

PA Budget Matters to You! Investing in Our Resources

By State Rep. Anne Flood

SLATE BEKT - The 2022-23 state budget not only saves for the future but invests in it as well.

Pennsylvania's agriculture industry creates jobs and literally puts food on the table! Following years of pandemic and related supply chain and labor shortage issues, poultry farmers have been hit with an avian flu outbreak. To help meet these new challenges, the budget allocates \$25 million to combat avian influenza through additional testing and to provide assistance to farmers whose flocks have been impacted. This is important not only to these farmers but to all of us who have seen the cost of eggs and poultry rising due in part to the outbreak.

To stay ahead of other disease outbreaks, the budget includes \$6 million for increased laboratory surveillance activities. It dedicates \$3 million to combatting spotted lanternfly, \$5 million to agriculture and hardwoods research, \$5 million for agricultural marketing, and a 5% increase in funding to Penn State's Agricultural Extension.

The budget also includes the largest environmental program in a decade. It funds a clean streams initiative using \$220 million in federal relief funds to help prevent nutrient and sediment pollution. The Small Water and Sewer Program through the Commonwealth Financing Authority (CFA) is refunded more than \$300 million in federal relief funds to support grants for water, sewer and stormwater infrastructure projects.

Conservation districts will receive a \$5 million increase in funds to improve nutrient management, flood control, permitting and other conservation-related projects. Finally, an allocation of \$156 million will establish a program to support the rehabilitation, repair, and development of parks and forest areas within the Commonwealth.

I'll be highlighting other key initiatives contained in the budget in the coming weeks. You may also read more at PAHouseGOP.com/statebudget.



**SMALL BUSINESS
TAX RELIEF
IN THE PA BUDGET**

To help small businesses continue recovery from COVID shutdowns and deal with Biden-flation, this state budget expands expense deductions to encourage businesses to buy equipment and invest/grow in Pennsylvania.



Helping our Communities

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BETHLEHEM - On Wednesday, I had the opportunity to tour Second Harvest Food Bank in East Allen Township and drop off food donations.

This was a part of their America250PA's annual day of service in partnership with Feeding Pennsylvania. Food insecurity has been exacerbated by the pandemic and families are still struggling to put food on the table today.

Thank you to Second Harvest for the tour and opportunity to donate food!

THE BOROUGHS OF WIND GAP AND PEN ARGYL PROUDLY PRESENT THE 2022 SUMMER SOUNDS CONCERT SERIES

WIND GAP PARK

6/19 Last One Standing

Covering a mix of country, classic rock, and oldies.

7/3 Main Street Cruisers

favorite tunes from the 50's, 60's, 70's, & 80's.

7/17 New Individuals

Favorite oldies from 60's & 70's

7/31 Steel Creek

Modern country cover songs, some classics and rock'n roll mixed in

8/14 TimeWhys

Perform the great music of the 1960s

8/28 Joey and the T-Birds

50's and 60's Doo Wop Band

WEONA PARK

6/26 Joyous

R&B, Soul, Pop, and Funk

7/10 Large Flower Heads

Bring to life the musical sights & sounds of the groovy '60s.

7/24 Philadelphia Funk Authority

More than just funk! Dance & party music from the past 5 decades!

8/7 Moss Henry & the Bryophytes

An unrepentant mix of tunes from the opry and honky tonks.

8/21 Desire

Playing oldies music of the 50's-70's

All concerts are free, begin at 6 P.M at Wind Gap or Weona Park Band shells, as noted. For Pen Argyl, please watch for notifications (Pen Argyl Borough WEB, Facebook, Nixel, etc.) on any weather related change of venue or rescheduling of the event.

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