

### **About Pennsylvania Municipal Authorities Association (PMAA)**

For the past 80 years, PMAA has represented over 700 municipal authorities across the Commonwealth, which collectively provide drinking water, wastewater treatment, solid waste management, stormwater programs as well as other community projects and services to more than six million Pennsylvania citizens. In addition, PMAA has over 500 associate members, such as engineers, equipment suppliers, financial advisors, and solicitors, who provide products and services to member authorities.

### **Governing Responsibilities of PMAA Members**

Municipal authorities are a vehicle for accomplishing a variety of public purposes which are specified in the Municipality Authorities Act of 1945 (53 P.A.C.S. Ch. 56, as amended). Authorities are created by a county or local government and become an independent agency of the Commonwealth for the purposes of incurring debt, owning property, and financing its activities. In fact, municipal authorities provide the infrastructure necessary for economic growth and development while ensuring the protection of public health and the environment through stringent federal and state statutes and regulations.

### **Advocacy and Legislative Initiatives**

PMAA interacts with legislators, state and federal agencies, and the courts to discuss and advance legislative and regulatory priorities which are voted on by membership through resolutions presented at the Association's annual conference. Over the years, PMAA's advocacy areas include environmental laws, regulations, and program areas such as the Clean Streams Law, Clean Water Act, Safe Drinking Water Act, Sewage Facilities Act, Solid Waste Management Act, Stormwater Management Act, and the Chesapeake Bay Program as well as other laws impacting authorities such as the Prevailing Wage Act, Procurement Code, Right-to-Know Law, Separations Act, Sunshine Act, and the Municipality Authorities Act.

### **Selected Priority Issues from PMAA's 2023 Adopted Resolutions:**

- Urge the PA General Assembly and U.S. Congress to address water and wastewater infrastructure by providing the necessary funding annually to construct new systems, and repair aging systems.
- Support efforts to preserve public ownership of infrastructure by educating the ratepayer and the public about the benefits of publicly owned infrastructure, including delivering affordable, safe, and quality service, and ensuring the community understands the vital importance of public ownership of its natural resource, a basic human right.
- Support the repeal of Act 12 of 2016, fair market value legislation of water and wastewater systems.
- Support legislation requiring all government entities be subject to any applicable stormwater fee imposed by a municipal authority.
- Support legislation placing strict parameters for commercial and vexatious requests for documents under the Right-to-Know Law.
- Oppose any federal or state environmental legislation, regulation, or policy which does not include a comprehensive cost/benefit analysis that identifies environmental benefits and economic impacts. Dedicated funding sources for these initiatives should be created within the authorizing agency or budgetary legislation associated with the initiative.

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