



2025 NACo Annual Conference & Exposition

July 11-14 City and County of Philadelphia, Pa.

Conference Schedule

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Thursday, Jul. 10

Early Registration



8:30 A.M. - 5:00 P.M. | GRAND HALL, 200 LEVEL (PENNSYLVANIA CONVENTION CENTER)

Pick up your badge at the registration desk in the Grand Hall in the Philadelphia Convention Center!

CIO Speed Sharing

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9:00 A.M. – 10:00 A.M. | 204 ABC, 200 LEVEL (PENNSYLVANIA CONVENTION CENTER)

County chief information officers, IT directors and other county IT leadership are invited to attend this one hour of discussion and networking. The interactive session will be moderated by the NACo County - Technology Advisory Council and will include three twenty-minute table discussion on relevant and emerging technology. Come get to know your IT peers in county government. Breakfast will be provided.

Technology Innovation Forum

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Separate registration required.

10:30 A.M. – 4:45 P.M. | 204 ABC, 200 LEVEL (PENNSYLVANIA CONVENTION CENTER)

The theme for this year's Technology Innovation Forum (formerly CIO Forum) is "Taking a Whole Village Approach." No county stands alone in the face of evolving technology demands. By forging strong partnerships - whether between IT and leadership, across departments, or with external partners - counties can turn persistent technology challenges into opportunities for innovation, efficiency, and smarter service delivery.

Disaster Response and Recovery Training

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Separate registration required.

1:00 P.M. – 5:00 P.M. | 108 AB, 100 LEVEL (PENNSYLVANIA CONVENTION CENTER)

As the frequency, severity and cost of natural disasters continue to increase, county officials must be prepared to respond to these events efficiently to return our communities and residents' lives back to normal as quickly as possible. This interactive training – led by Hagerty Consulting, a NACo Corporate Premier Partner who assists communities in preparing for and recovering from disasters – will provide attendees with invaluable insights into the steps local officials should take before, during and after a disaster to protect life and property. All attendees will receive certification for completing this course.

County Leadership Institute Alumni Meeting

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Open to all alumni of the CLI program.

2:00 P.M. – 3:30 P.M. | 109 AB, 100 LEVEL (PENNSYLVANIA CONVENTION CENTER)

Exclusively tailored for current participants and alumni of the County Leadership Institute (CLI), this workshop offers a unique platform for individuals who have completed the program to further explore their leadership journey. This session provides the opportunity to reengage with the CLI framework. Participants can also engage in dynamic discussions with CLI instructors for comprehensive skill analysis and refinement. Don't miss the chance to brush up on your adaptive skills and reconnect with CLI peers.

CLI Alumni Reception

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Open to all alumni of the CLI program.

5:30 P.M. – 7:00 P.M. | 110 AB, 100 LEVEL (PENNSYLVANIA CONVENTION CENTER)

Technology Innovation Forum Reception

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Separate registration required.

5:30 P.M. – 7:30 P.M. | OFFSITE

Technology Innovation Forum attendees are invited to the closing reception.

Friday, Jul. 11

Registration and Resource Centers Open

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7:00 A.M. – 6:30 P.M. | GRAND HALL, 200 LEVEL (PENNSYLVANIA CONVENTION CENTER)

First-time Attendee Breakfast

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8:00 A.M. – 9:30 A.M. | SALON EF | GRAND BALLROOM , LEVEL 5 (PHILADELPHIA MARRIOTT DOWNTOWN)

County and state association attendees joining their first NACo conference are invited to this breakfast to receive a short orientation on NACo and have the opportunity to meet and network with other first time attendees and seasoned NACo ambassadors.

Policy Coordinating Committee Meeting #1

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8:30 A.M. – 9:00 A.M. | 203 AB, 200 LEVEL (PENNSYLVANIA CONVENTION CENTER)

Chairs of NACo's policy steering committees will meet to discuss platform changes and policy resolutions proposed for consideration at the conference.

First-Time Attendee Policy Committee Explainer

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9:30 A.M. – 11:00 A.M. | SALON EF | GRAND BALLROOM , LEVEL 5 (PHILADELPHIA MARRIOTT DOWNTOWN)

First-time NACo attendees are invited to join this 101 on NACo's policy and committee process to better understand how NACo's federal advocacy agenda is set by members and conference attendees.

Agriculture and Rural Affairs Policy Steering Committee Meeting

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9:30 A.M. – 4:00 P.M. | 105 AB, 100 LEVEL (PENNSYLVANIA CONVENTION CENTER)

Join NACo's Agriculture and Rural Affairs Policy Steering Committee Meeting to gain insight into the challenges and opportunities facing rural America. Attendees will connect with peers and learn about key innovations in rural policy and practice that build stronger, more resilient communities. Speakers will include leading thinkers and decision-makers from across the agriculture and rural development sectors, including nationally renowned policy experts, stakeholders and federal partners. The committee will also consider policy resolutions to shape NACo's federal advocacy.

Community, Economic and Workforce Development Policy Steering Committee

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9:30 A.M. – 4:00 P.M. | 201 ABC, 200 LEVEL (PENNSYLVANIA CONVENTION CENTER)

Federal partners, national experts and thought leaders will join the Community, Economic and Workforce Development Policy Steering Committee to discuss policy priorities and best practices in attainable housing, community revitalization, workforce development, and more. The committee will also consider policy resolutions and platform changes to shape NACo's federal advocacy.

Environment, Energy and Land Use Policy Steering Committee Meeting

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9:30 A.M. – 4:00 P.M. | 109 AB, 100 LEVEL (PENNSYLVANIA CONVENTION CENTER)

Federal partners, industry practitioners and national policy experts will join the Environment, Energy and Land Use Policy Steering Committee to discuss committee priorities such as the county role in strengthening our nation's energy system and improving water quality while balancing the need for affordability and environmental protections. The committee will also consider policy resolutions to shape NACo's federal advocacy.

SPEAKERS

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Mr. Rick Hart

Director, Intergovernmental Affairs and Partner Engagement, National Association of Counties

Finance, Pensions and Intergovernmental Affairs Policy Steering Committee

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9:30 A.M. – 4:00 P.M. | 108 AB, 100 LEVEL (PENNSYLVANIA CONVENTION CENTER)

The Finance, Pensions and Intergovernmental Affairs Policy Steering Committee Meeting will cover a wide range of matters of importance to counties related to revenue and fiscal management, federal tax reform, pension and retirement benefits, municipal bonds, the intergovernmental partnership and the balance of federalism, elections and more. The committee will also consider policy resolutions to shape NACo's federal advocacy.

Health Policy Steering Committee

9:30 A.M. – 4:00 P.M. | 204 ABC, 200 LEVEL (PENNSYLVANIA CONVENTION CENTER)

NACo's Health Policy Steering Committee will be joined by national experts and thought leaders to discuss timely health policy issues relevant to counties, such as addressing hunger as a social determinant of health, strategies for addressing youth mental health and enhancing cyber security in healthcare settings. The committee will also consider policy resolutions to shape NACo's federal advocacy.

Human Services and Education Policy Steering Committee

9:30 A.M. – 4:00 P.M. | 111 AB, 100 LEVEL (PENNSYLVANIA CONVENTION CENTER)

Join the Human Services and Education Policy Steering Committee to engage with subject matter experts and county officials on a wide range of matters of importance to counties related to nutrition, child care, child welfare, education, and social safety net programs. The committee will also consider policy resolutions to shape NACo's federal advocacy.

Justice and Public Safety Policy Steering Committee

9:30 A.M. – 4:00 P.M. | 103 AB, 100 LEVEL (PENNSYLVANIA CONVENTION CENTER)

Congressional and federal agency partners will join the Justice and Public Safety Policy Steering Committee to discuss critical issues, including mental health in the criminal justice system, disaster mitigation and response, and the outlook for the committee's policy priorities in the remainder of the 119th Congress. The committee will also consider policy resolutions to shape NACo's federal advocacy.

Public Lands Policy Steering Committee

9:30 A.M. – 4:00 P.M. | BALLROOM A, 300 LEVEL (PENNSYLVANIA CONVENTION CENTER)

Join the Public Lands Policy Steering Committee for discussion with federal land management agencies and industry experts on land management policies, species protection efforts, federal land revenue sharing programs and energy development on public lands. The committee will also consider policy resolutions to shape NACo's federal advocacy.

Telecommunications and Technology Policy Steering Committee



9:30 A.M. – 4:00 P.M. | 113 AB, 100 LEVEL (PENNSYLVANIA CONVENTION CENTER)

NACo's Telecommunications and Technology Policy Steering Committee will meet to discuss a wide variety of topics, including broadband access and affordability, emergency communications practices, support for local cybersecurity funding, and more. The committee will also consider policy resolutions and platform changes to shape NACo's federal advocacy.

Transportation Policy Steering Committee



9:30 A.M. – 4:00 P.M. | 107 AB, 100 LEVEL (PENNSYLVANIA CONVENTION CENTER)

Join the Transportation Policy Steering Committee Meeting to learn more about how counties are working with our intergovernmental and industry partners, as well as one another, to rebuild and modernize the nation's infrastructure. Members will hear from transportation stakeholders on topics related to the significant role counties play in America's transportation and infrastructure system. The committee will also consider policy resolutions and platform changes to shape NACo's federal advocacy.

SPEAKERS



Mr. Connor Torossian

Deputy Assistant Secretary of Intergovernmental Affairs, U.S. Department of Transportation

Exhibit Hall Grand Opening



4:30 P.M. – 6:30 P.M. | HALL A, 200 LEVEL (PENNSYLVANIA CONVENTION CENTER)

Explore the conference exhibit hall, including an ice cream social, innovative municipal vehicles, prizes and giveaways, and a performance from an award-winning mummers group!

Policy Coordinating Committee Meeting #2



5:00 P.M. – 5:30 P.M. | 203 AB, 200 LEVEL (PENNSYLVANIA CONVENTION CENTER)

Chairs of NACo's policy steering committees will meet to discuss platform changes and policy resolutions approved by policy steering committees.

All-conference Opening Reception



7:00 P.M. – 9:00 P.M. | OFFSITE

Join all conference attendees for a chance to eat, drink and explore the vast Reading Terminal Market, America's oldest and largest indoor market!

Saturday, Jul. 12

Early-morning Bike Ride through Philadelphia

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6:30 A.M. – 8:00 A.M. | 12TH STREET | TAXI LANE, 100 LEVEL (STREET LEVEL) (PENNSYLVANIA CONVENTION CENTER)

Early riser looking for some morning physical activity? Join the conference bike ride and get a tour of various parts of Philadelphia!

Registration and Resource Centers Open

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7:30 A.M. – 5:00 P.M. | GRAND HALL, 200 LEVEL (PENNSYLVANIA CONVENTION CENTER)

Defined Contribution and Retirement Advisory Committee

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8:00 A.M. – 9:30 A.M. | 108 AB, 100 LEVEL (PENNSYLVANIA CONVENTION CENTER)

NACo's Deferred Compensation Advisory Committee acts as an advocate for counties and their employees who participate in the NACo Deferred Compensation Program. The DCR Advisory Committee will discuss the NACo/Nationwide program performance numbers, including assets, participants and county jurisdictions. This session will also include an update on the latest retirement services initiatives for counties and employees.

IT Standing/Future Tech

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Meeting and Breakfast

8:00 A.M. – 9:30 A.M. | 107 AB, 100 LEVEL (PENNSYLVANIA CONVENTION CENTER)

The Information Technology Standing Committee and FutureTech Subcommittee (formerly GIS) consist of elected officials and county IT leaders. The committees will meet jointly to hear from national organizations, partners and counties on a variety of topics including artificial intelligence, cloud adoption, data governance and cyber security.

Membership Committee

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Meeting and Breakfast

8:00 A.M. – 9:30 A.M. | 113 AB, 100 LEVEL (PENNSYLVANIA CONVENTION CENTER)

The Membership Standing Committee advises and supports NACo's membership recruitment and retention efforts while championing county engagement in NACo.

Programs & Services Committee Meeting

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8:00 A.M. – 9:30 A.M. | 105 AB, 100 LEVEL (PENNSYLVANIA CONVENTION CENTER)

The NACo Programs and Services Standing Committee will receive updates on NACo's programs and services and generate recommendations for the NACo officers and the board of directors on future programming. This meeting is open to all conference attendees.

Southwest Border Counties Caucus Meeting

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8:00 A.M. – 9:30 A.M. | 109 AB, 100 LEVEL (PENNSYLVANIA CONVENTION CENTER)

WIR Board of Directors Meeting

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8:00 A.M. – 9:30 A.M. | BALLROOM A, 300 LEVEL (PENNSYLVANIA CONVENTION CENTER)

The Western Interstate Region (WIR) is dedicated to the promotion of Western interests within NACo, including public land issues (use and conservation), community stability and economic development, and the promotion of the traditional Western way of life. WIR Board Members will discuss county involvement in energy production, balancing resource development needs and public access to federal lands and opportunities to grow rural Western economies.

IT Standing/Future Tech Meeting

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Continued from the morning session.

10:00 A.M. – 11:45 A.M. | 107 AB, 100 LEVEL (PENNSYLVANIA CONVENTION CENTER)

The Information Technology Standing Committee and FutureTech Subcommittee (formerly GIS) consist of elected officials and county IT leaders. The committees will meet jointly to hear from national organizations, partners and counties on a variety of topics including artificial intelligence, cloud adoption, data governance and cyber security.

Large Urban County Caucus Meeting

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10:00 A.M. – 11:45 A.M. | 204 ABC, 200 LEVEL (PENNSYLVANIA CONVENTION CENTER)

NACo's Large Urban County Caucus (LUCC) is the premier national forum for exchanging ideas and solutions that help urban counties address pressing issues. LUCC members will meet with federal officials and national leaders on policy issues for urban counties, focused on six priority areas: Addressing the impacts of mental health and substance use; transportation/infrastructure; maternal and infant mortality; housing accessibility and homelessness; elections and voting rights; and health care access and equity.

Midsize County Caucus Meeting

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10:00 A.M. – 11:45 A.M. | 103 AB, 100 LEVEL (PENNSYLVANIA CONVENTION CENTER)

The inaugural meeting of the Midsize County Caucus will bring together county leaders to discuss the distinct challenges and opportunities facing midsize counties across the nation. This session will focus on establishing key priorities and objectives to guide the caucus's efforts in advocating for the unique needs of midsize communities.

Rural Action Caucus Meeting

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10:00 A.M. – 11:45 A.M. | 201 ABC, 200 LEVEL (PENNSYLVANIA CONVENTION CENTER)

Join the Rural Action Caucus to discuss challenges and opportunities, share best practices and hear from stakeholders helping to shape policies and practices that impact the 70 percent of the nation's counties that are considered rural.

Opening Luncheon & General Session

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Celebrating 90 Years of NACo

12:15 P.M. – 2:00 P.M. | HALL B, 200 LEVEL (PENNSYLVANIA CONVENTION CENTER)

Join the all-conference opening reception for a lunch and celebration of NACo's 90 years as an association. This session will include a welcome from our conference hosts, recognition of association past presidents and feature other prominent speakers.

Arts & Culture Commission Meeting

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2:30 P.M. – 4:30 P.M. | 109 AB, 100 LEVEL (PENNSYLVANIA CONVENTION CENTER)

Nonprofit arts and culture organizations generated \$151.7 billion in economic activity, supported 2.6 million jobs and raised \$29.1 billion in tax revenue in 2022. Come to this session to learn how the arts can strengthen your county’s economy and learn from examples of partnerships between local, state and federal governments successfully promoting community and economic development using the arts. This meeting is open to all conference attendees.

Credentials Committee Meeting

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2:30 P.M. – 4:30 P.M. | 203 AB, 200 LEVEL (PENNSYLVANIA CONVENTION CENTER)

The Credentials Committee supervises and ensures the integrity of NACo's voting credentials process for the Annual Business Meeting.

Great Lakes Counties Caucus Meeting

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2:30 P.M. – 4:30 P.M. | 107 AB, 100 LEVEL (PENNSYLVANIA CONVENTION CENTER)

Gulf States Counties and Parishes Caucus Meeting

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2:30 P.M. – 4:30 P.M. | 108 AB, 100 LEVEL (PENNSYLVANIA CONVENTION CENTER)

Congressional and federal agency partners will join the Gulf States Counties and Parishes Caucus (GSCPC) to discuss pressing federal issues impacting Gulf Coast communities. Caucus members will also discuss legislative priorities and strategize for future GSCPC efforts. Caucus membership is open to all county and parish officials from Alabama, Florida, Louisiana, Mississippi and Texas.

SPEAKERS

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Brett Mattson

Legislative Director – Justice & Public Safety

Ms. Sarah Gimont

Associate Government Relations Director, American Flood Coalition

Immigration Reform Task Force Meeting

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2:30 P.M. – 4:30 P.M. | 105 AB, 100 LEVEL (PENNSYLVANIA CONVENTION CENTER)

The Immigration Reform Task Force will hear from county officials, federal partners and policy experts to discuss the latest developments on immigration reform, learn about the impacts of immigration on local governments and communities and share best practices in migrant services.

International Economic Development Task Force Meeting

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2:30 P.M. – 4:30 P.M. | 201 ABC, 200 LEVEL (PENNSYLVANIA CONVENTION CENTER)

NACo Board of Directors Forum

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2:30 P.M. – 4:30 P.M. | BALLROOM B, 300 LEVEL (PENNSYLVANIA CONVENTION CENTER)

The Board Forum is an informal workshop of the Board of Directors, prior to the official business meeting. During the forum, NACo leadership and staff will preview new and potential action items, plus introduce special guests and partners.

Veterans & Military Services Committee Meeting

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2:30 P.M. – 4:30 P.M. | 111 AB, 100 LEVEL (PENNSYLVANIA CONVENTION CENTER)

NACo's Veterans and Military Services Committee will discuss opportunities to recruit and retain veterans and transitioning service members into the county workforce and explore successful partnerships between military installations and county governments improve the well-being of active-duty members of the military and their families. The committee will also learn about innovative practices in veterans services and opportunities to advance county policy priorities for veterans and military services in Congress.

NACo 2nd Vice President Candidates Forum

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4:45 P.M. – 5:30 P.M. | 204 ABC, 200 LEVEL (PENNSYLVANIA CONVENTION CENTER)

Hear from candidates for NACo's 2nd Vice President on their goals and ideas in this conversational forum.

Arts and Culture Commission Reception

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Open to all attendees interested in arts and economic development.

5:30 P.M. – 7:00 P.M. | OFFSITE

LUCC/RAC Reception

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7:00 P.M. – 9:00 P.M. | OFFSITE

Midsize Caucus Reception

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7:00 P.M. – 9:00 P.M. | OFFSITE

Sunday, Jul. 13

Worship Service

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7:00 A.M. – 8:00 A.M. | 109 AB, 100 LEVEL (PENNSYLVANIA CONVENTION CENTER)

Attendees will be led through a non-denominational worship service open to all conference attendees.

Registration and Resource Centers Open

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7:30 A.M. – 5:00 P.M. | GRAND HALL, 200 LEVEL (PENNSYLVANIA CONVENTION CENTER)

Rural Energy Communities

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Information and Networking Breakfast

8:00 A.M. – 9:00 A.M. | 105 AB, 100 LEVEL (PENNSYLVANIA CONVENTION CENTER)

Join us to learn more about NACo's soon-to-launch Rural Energy Academy and register your interest in receiving updates, resources and calls for applications to join your peers in site visits to rural energy communities.

NACo Board of Directors Meeting

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9:00 A.M. – 12:00 P.M. | BALLROOM B, 300 LEVEL (PENNSYLVANIA CONVENTION CENTER)

The Board of Directors Meeting is the official business meeting where all board action items, reports and other presentations are considered.

County Forum on Health and Wellbeing

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All-day Learning Forum

9:30 A.M. – 3:00 P.M. | 204 ABC, 200 LEVEL (PENNSYLVANIA CONVENTION CENTER)

Counties play a critical role in promoting and protecting the health and wellbeing of all Americans and are often first responders to residents experiencing crisis. This forum opens with key insights on what county leaders need to know about health care and improving health outcomes. Lunch and afternoon sessions will celebrate the ten-year anniversary of the Stepping Up Initiative, wherein more than 580 counties have risen to the challenge of better supporting residents in crisis, and highlight innovations in mental health crisis response across a variety of county settings.

Each all-day learning forum will begin at 9:30 am and serve lunch at 12:00 pm. Stay in one forum for an immersive experience or mix and match morning and afternoon workshop sessions, which begin at 10:00 am and 1:30 pm on Sunday, July 13. See Conference Schedule and each forum's agenda for details.

County Forum on Public Lands

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All-day Learning Forum

9:30 A.M. – 3:00 P.M. | 201 ABC, 200 LEVEL (PENNSYLVANIA CONVENTION CENTER)

As nearly two-thirds (62 percent) of America's counties are public lands counties, public lands county resilience is our shared priority. Powered by NACo's National Center for Public Lands Counties, this forum provides key insights into the history, responsibility and vitality of public lands counties, strategies for intergovernmental partnerships for shared land management and disaster resilience and a discussion on the future outlook of energy production on public lands.

Each all-day learning forum will begin at 9:30 am and serve lunch at 12:00 pm. Stay in one forum for an immersive experience or mix and match morning and afternoon workshop sessions, which begin at 10:00 am and 1:30 pm on Sunday, July 13. See Conference Schedule and each forum's agenda for details.

County Forum on Revenues and Fiscal Health

All-day Learning Forum

9:30 A.M. – 3:00 P.M. | 108 AB, 100 LEVEL (PENNSYLVANIA CONVENTION CENTER)

To provide critical services, strengthen infrastructure and fulfill mandated responsibilities, counties need reliable revenue and strong credit. This forum lays a foundation for fiscal health with discussions on bonds and borrowing, policy trends that affect county revenue generation, county innovations in leveraging artificial intelligence for operational efficiencies and will lead participants through a readiness exercise to stress-test your county budget.

Each all-day learning forum will begin at 9:30 am and serve lunch at 12:00 pm. Stay in one forum for an immersive experience or mix and match morning and afternoon workshop sessions, which begin at 10:00 am and 1:30 pm on Sunday, July 13. See Conference Schedule and each forum's agenda for details.

County Forum on the Economy and Workers

All-day Learning Forum

9:30 A.M. – 3:00 P.M. | 113 AB, 100 LEVEL (PENNSYLVANIA CONVENTION CENTER)

County economic growth is driven by industrial transitions, population and labor market changes and local infrastructure and amenities that support access to work and upward economic mobility for all residents. This forum offers key insights on building strong economies that offer equitable access to opportunity, diversification of local industries, affordable housing and childcare and strengthening and retaining the local public sector workforce.

Each all-day learning forum will begin at 9:30 am and serve lunch at 12:00 pm. Stay in one forum for an immersive experience or mix and match morning and afternoon workshop sessions, which begin at 10:00 am and 1:30 pm on Sunday, July 13. See Conference Schedule and each forum's agenda for details.

AI in Motion

Empowering staff, streamlining services and driving innovation.

10:00 A.M. – 11:30 A.M. | 109 AB, 100 LEVEL (PENNSYLVANIA CONVENTION CENTER)

This session will provide an overview of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania's Generative AI pilot for state workers. State and university partners who have worked on the project with Pennsylvania will share the pilot process, results and next steps for how counties can implement similar strategies.

Communications Strategies for County Leaders

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Building a plan to support communication and messaging goals.

10:00 A.M. – 11:30 A.M. | 111 AB, 100 LEVEL (PENNSYLVANIA CONVENTION CENTER)

As county leaders, we are constantly communicating, from schedules of meetings and events to urgent bulletins about public safety. This workshop will address how to incorporate elements of communications strategy into your day-to-day communication practices. Who are the audiences you're trying to reach? How do you select your communication channels, from social media, to media outreach? Attendees will walk away with tips and frameworks for leveling up communication efforts.

County Innovations in Youth Justice

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Examining recent trends in juvenile offending and county-led innovation in youth justice transformation.

10:00 A.M. – 11:30 A.M. | 203 AB, 200 LEVEL (PENNSYLVANIA CONVENTION CENTER)

In most states, juvenile crime and delinquency is handled at the county level. Counties own and operate juvenile detention centers and execute probation caseloads, working with some of the nation's highest-risk youth. This session will explore recent trends in juvenile offending and highlight county-led strategies for balancing public safety, accountability and youth well-being.

Lunch on Own

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12:00 P.M. – 1:30 P.M.

Attendees should enjoy lunch on their own at this time.

Confident Change Leadership in a Complex World

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Building leadership skills for driving change.

1:30 P.M. – 3:00 P.M. | 107 AB, 100 LEVEL (PENNSYLVANIA CONVENTION CENTER)

County leaders are often responsible for driving change while balancing diverse stakeholder interests, regulatory constraints and resource limitations. While effective planning and task management is essential, the most difficult challenge is getting people on-board with the transformation to ensure objectives are met. This engaging, interactive session leverages neuroscience to understand why people resist change and provides a practical framework for accelerating commitment to your transformational efforts to ensure success.

Inferno & Intrusion

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County Systems Caught Between Fire and Cyber Intrusion, A Tabletop Exercise

1:30 P.M. – 3:00 P.M. | 105 AB, 100 LEVEL (PENNSYLVANIA CONVENTION CENTER)

Join this workshop to participate in an interactive table-top exercise involving a fast-moving wildfire that forces evacuation of the county's primary government buildings, including its data center. In the planned scenario, participants will have to grapple with the impacts of physical disaster, cybersecurity threats that went undetected and requests from residents seeking immediate assistance and relief.. Attendees will break into small groups to answer questions related to this scenario and then compare notes with the broader group.

NACo EDGE Trivia

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Learn, save and win!

1:30 P.M. – 3:00 P.M. | BALLROOM A, 300 LEVEL (PENNSYLVANIA CONVENTION CENTER)

Test your knowledge of NACo EDGE People, Purchasing and Performance solutions in this trivia battle! Host Carlos Greene will keep you entertained with key questions, testimonials and information sure to stoke your competitive spirit. Win fun prizes while learning about how NACo EDGE solutions help counties.

Closing General Session

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Achievement Award Best-in-Category Presentations and Inspiring County Leaders for the Future

3:15 P.M. – 5:00 P.M. | HALL B, 200 LEVEL (PENNSYLVANIA CONVENTION CENTER)

Meet the Researchers: Counties and Pew Reception

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Hosted with the Pew Charitable Trusts.

5:30 P.M. – 7:00 P.M.

This networking reception will offer opportunities to meet with Pew researchers and discuss county priorities. It is open to all county attendees.

NACo Board of Directors Reception

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Open to all NACo Board members.

6:30 P.M. – 8:30 P.M. | OFFSITE

Monday, Jul. 14

Registration and Resource Centers Open

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8:00 A.M. - 3:00 P.M. | GRAND HALL, 200 LEVEL (PENNSYLVANIA CONVENTION CENTER)

NACo Annual Business Meeting

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9:30 A.M. - 11:45 A.M. | HALL B, 200 LEVEL (PENNSYLVANIA CONVENTION CENTER)

During the Annual Business Meeting, association members will consider policy resolutions, bylaws changes and elect a slate of officers for the 2025-2026 term, along with other business as necessary

NACo Bylaws And Governance Review Committee

Lunch on Own

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12:00 P.M. - 1:30 P.M.

Attendees should enjoy lunch on their own at this time.

Central Region Caucus Meeting

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1:30 P.M. - 2:15 P.M. | 107 AB, 100 LEVEL (PENNSYLVANIA CONVENTION CENTER)

All attendees from the Central Region are invited to learn more about NACo and regional trends. The region includes: Iowa, Illinois, Indiana, Kansas, Michigan, Minnesota, Missouri, Nebraska, Ohio, Oklahoma and Wisconsin.

Northeast Region Caucus Meeting

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1:30 P.M. - 2:15 P.M. | 105 AB, 100 LEVEL (PENNSYLVANIA CONVENTION CENTER)

All attendees from the Northeast Region are invited to learn more about NACo and regional trends. The region includes: Massachusetts, Maryland, Maine, New Hampshire, New Jersey, New York, Pennsylvania and West Virginia. (Note: Vermont, Connecticut and Rhode Island would also be a part of the Northeast Region, but do not have NACo members.)

South Region Caucus Meeting

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This caucus meeting will include an election for NACo regional representative.

1:30 P.M. – 2:15 P.M. | 108 AB, 100 LEVEL (PENNSYLVANIA CONVENTION CENTER)

All attendees from the South Region are invited to learn more about NACo and regional trends. The region includes: Alabama, Arkansas, Florida, Georgia, Kentucky, Louisiana, Mississippi, North Carolina, South Carolina, Tennessee, Texas and Virginia.

West Region Caucus Meeting

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This caucus meeting will include an election for NACo regional representative.

1:30 P.M. – 2:15 P.M. | 103 AB, 100 LEVEL (PENNSYLVANIA CONVENTION CENTER)

All attendees from the West Region are invited to learn more about NACo and regional trends. The region includes: Alaska, Arizona, California, Colorado, Hawaii, Idaho, Montana, North Dakota, New Mexico, Nevada, Oregon, South Dakota, Utah, Washington and Wyoming.

Robert's Rules 101

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A crash course in what to know for county meetings.

2:30 P.M. – 4:00 P.M. | 111 AB, 100 LEVEL (PENNSYLVANIA CONVENTION CENTER)

Robert's Rules can help you run an efficient meeting. But how do you run an effective meeting? This workshop is a crash course in Robert's Rules where we will deliver tools to minimize meeting disruptions, define proper procedures and apply Robert's Rules to real-life parliamentary examples.

Mobile Tour: Circularity in Action in Philadelphia's Fairmount Park

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2:30 P.M. – 5:00 P.M. | 12TH STREET | TAXI LANE, 100 LEVEL (STREET LEVEL) (PENNSYLVANIA CONVENTION CENTER)

Philadelphia's Fairmount Park Organic Recycling Center (ORC) is a shining example of local "circularity in action" in the heart of Philly's Fairmount Park. For over 40 years, the center has turned leaves, brush, fallen trees, and other organic materials into finished products like compost, mulch and wood chips that are available for free to city residents.

The tour will take participants through both the Organic Recycling Center and the Reforestation Hub operations, offering a firsthand look at how these programs turn waste into value, serving as a model for Philadelphia's circular economy. The tour will also include a visit to the nearby Greenland Nursery managed by the city's Parks & Rec's Natural Lands team. The nursery uses the Reforestation Hub's sawdust to help grow trees and other native plants for use in parks and restoration efforts.

Together, these programs demonstrate a uniquely integrated approach to circularity - combining waste diversion, reforestation, urban farming and workforce development under one park system. This collaboration is a rare and powerful example of how municipal departments can close resource loops and regenerate natural systems while supporting community resilience.

Mobile Workshop: Green Stormwater Infrastructure at Venice Island

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2:30 P.M. – 5:00 P.M. | 12TH STREET | TAXI LANE, 100 LEVEL (STREET LEVEL) (PENNSYLVANIA CONVENTION CENTER)

Reconstructed in 2014, Venice Island houses the Philadelphia Water Department's (PWD) wastewater storage and pumping station along with the Venice Island Performing Arts & Recreation Center. The PWD storage facility receives diverted flows from the sanitary intercepting sewer during intense rainstorms and slowly pumps the water back to the sewer after the storm has passed. The site was designed with extensive green stormwater infrastructure on the ground and green roofs on both the rec center and PWD facility. From the island you can also see the Manayunk Canal, which recently reintroduced flow from the Schuylkill River near the Flat Rock Dam as part of a large project to restore the canal's headworks.

Mobile Workshop: Masterpieces East Mural Arts Tour

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2:30 P.M. – 5:00 P.M. | 12TH STREET | TAXI LANE, 100 LEVEL (STREET LEVEL) (PENNSYLVANIA CONVENTION CENTER)

Experience firsthand how art ignites change: explore the world's largest outdoor art gallery and get to know Philadelphia's stunning mural collection on an exciting guided tour! Weave through diverse neighborhoods and be inspired by the incredible public art that makes Philadelphia the mural capital of the world.** **By taking a tour, guests are invited to explore four decades of creativity, featuring a curated collection of masterpieces that reflect our artistic expression over the past 40 years. From the bold strokes of contemporary artists to the timeless classics that have stood the test of time, join us on a celebratory tour that encapsulates the vibrancy, innovation and enduring beauty of art through the ages. Explore the show-stopping murals east of Broad Street with the Masterpieces East tour for an in-depth look at some of Philadelphia's bold & brilliant public art. This route features inspiring works such as the iconic *Jackie Robinson Mural* by artist David McShane.

Mobile Workshop: Riverview Wellness Village, A Model for Recovery-based Housing

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Hosted by NACo's Healthy Counties Advisory Board.

2:30 P.M. – 5:00 P.M. | 12TH STREET | TAXI LANE, 100 LEVEL (STREET LEVEL) (PENNSYLVANIA CONVENTION CENTER)

Mayor Parker's administration committed to shattering the status quo of an open-air drug market by developing innovative, outcome-driven, recovery-based housing aimed to break the interconnected, costly cycles for those struggling with challenges of substance use disorder, mental illness, trauma and homelessness. As part of this effort, Riverview Wellness Village opened in January 2025, launching 336 recovery house beds combined with best-in-class on-site resources addressing all social determinants of health, including primary care, clinical supports for substance use disorder and mental illness, education and workforce development. Riverview Wellness Village is pioneering a new model that can provide a template for counties across the country.

Mobile Workshop: Schuylkill Banks Walking Tour

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2:30 P.M. – 5:00 P.M. | 12TH STREET | TAXI LANE, 100 LEVEL (STREET LEVEL) (PENNSYLVANIA CONVENTION CENTER)

The Schuylkill River Development Corporation (SRDC), a non-profit working with the City and County of Philadelphia, will lead a walking tour of Schuylkill Banks – an urban riverfront trail and greenway. The tour will include a walk over a recently completed cable-stayed bridge running along the river's edge. This newly expanded extension of the Schuylkill River Trail creates a crucial connection between outlying neighborhoods in South and Southwest Philadelphia to the bustling business center of Center City and has been in the works for over a decade. **This tour is primarily outdoors and requires 1-2 miles of walking. Please dress ap**

Mobile Workshops

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2:30 P.M. – 5:00 P.M.

Open to all conference attendees on a first come, first serve basis. More information on mobile workshops will be available by the end of May.

NACo EDGE County Workforce Fair

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Explore the future of employee benefits.

2:30 P.M. – 5:00 P.M.

Join NACo EDGE and the NACo Workforce Network for an exciting and interactive NACo EDGE County Workforce Fair! This dynamic workshop will feature insightful panel discussions, engaging educational events, and plenty of opportunities for networking and fun. With activities like booth visits, prize giveaways and ice cream breaks, this session promises to be both informative and enjoyable. Don't miss out on the chance to connect with industry leaders and EDGE solution specialists in a lively and welcoming environment!

Restoring the Grid: How to Plan for a Rapid Recovery When Disaster Strikes

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Hosted by the Resilient Counties Advisory Board, in partnership with EEI.

2:30 P.M. – 5:00 P.M. | 201 ABC, 200 LEVEL (PENNSYLVANIA CONVENTION CENTER)

With extreme weather events like hurricanes, wildfires and severe storms becoming more frequent and intense, counties are partnering with electric companies to build resilient infrastructure that protects communities. Come learn how to develop these vital relationships and activate emergency plans to rapidly restore power when disaster strikes. Join Edison Electric Institute (EEI) members and county leaders talk through preparation and practice with a tabletop exercise to set up our counties for success.

Update on County Federal Policy Priorities

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Where do priorities for counties stand six months into the 119th Congress and second Trump Administration?

2:30 P.M. – 5:00 P.M. | BALLROOM B, 300 LEVEL (PENNSYLVANIA CONVENTION CENTER)

Join NACo's government affairs team for an in-depth look at county priorities in the 119th Congress, including a focus on tax reform, reconciliation, criminal justice, public lands and more.

New Board of Directors Organizational Meeting

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5:15 P.M. – 6:00 P.M. | 107 AB, 100 LEVEL (PENNSYLVANIA CONVENTION CENTER)

The New Board of Directors Organizational Meeting is the first official business meeting of the new board term.

Closing Reception and 90th Anniversary Celebration

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National Constitution Center

6:30 P.M. – 9:30 P.M. | OFFSITE

Join all attendees at our closing reception and celebration of NACo's 90 years. The reception will include the opportunity to view the hall that has hosted presidential debates, attend reenactments of the development of the U.S. Constitution and celebrate the closing of NACo's 90th Annual Conference.



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