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2015 Pennsylvania Infrastructure Day FAQ

What is Infrastructure Day?

Formerly known as Engineers' Legislative Day, the name Infrastructure Day was changed in 2012 to reflect the unified interest of all participating engineering organizations and individuals in our Commonwealth's infrastructure, as well as their united concern about the future of that infrastructure.

What is the goal of Infrastructure Day?

Civil engineers are stewards of the nation's infrastructure, charged with the design, construction, operation and maintenance of our vital public works. Inherent in that responsibility is the obligation to report on the state of the infrastructure and advise on the steps necessary for its improvement.

Infrastructure Day serves as an occasion for engineers to talk to legislators about the facts: Pennsylvania's infrastructure is rapidly aging, and many parts are operating far beyond their designed capacity. Investment in infrastructure has declined over the last 40 years nationwide, but Pennsylvania suffers from this decline more than many states because its infrastructure tends to be older.

Maintaining and managing our infrastructure is often viewed as a cost, but it is more accurate to define it as an investment in the future of the state. Infrastructure investment is a powerful job creator, and it is essential to Pennsylvania's economic health and to the well-being of Pennsylvania residents.

Why is infrastructure important?

Infrastructure has a direct impact on our personal and economic health, and the infrastructure crisis is endangering Pennsylvania's future prosperity. For the safety and security of our families, we can no longer afford to ignore aging water and waste water systems, antiquated dams and inadequate stormwater facilities. As a society, we must become better stewards of the environment through the use of sustainable infrastructure practices. The quality of life for this and future generations depends on our willingness to rise to these challenges.

I have never participated in this event before and am concerned about what to do and say. Will there be guidance?

Yes, white paper briefings will be provided in advance of the event for your review and familiarization. Then on the morning of the event the event organizers will provide a briefing where the key points will be presented and you can ask questions. Also, the schedulers will do their best to team you with an experienced team leader.

My time is limited – do I have to participate all day?

No, the sign up form will ask for your specific availability and you can choose to participate in just the morning or just the afternoon sessions or both. Please note that the schedule will be dependent on the individual legislators so your local legislator's availability may not coincide with yours.