments

By State Rep. Ann Flood

I host veteran assistance hours at my district office, located at 962 Pennsylvania Ave., Pen Argyl, on the second Wednesday of every month from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. American Legion Service Officer Eric Medei will be available to help veterans and their widows with military benefits.

We owe our veterans so much for their service and sacrifice, which is why I'm committed to offering this support.

This service is available by appointment only. To schedule an appointment, please call 610-746-2100.



How Funds Support Plainfield Township

Host Community Spotlight 2024

Funding from the host agreement provides the municipality opportunities to support special projects, capital projects, and more.

In 2024, WM's tipping fees provided the following:

\$1/ton = \$693,756

Infused into the General Fund in 2024

\$1.65/ton = \$1,150,664

Infused into the Host/Capital Improvement Budget

\$0.45/ton = \$313,817

Transferred into the Municipal Trust Fund

Total Received From Landfill Operations in 2024 **\$2,158,238**

Did you know?

Landfills in Pennsylvania are required to provide at least \$1^{ton} to a Host Community

Since 2005, Host Municipality Benefits have totaled \$32,336,987.95 to Plainfield Township. These benefits are the sum of \$3.10 per ton of waste disposed at Grand Central.



Want to Learn More? Check out our new video →

Grand Central Landfill Community Investment

A look back at 2024 and the investments made to help the Slate Belt thrive:

• In 2024, the Facility Cooperation Agreement provided Pen Argyl Borough with \$903,204.95 (\$1.30 per ton).

• These funds were used for community improvements and to match grants that help fund street improvements.

• Pen Argyl Borough residents received free trash and recycling collection and disposal worth an estimated value of \$713,340 (1,321 households¹).

• In 2024, the Neighboring Municipality Agreement provided Wind Gap Borough with \$836,846.47 (\$1.20 per ton).

• A portion of this funding supported the paving of Constitution Avenue and Oak Street.

• Wind Gap Borough residents received free trash and recycling collection and disposal worth an estimated value of \$659,340 (1,221 households¹).



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¹ based on 2020 Census Data ² Organized by Wind Gap & Pen Argyl Borough & Hosted by WM

Contributions At a Glance

Local Non-Profit Charitable Donations in 2024 **\$102,585**

• Since 2020 WM provided \$510,185 in charitable donations to local non-profits.

• \$146,464.48 voluntarily contributed to Northampton County Recycling and Sustainability fund to offset the costs for electronic recycling and household hazardous waste event.

Calendar of Events

RSVP for Tours: afors1@wm.com

APR 16	Sustainability Tour 5:00pm	JUN 07	Bird Walk 11:30am Ed. Center
JUN 16	Talking Trash Tour 5:00pm	JUN 18	Count The Butterflies Walk 5:00pm Ed. Center
SEPT 27	Chill Cookoff + Tours 11:00am-2:00pm	OCT 11	Migration Walk 11:30am-12:30pm Ed. Center
NOV 01	E-Waste Collection 9:00am Main Office Lot 1	NOV 13	Sustainability Tour 5:00pm

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Expanding Rooftop Solar to Cut Costs and Strengthen Our Energy Future

By Senator Rosemary Brown

As energy costs continue to rise and demand increases across Pennsylvania, we must take smart, strategic steps to expand our energy capacity without putting additional burdens on taxpayers or sacrificing open space.

Senator Nick Miller and I have partnered on bipartisan legislation to establish a Commercial and Industrial Rooftop Solar Program here in Pennsylvania. This bill would allow us to tap into the unused potential of warehouse rooftops across the Commonwealth, using infrastructure that already exists to generate clean, reliable energy.

By streamlining the development of front-of-the-meter solar projects, where energy is generated and fed directly into the grid, we can help reduce electricity costs for consumers while strengthening our energy system for the future.

Our approach focuses on preferred siting, this means, putting solar panels on commercial rooftops and infrastructure instead of farmland or undeveloped land. It's a practical solution that helps preserve our natural resources while still meeting the needs of a growing population and economy.

This legislation also ensures that eligible solar generators can qualify for state alternative energy credits, creating further savings and investment opportunities. And for those already working to get solar projects connected, our bill includes a provision that allows those applications to move forward without delay.

I believe this is a forward-thinking, cost-effective way to expand our energy portfolio, support job creation, and improve grid reliability.



Quarry Bites & Brews

Thursdays 5-9pm, Music starts at 6pm
45 Broadway, Bangor Pa 18013

2025 Season Music Line-Up

June 5th- Sarah Lainer and Carl Palmeri

June 12th-Tweed and the Sugar Daddies-150th Bangor Celebration Night and Car Cruise

June 19th-Regina Sayles

June 26th-Zac Lawless

July 3th-Blue Jean Trio

July 10th-Sam Houseal Trio

July 17th-Steel Creek

July 25th-NO QBB EVENT

July 31st-Cody Templeton

August 7th-Steve McDaniel-First Responder Appreciation Night

August 14th-A Girl and A Guy Trio

August 21nd-Hannah Lefurgy

August 28th-Steel Creek Band

September 4th-Mike Metzgar

September 11th-Joey Lannigan Due

September 18th-Sarah Lanier

September 25th-Bobby Ventura-Liquid Smoke Duo

October 2nd-Len Mooney



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INVITES YOU TO THE

2025 SENIOR EXPO

TUESDAY | JULY 22, 2025

9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Swiftwater Elementary School

135 Academic Dr., Swiftwater

The event promises something for everyone - **FREE ADMISSION**, door prizes and health screenings, too! Exhibitors from government agencies and non-profit organizations will be on hand.

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