

**IN THE COMMONWEALTH COURT OF PENNSYLVANIA**

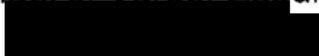
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**APPLICATION FOR RELIEF**

**Appeal by the County of Northampton of the October 29, 2024  
Resolution of the Dispute Resolution Committee of the Board  
of the Pennsylvania Opioid Misuse and Addiction Abatement  
Trust Regarding Use of Opioid Settlement Funds**

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## **APPLICATION FOR RELIEF**

1. On April 18, 2022, the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania ("Commonwealth") filed a complaint naming McKesson Corporation, Cardinal Health, Inc. and AmerisourceBergen Corporation ("Distributors") as Respondents, alleging their actions furthered the improper distribution of prescription opioid drugs made and marketed by pharmaceutical manufacturers (the "Commonwealth Distributor Claims").

2. On April 18, 2022, the Commonwealth filed a Complaint naming Johnson & Johnson, Janssen Pharmaceuticals, Inc., Ortho-McNeil Pharmaceuticals, Inc., and Janssen Pharmaceuticals, Inc. (collectively "J&J") as Respondents, alleging that it had violated various Commonwealth laws through its manufacture, sale and promotion of prescription opioid products (The "Commonwealth J&J Claims").

3. On April 29, 2022, the Commonwealth and the Distributors filed a settlement of the Commonwealth's Distributor's claims in the form of a Final Consent Judgment.

4. On April 29, 2022, the Commonwealth and J&J filed a settlement of the Commonwealth's J&J Claims in the form of a Final Consent Judgment.

5. The Distributors Settlement Agreement and J&J Settlement Agreement (the "Settlements") asserted that the Distributors and J&J shall deliver up to \$1,070,609,642.00 to the Commonwealth over as many as eighteen (18) years.

6. The Court ordered the creation of the Pennsylvania Opioid Misuse and Addiction Abatement Trust established by Order of the Honorable Lori Dumas of the Commonwealth Court of Pennsylvania on July 12, 2022.

7. The Trust Order directed that all payments shall be made from the County Abatement Account to be distributed and shall be paid to Counties and other County Subdivisions in the manner described in the Allocation Section at Paragraph VII(A) of the Trust.

8. The Order set forth that every Participating Subdivision that agrees to participate in the Settlements and accept the Trust Funds described herein shall be subject to the jurisdiction of this Court for compliance and enforcement of this Order and also have standing to petition this Court for enforcement of this Order and payment of the funds allocated to it.

9. Paragraph V(C)(1) through Paragraph V(C)(5) of the Trust

Order states that the Trust, “shall be governed by a Board of Trustees consisting of thirteen (13) members, including a Chairperson; a Secretary of one of the Commonwealth’s health and human services agencies; four (4) legislative member Trustees; and seven (7) regional Trustees.

10. Pursuant to Paragraph V(B) “funds obtained and ultimately paid by the Trust shall be distributed to the Commonwealth and its Participating Subdivisions only for the purposes set forth in Exhibit E.”

11. Paragraph V(D) of the Trust Order contains requirements, including deadlines, for the distribution of Trust Funds, and reporting obligations for beneficiaries under the Trust Order.

12. Pursuant to Section V(D)(11) of the Trust “[e]ach County or Health Department of the city of the First Class shall submit a report to the Board of Trustees by March 15 beginning in the year 2023 . . . showing the actual expenditures of such funds and the amount of funds received but not spent by the close of the previous calendar year.”

13. Paragraph VIII(F-G) of the Trust Order provides as follows:

F. Any beneficiary of the Trust may petition the Court to allow spending on an item of abatement not contained in Exhibit E, provided such spending is deemed by the Court to reduce

incidence or rate of opioid addiction and overdose deaths in the Commonwealth.

G. Any beneficiary of the Trust may file a complaint with the Board of Trustees if the beneficiary disputes an action by the Trust with regard to that beneficiary.

1. Such Complaint shall be in writing and the Board of Trustees must respond in writing to such beneficiary within 60 days of receipt of such complaint.

2. If the Board of Trustees' response does not resolve the beneficiary's complaint, the beneficiary may petition this Court for a resolution of its complaint.

3. No beneficiary shall have standing to challenge another beneficiary's use of funds under this Order or the Trust action with regard to another beneficiary.

14. As of the filing of the instant Application, the appointment of various Board Members of the Trust (the "Board") has been completed.

15. The Board Members of the Trust have established a Dispute Resolution Committee comprised of seven (7) members of the Board of Trustees (the "Dispute Resolution Committee") to review any Complaint filed by a beneficiary of the Trust pursuant to Section VIII.G of the Trust Order.

16. On March 15, 2024, the County of Northampton, hereinafter "the County," submitted information to the Board indicating that \$21,999.98 of funding was used to sponsor a newsletter as part of a media campaign, as specifically authorized by Exhibit E List of Opioid Remediation Uses, Schedule A "Core Strategies", section G. Prevention Programs. A copy of the County's submission is appended hereto as "Exhibit A."

17. Sub-section 1 of section G explicitly authorizes "[f]unding for media campaigns to prevent opioid use (similar to the FDA's "Real Cost" campaign to prevent youth from misusing tobacco)."

18. The specific advertising used to sponsor the newsletter was part of an integrated marketing campaign that also included billboards, flyers, posters, and other media called "Fake is Real" about the dangers of fentanyl. A copy of the newsletter is appended hereto as "Exhibit B."

19. On August 22, 2024, the Board issued a determination that only \$4,180.00 of the \$21,999.98 spent for the newsletter portion of the

advertising campaign would be approved. A copy of the Notification received by the County is appended hereto as "Exhibit C."

20. On September 10, 2024, the County submitted a timely Complaint to the Board regarding the decision to render a portion of the funding of advertising campaign non-compliant. A copy of the Complaint is appended hereto as "Exhibit D."

21. The Board notified the County that the Complaint would be heard by the Dispute Resolution Committee on October 29, 2024 at 1:30 p.m. EST.

22. A meeting was held on October 29, 2024 for the Dispute Resolution Committee to hear the Complaint submitted by the County.

23. During the meeting, the County attempted to present evidence through the testimony of the Director of Fiscal Affairs including a PowerPoint presentation. A copy of the PowerPoint slides used in the presentation to the Committee is appended hereto as "Exhibit E."

24. At the time of the meeting, it appeared that the Committee had prepared a resolution denying the appeal prior to the hearing and met only briefly after hearing evidence before returning with what appeared to be its predetermined decision.

25. On October 29, 2024, the Committee affirmed the original

decision of the Board that only \$4,180.00 of the \$21,999.98 spent for the newsletter portion of the advertising campaign was compliant with Exhibit E. A copy of the Committee's response is appended hereto as "Exhibit F."

26. The decision of the Board and the Committee that the County's expenditure on the newsletter portion of the "Fake is Real" advertising campaign was not compliant with Exhibit E, as funding for media campaigns to prevent opioid abuse has no basis in fact or law because such media campaigns are explicitly authorized by Section G(1) of Schedule A, the core strategies, of Exhibit E.

27. The Newsletter was not a preexisting publication or form of communication previously used by the County. It was produced and distributed at approximately the same cost as a cardstock mailer of the advertisement alone, explicitly as part of the overall "Fake is Real" media campaign, and in a form designed to provide critical education about services and contact information for resources important to citizens struggling with opioid addiction. It was also designed to increase engagement with the material beyond that provided by an advertisement alone.

28. Exhibit E does not define media campaign but sponsorship of a mailer to all county residents that prominently features advertising that is



part of the media campaign clearly meets any reasonable definition of a media campaign and the decision of both the Board and the Committee that a sponsored newsletter is not part of a media campaign is arbitrary, capricious, and contrary to the clear text of the Exhibit E.

29. The County submits to this Court that the County's expenditure on the newsletter portion of its "Fake is Real" media campaign was compliant with Exhibit E as a media campaign to prevent opioid use explicitly authorized pursuant to under Schedule A, section G(1).

30. The County further submits that the decision of the Board of Trustees to deem the expenditure as non-compliant is improper was arbitrary and capricious because it was not based on any clear definition of media campaign or explanation as to why only a portion of the expenditure was approved.

31. In the alternative, if the Court were to conclude that the advertising used to sponsor the newsletter is not part of a media campaign specifically authorized by Exhibit E, Schedule A, section G(1), it should be authorized by the Court as an item of abatement not contained in Exhibit E, provided such spending is deemed by the Court to reduce incidence or rate of opioid addiction and overdose deaths in the Commonwealth.

32. The newsletter combined prominent placement of the

"Fake is Real" advertising with information about county resources such as drug and alcohol treatment, law enforcement, human services, emergency response, and other county agencies critical to individuals struggling with addiction and/or family members impacted by individuals struggling with addiction all of which help reduce rates of opioid addiction and overdose deaths in Northampton County.

WHEREFORE, Petitioner, the County of Northampton, requests that this Honorable Court grant this petition and authorize the full amount of the expenditure for the County Newsletter portion of the "Fake is Real" campaign plus such other relief as the Court deems necessary and proper.

Date: 11/27/2024

Respectfully submitted,



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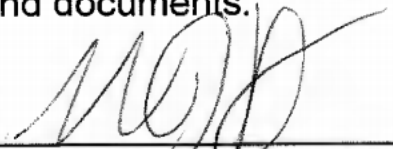
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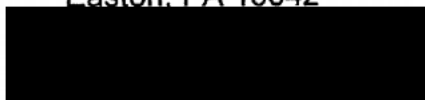
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**CERTIFICATE OF COMPLIANCE**

I, Michael J. Vargo, Assistant County Solicitor for the County of Northampton, hereby certifies that this filing complies with the provisions of the *Public Access Policy of the Unified Judicial System of Pennsylvania: Case Records of the Appellate and Trial Courts* that require filing confidential information and documents differently than non-confidential information and documents.

Date: 11/27/2024

  
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## CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that I am this day serving a copy of the foregoing document upon the persons indicated below via the Court's PACFile (e-service) system, which service satisfies the requirements of Pa. R.A.P. 121:

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# **EXHIBIT A**

**Current remediation program #1**

Provide the name of the remediation program/strategy.	County Newsletter
Provide the name of the organization managing the remediation program/strategy.	Northampton County Fiscal Affairs
Provide the name of the individual managing the remediation program/strategy.	Steve Barron
Provide the program/strategy manager's phone number.	(610) 829-6135
Provide the program/strategy manager's email address.	sbarron@norcopa.gov
How much of your county's/subdivision's total allocation was spent on this remediation during this reporting period?  "Spent" is those funds that have been paid for the purposes of this program.	21999.98 (Provide exact amount (including cents), do NOT use a comma.)
How much of your county's/subdivision's total allocation was committed to this remediation during this reporting period?  "Committed" is those funds that have a signed or awarded contract or memorandum of understanding but not yet spent. Do not include spent funds in this amount.	0.00 (Provide exact amount (including cents), do NOT use a comma.)
Was this remediation program in place prior to receiving the Opioid funding?	<input type="radio"/> Yes <input checked="" type="radio"/> No
Will you be reporting information on the remediation program/strategy using Schedule A or B?	<input checked="" type="radio"/> Schedule A <input type="radio"/> Schedule B
Select which of the Exhibit E -- Schedule A Approved Uses categories mostly closely describes the remediation (County Newsletter)? You may select up to 3 options.	
<input type="checkbox"/> A. Naloxone or other FDA-Approved Drug to Reverse Opioid overdoses <input type="checkbox"/> B. Medication-assisted Treatment ("MAT") Distribution and other Opioid-Related Treatment <input type="checkbox"/> C. Pregnant & Postpartum Women <input type="checkbox"/> D. Expanding Treatment for Neonatal Abstinence Syndrome ("NAS") <input type="checkbox"/> E. Expansion of Warm Hand-off Programs and Recovery Services <input type="checkbox"/> F. Treatment for Incarcerated Population <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> G. Prevention Programs <input type="checkbox"/> H. Expanding Syringe Service Programs <input type="checkbox"/> I. Evidence-based Data Collection and Research Analyzing the Effectiveness of the Abatement Strategies within the State	

Select the specific Exhibit E -- Schedule A Approved Remediation (County Newsletter).

- 1. Funding for media campaigns to prevent opioid use (similar to the FDA's "Real Cost" campaign to prevent youth from misusing tobacco).
- 2. Funding for evidence-based prevention programs in schools.
- 3. Funding for medical provider education and outreach regarding best prescribing practices for opioids consistent with the 2016 CDC guidelines, including providers at hospitals (academic detailing).
- 4. Funding for community drug disposal programs.
- 5. Funding and training for first responders to participate in pre-arrest diversion programs, post-overdose response teams, or similar strategies that connect at-risk individuals to behavioral health services and supports.

Sometimes programs have multiple sources of funding.  
Did you receive any non-settlement funds for this remediation program/strategy?

- Yes  
 No

Is this remediation (County Newsletter ) effort still active?

- Yes  
 No

Does this effort have a dual role? For example, does the remediation target treating opioid use and treatment of a mental health diagnosis.

- Yes  
 No

If able, please upload any relevant background information about this program such as a brief description, RFP (Request for Proposal), or other informative materials.

Provide any other notes or comments about this remediation program/strategy. (For example, a link to a URL.)

Newsletter highlighting all county departments so that the public will know where to seek assistance

Does your county/subdivision have additional remediation program/strategies to report?

- Yes  
 No

# **EXHIBIT B**



# Northampton County PENNSYLVANIA

Fall 2023 Newsletter



## LETTER FROM COUNTY EXECUTIVE LAMONT G. MCCLURE

Dear Residents,

Thank you for taking the time to read Northampton County's 2023 newsletter.

Counties deliver vital services to residents every day in urban, suburban, and rural areas, and my goal is for you to become familiar with the resources available to you in Northampton County.

The County is responsible for providing social services to residents from infancy to old age, holding elections, facilitating court divisions and operations, caring for residents at Gracedale Nursing Home, farmland preservation, and operating the 911 emergency management system, among many other programs.

During my years as a member of Council and now as your County Executive, I have listened to your concerns and taken action on the issues you care about, including fighting against warehouse proliferation, preserving over 3,000 acres of open space and environmentally sensitive land, keeping Gracedale Nursing Home in the hands of the County, and bettering the air quality for future generations. Another priority for our residents is keeping the county green. I am proud that by the end of my second term, I will have committed \$25 million in County dollars to the preservation of farmland, open space, and environmentally sensitive land, which is the best way to fight the nonstop warehouse proliferation. This year, we celebrated the preservation of our 250th farm and reaching the milestone of over 19,000 acres preserved in the County.

Work still needs to be done. I will prioritize improving the conditions of affordable workforce housing and ensuring that every county resident has sufficient broadband access. Finally, continuing to fight the fentanyl epidemic with the millions of dollars the County received from settlements with opioid manufacturers.

To explore career opportunities within our County, visit [www.governmentjobs.com/careers/northamptoncounty](http://www.governmentjobs.com/careers/northamptoncounty).

Lastly, don't forget to exercise your right to vote on November 7, 2023. Call the County Election office or visit [Northamptonvotes.com](http://Northamptonvotes.com) for information on polling locations.

Thank you for taking the time to enjoy our newsletter. Northampton County is looking forward to another year of serving our residents. For more information on our programs, I encourage you to visit our website at [www.northamptoncounty.org](http://www.northamptoncounty.org) and follow the County on our social media platforms.

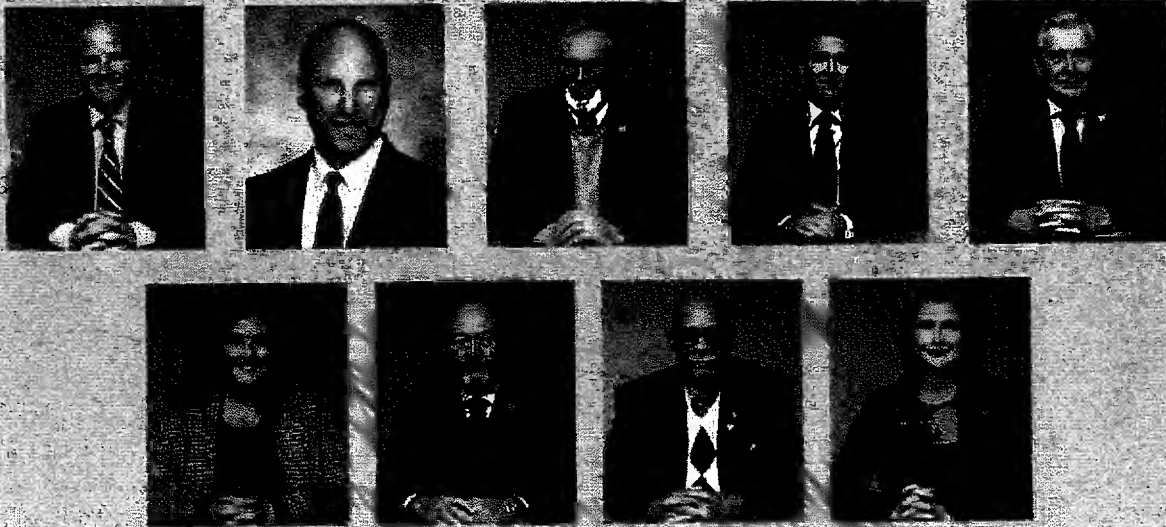
Sincerely,  
Lamont G. McClure, Northampton County Executive



FakelsReal.org

**FAKE PILLS**  
**YOU'LL ONLY BE DEAD**  
**WRONG ONCE.**

# Northampton County COUNCIL



Pictured: Top Row: John A. Brown, John Cusick, Thomas A. Giovanni, John P. Goffredo, Vice President Ronald R. Heckman.  
Second Row: Lori Vargo Heffner, Kevin Lott, President Kerry L. Myers, Tara M. Zrinski.

Northampton County is governed by a board of nine County Council members elected every four years by the voters. Council organizes the first Monday of each year when the members elect one of their own to serve as President and one to serve as Vice President. The Council is permitted to adopt resolutions and ordinances to carry out and regulate the affairs of the county, including rules and regulations regarding the use of county property. All phases of financial administration, except the final audit, also rest with Council. Council is responsible for adopting a budget each calendar year. The budget includes setting real estate tax rates and fees to raise the funds necessary to meet the needs of the County budget.

Northampton County Council meets on the first and third Thursday of every month at 6:30 p.m. in the meeting room on the third floor of the Government Center. Council holds regular Committee meetings on the first and third Thursday along with the third Wednesday of every month, with additional Budget hearings scheduled through October and November each year. Committees include Economic Development; Energy, Environment and Land Use; Capital Projects and Operations; Governance; Personnel; Finance; Human Services; and Courts and Corrections. Committee Chairs are appointed each January.

Every Northampton County Council or Committee Meeting begins with Courtesy of the floor, where public citizens are permitted five minutes time to address Council with their concerns.

All Council and Committee meetings are streamed live on the County's YouTube, which is linked on County Council's website: [www.northamptoncounty.org/COUNCIL](http://www.northamptoncounty.org/COUNCIL)

# NORTHAMPTON COUNTY



# ELECTION DAY 2023 NOVEMBER 7

POLLS ARE OPEN  
FROM 7AM - 8PM

## REQUEST A MAIL-IN BALLOT

- Request a mail-in ballot online at [Vote.pa.gov/ApplyMailBallot](https://Vote.pa.gov/ApplyMailBallot) or call to request a paper application.
- The deadline to request a mail-in ballot is October 31, 2023, but please request your ballot as early as possible. Apply today!
- Ballots will be mailed in early to mid-October. Check [NorthamptonVotes.com](https://NorthamptonVotes.com) for an upcoming date announcement.
- Return your ballot by mail, at an official drop box, or in-person at the Elections Office.
- Ballots must be received no later than 8pm on Election Day. Postmarks DO NOT count.
- Changed your mind? To vote in-person on election day, surrender your entire ballot package at your polling place on Election Day. You will then be able to vote in person.

**SAFE, EASY  
& SECURE**

## CONTACT

**Christopher M. Commini, Registrar**  
669 Washington St (Lower Level)  
Easton, PA 18042  
(610) 829-6260  
[elections@norcopa.gov](mailto:elections@norcopa.gov)

## REGISTER TO VOTE

- **Registration Deadline: October 23, 2023**  
Register online at [Vote.pa.gov](https://Vote.pa.gov) or call and request a paper application or register in person at the Elections office.

## EARLY VOTING STARTS EARLY OCTOBER

- If you have NOT applied for a mail-in/absentee ballot, you are eligible for Early "On Demand" Voting in the Northampton County Elections Office (669 Washington St., Easton, PA) on the Lower Level. Early voting will be available in early to mid-October once ballots are available. Visit [NorthamptonVotes.com](https://NorthamptonVotes.com) for updates when Early Voting becomes available.

## FIND YOUR POLLING PLACE

- Check your polling location at [Vote.pa.gov/pollingplace](https://Vote.pa.gov/pollingplace)

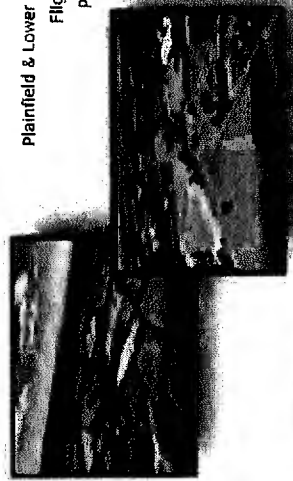
## DROP BOX LOCATIONS & HOURS

- **Northampton County Government Center**  
669 Washington St, Easton, PA 18042  
M-F 8:30am - 8pm
- **Bethlehem City Hall**  
10 E Church St, Bethlehem, PA 18018  
M-F 8am - 4pm  
Election Day only from 8am - 8pm
- **Northampton County Human Services Building**  
2801 Emrick Blvd, Bethlehem, PA 18020  
M-F 8:30am - 7pm
- **Northampton County 911 Center**  
100 Gracedale Ave, Nazareth, PA 18064  
M-F 8:30am - 8pm

The Northampton County Farmland Preservation Program began in 1991. The program places agricultural easements on properties to protect them from further development and ensures agriculture will continue as a future land use in perpetuity in exchange for monetary compensation to the landowner.

As of September 15, 2023, Northampton County has preserved 252 farms encompassing 19,098.20 acres. There are currently twenty-three farms in the process of preservation, totaling approximately 1,041 additional acres. All farms preserved are subject to inspection. In 2023, we conducted 151 formal inspections, including nine federal easement inspections.

Applications for the 2024 Farmland Preservation program will be sent out on November 1, 2023. If you are interested in preserving your farm/property and have questions, please contact our office for more information: 610-829-6287, or go to [www.northamptoncounty.org](http://www.northamptoncounty.org) and search "Farmland Preservation."



Plainfield & Lower Mount Bethel Township Preserved Farms  
Flight courtesy of Lighthawk  
Photo Credit: Ryan Shaw



## Farmland Preservation

Northampton County Farmland Preservation will also administer the Agriculture Conservation Assistance Program (ACAP) grant. This grant will provide cost-share funding assistance to assist farmers and landowners in the design and installation of agricultural BMP's (Best Management Practices) that reduce or prevent nutrient and sediment losses from their farms with the goal to improve water quality and soil health across the county.

For more information on the ACAP program, please contact our office: 610-829-6287, or go to [www.northamptoncounty.org](http://www.northamptoncounty.org) and search "Farmland Preservation" and click on the ACAP tab.

## Fiscal Affairs

The Department of Fiscal Affairs tracks revenue and expenditures to ensure that all funds and taxes are being accounted for in the laws of the Commonwealth. It also issues dog licenses, fishing licenses, hunting licenses, and permits for small businesses.

In addition, the department assesses property values and provides an annual assessment to the county with Northampton County.

Fiscal Affairs has a Permitment Division that handles all permits and licenses for county landfills, and a Geographic Information Services and Mapping Unit that manages the county's GIS data. It also provides training and technical support to the county's Executive and Finance Divisions for the Northampton County Council.

Assessment ..... (610) 829-6155  
 Financial Planning & Control ..... (610) 829-6134  
 Geographic Info Services ..... (610) 829-6205  
 Procurement ..... (610) 829-6177  
 Recorder of Deeds ..... (610) 829-6210  
 Revenue ..... (610) 829-6186

## Community and Economic Development

CONTACT  
Human Services Building  
2801 Emrick Blvd., Bethlehem, PA 18020  
1st Floor  
610-829-6306

The Department of Community and Economic Development truly enjoys partnering with our non-profit agencies and municipalities to bring to the public community events, educational opportunities, and collaborations that are community benefits, such as those listed below.

Please feel free to contact any of our team members, and we will be happy to assist you!

- Northampton County Festival
- County Merchant Expos
- County, State and Federal Grants
- Lead Abatement—Training for Contractors
- Meet the Buyers Expo
- First Time Home Buyer Program
- Small Business Training Events in collaboration with various community partners

## NORTHAMPTON COUNTY FESTIVAL



OCTOBER 14, 2023 11AM — 5PM

Louise W. Moore Park  
151 Country Club Road, Easton, PA 18045

**FREE ADMISSION!**

FOOD • LIVE MUSIC • CRAFTERS • AWARDS

 @NORTHAMPTONCOUNTYFESTIVAL

## FREE Basic Construction Methods & Operations Training

Thanks to a grant provided by the Northampton County Department of Economic Development, Northampton Community College will be providing FREE training to enhance the skills of current home construction employees or prepare new employees for employment.

The program will include hands on instruction in basic construction methods and operations, including:

- hand and power tools
- framing and applications of trim
- drywall and wall repairs
- door and window installation
- ladder and scaffolding safety
- building code awareness

Candidates successfully completing the program will earn an OSHA 10-Hour Outreach Training for Construction card. All materials will be provided.

This program will be held at the Fowler Family Southside Center and is free to Northampton County residents. To be notified when the program is open for registration, please email Heather Ehrlich at [hehrlich@northampton.edu](mailto:hehrlich@northampton.edu). Program is scheduled to begin in the fall.

This Project was financed by a grant from the federal Department of Treasury, Coronavirus State Fiscal Recovery Funds, under the administration of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, Department of Community and Economic Development.



## Homeowners Lead Water Supply Line - Hazard Replacement

Northampton County is working with local municipal water utilities to check residents' interior water supply lines for lead hazards. Northampton County will check for the presence of lead in any water supply piping or fixture. As a rule, older homes are more likely to have lead service lines and interior plumbing containing lead. Should any lead be detected, we may replace items, including goosenecks, water meters, and plumbing fixtures. All replacement services of plumbing components will be completed by a licensed plumber.

For more information on this program, please call DCED: 610-829-6306

**The Northampton County Conservation District (NCCD) began in 1961 to promote the use of conservation practices to protect soil and water resources in the County. Today, NCCD's main goals are to promote soil conservation, maintain or improve water quality, and promote environmental education that the public can use in their daily lives.**

## Conservation District



To achieve these goals, the NCCD organizes a variety of programs ranging from administration of erosion and sediment program aimed at preventing sediment from entering our waterways, to providing advice relating to watersheds, to educational workshops and programs (e.g. Envirothon), to agriculture technical guidance, to improving infrastructure with grant programs.

NCCD embraces opportunities to discuss local issues with broader implications for conservation. In May 2023, NCCD and Lehigh County Conservation District presented to the acting DEP Secretary regarding the challenges of warehouse permitting and the impacts they have had. Secretary Negrin was pleased with the discussion and looks forward to implementing permitting plans to help address some of these impacts and concerns.

NCCD administers different grant programs in the county, including the Dirt and Gravel Roads Program (DGLVR). Since 1998, we've allocated almost \$1.8 million to fund 20+ projects county-wide. The aim is to grant funds that provide long-term stormwater management solutions that prevent erosion and pollution from entering our waterways, while promoting sustainable unpaved (or low-volume) roads. Applications for DGLVR are open enrollment, so please contact the District if interested. If interested in any of these programs, please contact us at 610-829-6276 or check out our webpage at [www.northamptoncounty.org](http://www.northamptoncounty.org) and search "Conservation District."



**Examples of Erosion and  
Sediment Control Program  
&  
Stream Restoration provided  
through the DGLVR Program**

*Bottom photos: Before Restoration  
Top photos: After Restoration*



# CAREER OPPORTUNITIES WITH NORTHAMPTON COUNTY

- Deputy Sheriffs
- Nursing Staff
- 911 Telecommunicators
- Correctional Officers

## Comprehensive Benefits:

- Medical Rx, Dental & Vision
- Traditional Pension Plan
- Opportunities for Growth

## Human Resources



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## District Attorney

The Office of the District Attorney is responsible for prosecuting all crimes committed within Northampton County, ranging from summary and misdemeanor offenses such as harassment and simple assault, to serious felony offenses such as rape, robbery, and homicide. Prosecutors in the office work closely with state and local police agencies to investigate these crimes and file criminal charges.

The district attorney's office also assists victims throughout the criminal justice process. Our victim advocates guide both victims and secondary victims through any upcoming court dates, trials, and sentencings and provide information on obtaining available services. In June 2022, our Victims Services Unit and Crime Victims Council implemented the county's first Homicide Support Group as an extra form of support for families and friends who have lost a loved one to homicide. This group invites secondary victims to share their stories in a safe environment and to find support from others in the community who have experienced the same trauma. The group meets the first Tuesday of each month from 6 p.m. to 7 p.m. at the county human services building at 2801 Emrick Boulevard in Bethlehem.



*District Attorney Terry Houck*

In addition, the district attorney's office operates the county's first full-time drug task force, allowing local police officers to fully dedicate themselves to eradicating illegal drug trafficking within Northampton County. The goal of the task force is to save lives, and the ability of our officers to execute more comprehensive investigations allows us to ultimately remove drug dealers' resources and help put an end to their illegal operations that plague our community.

**Contact the district attorney's office at (610) 829-6630**

**Northampton County Emergency Management Services** is charged with protecting the county by coordinating and integrating all activities necessary to prevent, prepare for, mitigate against, respond to, and recover from all hazards.

**Emergency Management  
911 Communications**



**DID YOU KNOW?**

- For each day in 2023, 911 dispatch staff are averaging:*
- 343 incoming 911 calls
  - 697 non-emergency calls
  - Making 282 outgoing calls &
  - Creating 774 calls for service
- In 2022, the 911 Communications Center received:*
- 111,367 total 911 calls (wireless / landline)
  - 132,384 total non-emergency calls
  - Made 89,264 outgoing calls
  - Created 270,637 calls for service (police, fire, EMS)

**Home Safety Tips for the Autumn & Winter Seasons**

- Inspect smoke detectors and change batteries
- Keep ALL decorations away from lit candles & flames
- Keep furniture and other items 5 feet away from heat sources
- When decorating DO NOT overload your outlets
- If appropriate, have your chimney inspected



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**PETS EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS KITS FAMILY**



- Pet first aid kit
- Food & water (3-4 day supply recommended)
- Bowls or food dishes
- Extra leash and collar
- Medical records & medications (14-day supply)
- Crate or sturdy carrier
- Blanket(s)
- Toys / bones
- Disposable litter trays/litter & clean-up bags
- Recent photos of your pet(s), in case they get lost

- Food & water (3-day supply PER PERSON recommended)
- Radio (NO AA battery powered)
- Important documents (deed, insurance, bank account, etc.)
- Cash on-hand (power may be out at businesses)
- Medication and/or medical devices
- First aid kit
- Toiletries (toilet tissue, paper, toothbrush, toothpaste, etc.)
- Flashlights and/or battery powered lantern(s)
- Cell phone & charger(s)
- Clothing (prepare based on the season)



CONTACT  
Human Services Building  
2801 Emrick Blvd.,  
Bethlehem, PA 18020  
610-829-4500

## Human Services

Area Agency on Aging (610) 829-4540

Children, Youth & Families (610) 829-4690

Developmental Programs (610) 829-4750

Drug and Alcohol (610) 829-4725

Early Site Intervention (610) 829-4770

Graceland Nursing Home (610) 829-3400

Health Choices (610) 829-4780

Human Resources and Family Services (610) 829-4790

Mental Health (610) 829-4840

Veterans Affairs (610) 829-4875

Do you or a loved one get Medicaid,  
Medical Assistance, or CHIP  
coverage through the state?

As of April 1, 2023, changes to federal law mean that you  
**MUST** renew your coverage every year or risk losing your  
coverage

You will not lose your state health coverage without a chance to complete a renewal or update your information. When you complete your renewal, if you are no longer eligible for Medicaid or CHIP, you will automatically get connected to low- or no-cost health coverage so you can choose another health plan that's right for you.

Take these steps right now to make your renewal easier:

1. Update your contact information with the Department of Human Services. Having the correct address makes it easier to send you timely information in the mail
2. Sign up for email and text alerts so you get important information about your health coverage and your renewal
3. Check your renewal date, then complete your renewal on time so that you do not risk your coverage

You can do all these things online or on the phone:

- Going online to [www.dhs.pa.gov/COMPASS](http://www.dhs.pa.gov/COMPASS)
- Using the free myCOMPASS PA Mobile App
- Contact the County Assistance Office (CAO) 201 Larry Holmes Dr, Easton, PA 18042 | Phone: (610) 250-1700

# Area Agency on Aging

Northampton County Area Agency on Aging provides services to maintain and enhance the independence of older adults. These include Advocacy, Care Management, Caregiver Support, Senior Centers, and Older Adult Protective Services. For information or to request information, call 610-829-4800 or visit [www.northamptoncounty.org/HS/Aging](http://www.northamptoncounty.org/HS/Aging).

To report suspected elder abuse, please call the 24-hour hotline at 1-800-490-8505. Reporters may remain anonymous and have legal protection from retaliation, discrimination, and civil or criminal prosecution.

PA Child Abuse Hotline  
1 (800) 932-0313

## Children, Youth and Families

The Children, Youth and Families (CYF) division is responsible for planning and providing State mandated social services to dependent and abused children and youth in Northampton County. These services include activities designed to prevent neglect, abuse, and exploitation and help overcome problems that result in dependency and abuse; provide services to families in their own homes that protect children from continued harm; provide temporary, substitute care in foster family homes or residential (24 hours) child care facilities for any child in need of such care; reunite children and their families if children are placed in temporary substitute care; provide a permanent, legally assured family for any child in temporary, substitute care who cannot be returned to his/her home; and provide court ordered care or supervision to alleged or adjudicated dependent or abused children.

## Developmental Programs

The Northampton County Office of Developmental Programs, in cooperation with Pennsylvania's Office of Developmental Programs, coordinates service to county residents of all ages with intellectual disabilities. Developmental Programs services include Residential Services (Community Homes and Family Living Homes), Day habilitation, Employment Supports (Supported Employment, Transitional Work Services, and Prevocational Services), Home and Community Habilitation, Respite, Companion Services, and Family Driven/Family Support Services. Residents must meet eligibility requirements to participate. Services are voluntary and those determined eligible have choice of service providers.

*If you or a loved one is in need of services, you can reach out to 610-829-HELP*

## Drug and Alcohol

As part of the Fake is Real campaign, the Northampton County Drug and Alcohol Division will offer H.O.P.E. Training (Heroin & Opioid Prevention Education + Naloxone Training).

Participants will learn about the different types of opioids, identify signs and symptoms of opioid abuse and overdose, know how to safely store and dispose of prescription medications, and identify community resources for people facing addiction. Participants also learn how to administer Narcan, a life-saving medication that can reverse an opioid overdose.

*Available trainings:*

- 10/04/23 at 10am at the Northampton County DHS Building.
- 11/21/23 at 10am at the Northampton County DHS Building.
- 10/11/23 at 1:30pm in the training room at the Courthouse.
- 11/06/23 at 1:30pm in the training room at the Courthouse.

Anyone interested in the training should contact Gretchen Hill: [ghill@norcopa.gov](mailto:ghill@norcopa.gov)

Since January 2023, 209 county employees and community members have participated in H.O.P.E. Training.

# Early Intervention Program

Northampton County's Early Intervention Program services are designed to meet the developmental needs of children from birth to three years old with a disability or developmental delay, as well as the family's needs related to enhancing the child's development. The program is at no cost to families and is designed as a family-centered approach. While all children grow and change at their own rate, some children can experience delays in their development. Northampton County Early Intervention is here to assist with any concerns that you might have regarding your child's development.

If you have concerns with your child's development, please feel free to call and make a referral to Northampton County's Early Intervention program at (610) 829-4800

## Mental Health

Northampton County Mental Health's mission is to provide a full range of treatment, rehabilitation, and support services that aid the recovery vision by promoting hope for the future, self-determination and choice, as well as active successful participation in the community. To improve community tenure and quality of life, and promote recovery and consumer choice in the least restrictive settings.

Northampton County Mental Health obtained a grant from the Office of Mental Health and Substance Abuse Services (OMHSAS) to strengthen communication and services throughout the County's emergency services behavioral health delivery system. "The Department of Human Services, OMHSAS, is invested in building a responsive, integrated and recovery-focused behavioral health crisis system." The purpose of this cross-agency work is to ensure critical partners are involved in the planning and implementation of behavioral health crisis services. These groups include 911 and 988 call centers, local Police, Fire, and EMS departments, Behavioral Health Emergency Services, hospital EDs, Northampton County Mental Health and Drug & Alcohol divisions, and peer/family advocacy groups. Our systems will work together to create a robust system of communication, connection, data collection and response.

*\*If you or a loved one are in need of mental health services, please dial 988 or 610-829-4801 to be connected with someone who can help.*

## Veterans Affairs

**Northampton County Veterans Affairs Office**  
**610-829-4875**

The Office of Veterans Affairs has U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) accredited Veteran Service Officers who directly assist veterans, their families, and survivors in obtaining the federal, state, and county benefits for which they are eligible as a consequence of military service. We counsel and assist in preparing and submitting claims and applications for benefits such as service-connected disabilities, pensions and gratuities, emergency financial assistance, tax relief, education, and burials and memorials.

We act as their representative before the VA. Our office monitors the progress of claims through adjudication and intercedes if problems arise, with the ultimate goal of awarding benefits to the veteran and their family. We coordinate with and assist government agencies and non-governmental organizations in providing outreach and services to veterans.

We attend senior expos, job fairs, and other community events as outreach. In addition, we provide seminars and information sessions at senior centers, nursing homes, veteran service organizations, military organizations, and community organizations. The office participates in Memorial Day, Veteran's Day, and other military and patriotic activities. Our office provides American flags and memorial markers to organizations charged with placing them on veterans graves at cemeteries county-wide.



## Parks and Recreation

Northampton County Livable Landscapes Grants awarded twelve projects totaling \$1,090,686.00 in May 2023. Projects included municipal park development, pickleball court conversions, playground rehabilitation, stormwater management, streambank restoration, trailhead acquisition, conservation easements, and park, recreation, open space, and greenway plans. The grant projects were consistent with the goals and recommendations of the Livable Landscapes - An Open Space Plan for Northampton County and other local, regional, and statewide plans. Since 2006, Northampton County has invested over \$19 million in Livable Landscapes Grant Awards for land conservation, ecological restoration, municipal park development and rehabilitation of regional trails, and parks, recreation, open space plans.

Habitat improvements, such as the installation of over 120 nesting structures for barred owls, bluebirds, purple martins, osprey and wood ducks continue. Training is provided to volunteers to monitor these structures throughout the nesting season, the results of which are submitted to several national bird monitoring databases at the end of each year. We welcomed over 150 volunteers throughout the year with assistance in our projects. The PA Youth Corp and Junior Conservation School assisted in projects over the summer. Wildlands Conservancy continues to offer free programming through our partnership and we've continued environmental education programs with local High School students and research with local Colleges & Universities.

Northampton County Parks & Recreation improves lands for recreation, fishing, hunting, hiking, and boating opportunities and environmental education programs. Multiple improvements at Louise W. Moore County Park include a new windmill, pollinator gardens, six pickleball courts, and refurbished tennis courts. New ADA restrooms, walkways, picnic grove, seating, and native plantings were completed at Minsi Lake County Park. A new trailhead was added at Hexenkopf Preserve. Planning and design will begin for the eastern expansion of the Nor. Bath Trail, the development of Wayne A. Gr. and rehab of the Gerald Seyfried Bear Swamp & Archery Complex. Since 2019, 339.64 acres and three preserves have been added, now totaling 22 parks within 2,360.19 acres of the Wildlands.



NORTHAMPTON COUNTY PARKS  
PA Fish & Boat Commission

## MINSI LAKE PARK

West Shore Entrance

Lament G. McClure  
COUNTY EXECUTIVE

## DEPARTMENT DIVISIONS

### Parks, Recreation & Trails

Maintains, manages, improves and helps to develop the County's 2,300-acre park system, as well as grounds maintenance at Gracedale Nursing Home, Department of Human Services Complex and the County Government Center.

### Bridges

Performs annual inspections, routine maintenance as well as managing major reconstruction projects of the 119 County-owned bridges.

### MS4

The County holds a NPDES MS4 Individual Permit & manages an MS4 Program outlining how the County will comply with permit requirements. The Program addresses education, awareness, and involvement in relation to stormwater runoff, municipal stormwater systems, and the prevention of pollution from entering storm drains. The Program is reviewed annually and updated as needed.

### Custodial Services

Provides housekeeping and janitorial services, and weekend/after hours building security personnel for County facilities.

### Operations & Maintenance

Carries out minor improvements, preventative maintenance and repair of County buildings and equipment, including electrical, mechanical, plumbing, heating, ventilating, and air conditioning systems as well as carpentry and masonry repairs.

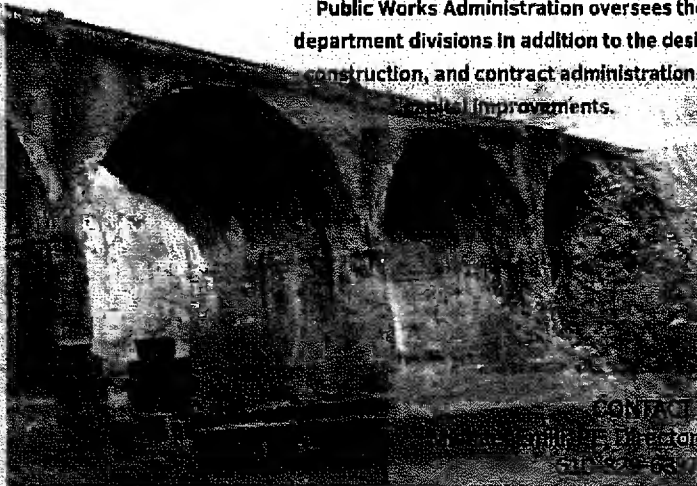
### Environmental Services

Assists municipalities and recycling agencies with implementation of special waste and recycling programs, education, obtaining grant funding, and environmental data management.

## Public Works

The Department of Public Works provides the necessary infrastructure to support the County's core services, while committing to provide the highest levels of service.

Public Works Administration oversees the department divisions in addition to the design, construction, and contract administration of capital improvements.



## ELECTRONICS RECYCLING

**COLLECTION EVENTS:** To maintain safety and overall manageability, the County is assisting municipalities in sponsoring their own residential collection events.

**PERMANENT DROP-OFF LOCATIONS:** Please see the County's Electronics Recycling webpage to learn more about local recycling programs and locations.

Please note: Residents are responsible for disposal fees associated with some electronics.

## HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE

Residential collection events are scheduled every year in the fall. Online pre-registration is required for every event. The event registration link, along with step-by-step signup instructions, will be available on the County's Household Hazardous Waste webpage for 2024.

## DOCUMENT SHREDDING EVENT

The County provides two shredding events per year to assist residents with safe and secure recycling of personal documents such as financial statements, medical records tax forms and records. Once event dates are confirmed they will be published on the County's website, social media and announced through press releases.

## RECYCLING AND DISPOSAL GUIDE

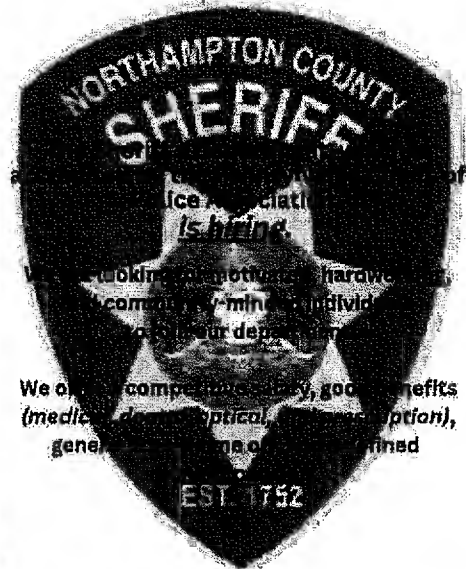
Unsure how to properly dispose of your unwanted items? The County has an all-inclusive A to Z Recycling & Disposal Guide available at your fingertips that offers instructions, locations and options on safe disposal. Learn more at [NorthamptonCounty.org](http://NorthamptonCounty.org), "Recycling A-Z"

## Sheriff's Department

Residents throughout the Commonwealth have reported receiving phone calls from individuals identifying themselves as local deputy sheriffs who inform the recipient that a warrant has been issued for their arrest for missing a court appearance, missing jury duty, failure to pay a fine, etc.

The caller then makes an offer to not arrest them provided that they wire money, purchase gift cards, or request a credit card payment. No law enforcement agency will request payment in lieu of arrest.

If you become the victim of fraud, please report it to your local police department and the PA Attorney General's Office at their Bureau of Consumer Protection: [scams@attorneygeneral.gov](mailto:scams@attorneygeneral.gov)



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## Weights and Measures



### WHAT IS WEIGHTS & MEASURES?

Our department ensures that the consumer is protected when making a purchase at a supermarket, gas station, delicatessen, or any other retail establishment. On average, the department completes 7,500 inspections yearly. The department verifies that these transactions are fair by inspecting the instruments used to measure what is being sold are accurate and correct.

Why is Weights & Measures so vital for the community?

As a consumer, if you pay for a gallon of gas for your car, you expect to get a gallon of gas in the tank. Not more, not less. Weights & Measures ensures the safety of the dollar being spent. The pump needs to accurately and correctly reflect the flow of fuel. The department thrives on making sure the residents of Northampton County are being represented by enforcing and protecting where your money is being spent.

Who works there?

Our employees are called County Sealers. The County Sealer checks all weighing, measuring, and timing devices used in sales within the County of Northampton. The next time you're at the grocery store or getting gasoline at a service station. Look for the County Weights & Measure's annual seal. They should be affixed to the scales in the grocery store and to the gas pumps at the service station.

### Complaints?

If a customer should ever have a complaint about a testing device visit our website at [www.northamptoncounty.org](http://www.northamptoncounty.org) and search "Weights & Measures".

In Pennsylvania, weights and measures are governed by Act #155 of 1996, Pennsylvania Title 70 and NIST Handbooks-44, 133 and 130.

# Northampton County Contact Directory

Assessment Office .....	(610) 829-6155
Clerk of Judicial Records	
• Criminal Division .....	(610) 829-6453
• Civil Division (Prothonotary) .....	(610) 829-6457
Community and Economic Development .....	(610) 829-6306
Conservation District .....	(610) 829-6276
Controller .....	(610) 829-6615
Coroner .....	(610) 829-3940
Corrections .....	(610) 829-7400
County Administration .....	(610) 829-6244
County Council .....	(610) 829-6596
Court Administration .....	(610) 829-6700
• Adult Probation .....	(610) 829-6800
• Custody Office .....	(610) 829-6960
• Domestic Relations .....	(610) 829-7700
• DUI Program .....	(610) 829-6810
• Jury Clerk .....	(610) 829-6730
• Juvenile Justice Center .....	(610) 829-6850
• Juvenile Probation .....	(610) 829-6880
• Law Library .....	(610) 829-6751
• Pretrial Services .....	(610) 829-6830
Court Services .....	(610) 829-6244
District Attorney .....	(610) 829-6630
Elections Office .....	(610) 829-6260
Farmland Preservation .....	(610) 829-6287
Fiscal Affairs .....	(610) 829-6134
Geographic Information Systems .....	(610) 829-6205
Gracedale Nursing Home .....	(610) 829-3400
Human Resources .....	(610) 829-6366
Human Services .....	(610) 829-4500
• Area Agency on Aging .....	(610) 829-4540
• Children, Youth, and Families .....	(610) 829-4690
• Developmental Programs .....	(610) 829-4750
• Drug and Alcohol .....	(610) 829-4725
• Early Intervention .....	(610) 829-4770
• Health Choices .....	(610) 829-4780
• Information, Referral and Emergency Services .....	(610) 829-4800
• Mental Health .....	(610) 829-4840
Parks and Recreation .....	(610) 829-6400
Procurement .....	(610) 829-7477
Public Defender .....	(610) 829-6384
Public Works .....	(610) 829-6397
Recorder of Deeds .....	(610) 829-6210
Register of Wills .....	(610) 829-6488
Revenue Office .....	(610) 829-6186
Sheriff's Department .....	(610) 829-6501
Solicitor's Office .....	(610) 829-6350
Veterans Affairs .....	(610) 829-4875
Weights and Measures .....	(610) 829-3920



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FALL 2023 NEWSLETTER



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# **EXHIBIT C**

**PENNSYLVANIA OPIOID  
MISUSE AND ADDICTION ABATEMENT TRUST (“TRUST”)**

**Notification of Approval and/or Additional Information Required  
Regarding Current Remediation Programs as Determined  
by the Board of Trustees of the Trust on August 22, 2024**

Name of County/Litigating Subdivision<sup>1</sup>: Northampton County

Name of County/Litigating Subdivision contact: Kathleen Jiorle

Number of current remediation programs submitted: 7

Number of future plans submitted: 1

**I. Expenditure of Trust Funds and Relevant Due Dates:**

Trust records indicate that Northampton County received funds from the Opioid Trust in the amounts, and according to the schedule listed below. Pursuant to Section V.D.10 of the Trust Order, all funds received by Northampton County must be spent within 18 months of receipt. Unless an extension was requested (see below), the relevant deadlines for the expenditure of Trust funds are outlined in the table below.

To the extent any program(s) submitted for approval by Northampton County was(were) withdrawn or deemed non-compliant with Exhibit E by the Board of Trustees, Trust Funds spent/committed on that program must be repurposed for other existing or new programs compliant with Exhibit E and are included in the amounts listed in the applicable table(s) below.<sup>2</sup>

<b>Date of Distribution:</b>	<b>Amount:</b>	<b>Deadline for Expenditure:</b>
August 31, 2022	\$479,792.82	February 29, 2024
December 30, 2022	\$820,525.92	June 30, 2024
December 15, 2023	\$845,613.56	June 15, 2025

Based on its March 15, 2024 report, the Trust understand that, as of December 31, 2023, Northampton County has spent and/or committed \$0.00 to opioid remediation programs it believed to be compliant with Exhibit E.

It has been noted that Northampton County has not requested an extension of the deadlines listed above. Should Northampton County choose to request an extension, they may do so by sending a written request of extension indicating which payments they would like an extension on via email to the Opioid Trust Administrator at Administrator@paopioidtrust.org. Pursuant to a resolution of the Board of Trustees approved September 7, 2023, all such requests for extensions regarding Payment Nos. 1 and 2 were automatically granted. If Northampton County requests an extension, Trust funds must be spent in the amounts and according to the below schedule. Failure to spend funds in accordance with the relevant deadlines could result in the Trust withholding future distributions.

<sup>1</sup> Unless not defined therein, capitalized terms herein are as defined in the July 12, 2022 Order of the Commonwealth Court of Pennsylvania creating the Trust, or as used in the Reporting Tool used for submission of the report addressed in this document.

<sup>2</sup> See Section III below and any prior Notification(s) of Approval and/or Additional Information Required for programs deemed non-compliant.

<b>Date of Distribution:</b>	<b>Amount Remaining:</b>	<b>Deadline for Expenditure:</b>
August 31, 2022	\$479,792.82	August 31, 2024
December 30, 2022	\$1,300,318.74	December 30, 2024

**II. Current Remediation Programs Approved by the Trust on August 22, 2024:**

Congratulations! The following current remediation programs, which appear to be compliant with Exhibit E, were approved by the Trust's Board of Trustees at a public meeting on August 22, 2024 (in addition to any programs previously approved):

<b>Remediation program #</b>	<b>Remediation program name</b>	<b>Funds spent on this program</b>	<b>Funds committed to this program</b>
#1	County Newsletter	\$4,180.00	\$0.00
#2	Impaired Stimulation Kits	\$6,509.00	\$0.00

**III. Current Remediation Programs that are Non-Compliant on August 22, 2024:**

(none)

**IV. Current Remediation Programs Still Under Consideration by the Trust:**

(none)

**V. Future plans:**

The Trust cannot approve future plans unless/until they become current remediation programs in a future report to the Trust. However, consistent with the Trust's desire to provide as much guidance as possible in advance of spending opioid settlement funds, the Board of Trustees has reviewed any future plans identified in the report that is the subject of this notification. The Trust is not requesting any additional information related to future programs at this time; this is simply to inform you that additional detail regarding future programs would be necessary to determine the program's compliance with Exhibit E, if/when funds are spent on or committed to these programs. Please note that this guidance is advisory in nature and does not necessarily reflect any future decision that may be rendered by the Trust's Board of Trustees.

# **EXHIBIT D**

## Complaint Submission

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From noreply@paopioidtrust.org <noreply@paopioidtrust.org>  
Date Tue 9/10/2024 12:01 PM  
To Opioid Trust Administrator <Administrator@paopioidtrust.org>

DisputeResolutionRequestForm2ID: 3

Form inserted: 9/10/2024 12:00:10 PM

Form updated: 9/10/2024 12:00:10 PM

HeadlineInputParticipatingSubdivisionInformation:

Participating Subdivision: Northampton County

Contact Name: Kathleen Jiorle

Contact Title: SCA Administrator

Contact Email: kjiorle@norcopa.gov

Contact Phone Number: (610) 829-4720

HeadlineInputComponent\_1ComplaintInformation:

Action Date: 08/22/2024

Complaint: The County of Northampton is appealing the Trust's decision only to approve funding \$4,180 of the 2023 County Newsletter. The Trust's lack of a transparent approval process is both illogical and unjust towards Counties. Our D&A team was never instructed to ask for approval before initiating new projects and was told that marketing campaigns only needed to fall in Exhibit E. This directive places an unreasonable burden on every County, impeding our ability to effectively carry out marketing campaigns aimed at preventing opioid misuse if the Trust will ultimately deny our programs. The County's annual newsletter plays a critical role in allowing us to communicate with the wider public about the services we provide. It also allows us to educate the public about the misuse of opioids through our Fake is Real Campaign.

Complaint File Upload:

Supporting Documentation File Upload:

Supporting Documentation Continued File Upload:

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HeadlineInputComponent:

Program Number: 1

Reporting Date: 03/15/2024

Complaint Rationale: We appeal the Trust's decision because the County Newsletter complies with Exhibit E. The newsletter is strategically beneficial in our efforts to combat the opioid crisis. Investing opioid settlement funds in our newsletter is a strategic move that directly supports the County's prevention efforts. Our newsletter reaches over 54,000 households in Northampton County, with the Fake is Real campaign prominently featured on the front and back covers. It plays a critical role in educating the community about the dangers of opioids and the resources available to fight addiction. Our newsletter actively connects residents with essential services and support from our Department of Human Services, which addresses addiction and related mental health issues. The newsletter features various county departments and their services. It does not matter if a resident contacts one division within our Human Services Department. We have a holistic approach to caring for our residents. Each division will ensure that residents are connected to the appropriate divisions and know where to find help, including counseling, treatment options, and community programs to prevent substance abuse. Utilizing opioid settlement funds for the newsletter aligns with the purpose of the settlement. We are able to mitigate the harms caused by opioid manufacturers and distributors, including funding initiatives to address addiction, support recovery, and prevent future misuse. Investing in communication channels enhances transparency and accountability in allocating these funds, ensuring they directly benefit those affected by the opioid crisis.

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# **EXHIBIT E**

# **Appeal Northampton County Newsletter**

**Page by Page Justification**

**Rational for  
Reimbursement**





“By **engaging with residents** and understanding their unique perspectives and experiences, local governments can better target their efforts and develop programs that are effective, culturally relevant and financially feasible. There are multiple low cost, high impact abatement strategies that could be implemented or expanded using opioid settlement funds, and local governments can engage local stakeholders to ensure funding decisions address the needs of people with substance use disorders.”

—NACO, Opioid Settlement Brief

## Prevention

Prevention strategies can reduce the impact of substance use in communities. Prevention activities work to educate and support individuals and communities to prevent the use of drugs and the development of substance use disorders.

**Mass prevention communications come in many different forms, such as flyers, websites, billboards and mass media campaigns. They can be a powerful tool for spreading substance use prevention messaging.**

## Northampton County Statistics from 5/2023-9/2024

Attended 32 events

Held 33 Narcan trainings-  
trained 472 individuals

211 individuals requested items  
through our website due to  
mailers they received.

**4,629 boxes of Narcan**

**529 Deterra pouches**

**114 Lockboxes**

**5/1/2023 to 7/31/2023**

- **367 Sessions**
- **38 seconds on the site**

**8/1/2023 to 10/31/2023**

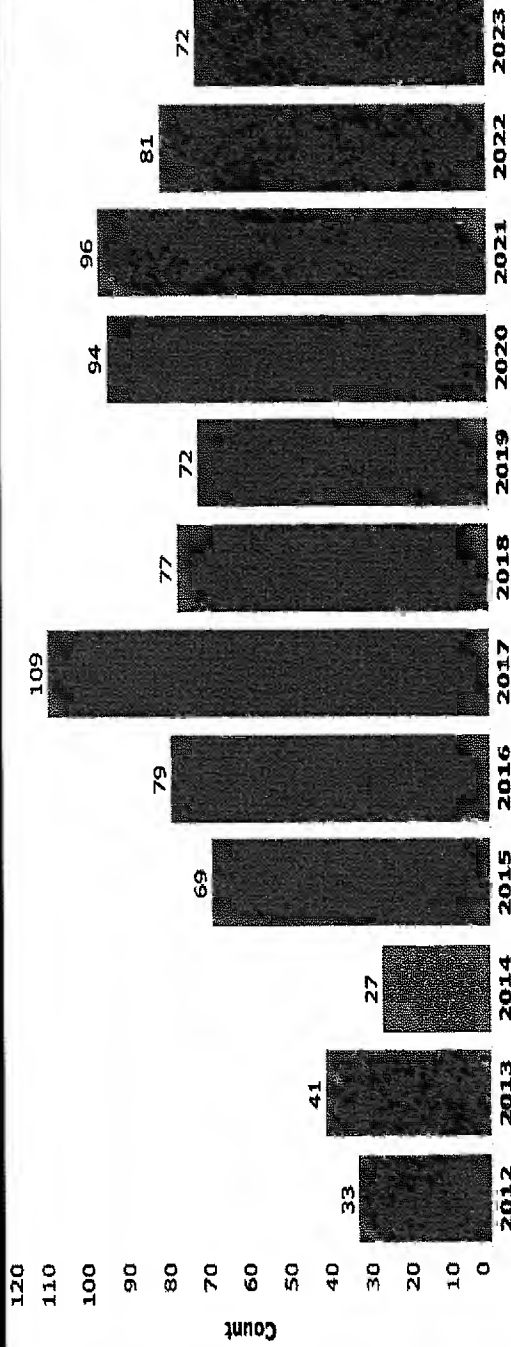
- **630 Sessions**
- **53 seconds on the site**

**11/1/2023 to 1/31/2024**

- **2,285 Sessions**
- **22 seconds on the site**

# Overdoses in Northampton County

Drug Overdose Deaths Among  
Northampton County Residents by Year, 2012-2023\*



Counts between 1 and 5 are suppressed.

\*2023 death data is preliminary, based on death record data as of August 2024. Please note that finalized death records for overdose deaths are often delayed by 3-6 months and counts may increase. Counts do not include suicides or homicides where someone intended to harm another person by poisoning.

# INTRODUCTION

County Government is the Least Known Level of Government

Serve people in their final stages of life or at their lowest points in life.

## **Why this Method**

Increase engagement to the homes of the residents of Northampton County and explain all the services the county offers. 90 % of core county services provided by the county have been impacted by this crisis

## **Direct to the Home**

This news letter highlights county core functions which almost all aid in the opioid crisis and is a direct touch into the homes of the county residents. Unlike billboards which are regularly approved for marketing these informative pamphlets went directly to the residents of the county as we only mailed them to county addresses.



STATS

## **Our Stand Alone Website is Getting Results and Was Part of this Campaign**

### **"Our website and stand alone site"**

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The stand alone FakeisReal.org website and the Northampton County website which references the services and core county functions was mentioned in the newsletter 4 times.

### **"We are getting results that are making an impact"**

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- Digital Marketing
- Stand Alone Website
- Drive traffic Digitally

### **"We also notice"**

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The Newsletter gets to those non-digital people and gives them the tools to call or log on.

## **Page by Page**

Let's review the pamphlet sent to determine our thought and justification for each page.



# **The Following Slides Will Justify the Rationale for Payment from Settlement Funds**

All information presented was to provide more engagement with Northampton County Officials so that services could be provided on a more proactive basis.

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## Justification

- Introduction from the County's Chief Elected Official.
- Fake is Real Ad (Campaign Approved by the administrators previously) featured prominently.

# Northampton County PENNSYLVANIA

Fall 2023 Newsletter



## LETTER FROM COUNTY EXECUTIVE LAMONT G. MCCLURE

Dear Residents,

Thank you for taking the time to read Northampton County's 2023 newsletter.

Counties deliver vital services to residents every day in urban, suburban, and rural areas, and my goal is for you to become familiar with the resources available to you in Northampton County.

The County is responsible for providing social services to residents from infancy to old age, holding elections, facilitating court divisions and operations, caring for residents at Gracedale Nursing Home, farmland preservation, and operating the 911 emergency management system, among many other programs.

During my years as a member of Council and now as your County Executive, I have listened to your concerns and taken action on the issues you care about, including fighting against warehouse proliferation, preserving over 3,000 acres of open space and environmentally sensitive land, keeping Gracedale Nursing Home in the hands of the County, and bettering the air quality for future generations. Another priority for our residents is keeping the county green. I am proud that by the end of my second term, I will have committed \$25 million in County dollars to the preservation of farmland, open space, and environmentally sensitive land, which is the best way to fight the nonstop warehouse proliferation. This year, we celebrated the preservation of our 250th farm and reaching the milestone of over 19,000 acres preserved in the County.

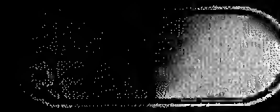
Work still needs to be done. I will prioritize improving the conditions of affordable workforce housing and ensuring that every county resident has sufficient broadband access. Finally, continuing to fight the fentanyl epidemic with the millions of dollars the County received from settlements with opioid manufacturers.

To explore career opportunities within our County, visit [www.governmentjobs.com/careers/northamptoncounty](http://www.governmentjobs.com/careers/northamptoncounty)

Lastly, don't forget to exercise your right to vote on November 7, 2023. Call the County Election office or visit [Northamptonvotes.com](http://Northamptonvotes.com) for information on polling locations.

Thank you for taking the time to enjoy our newsletter. Northampton County is looking forward to another year of serving our residents. For more information on our programs, I encourage you to visit our website at [www.northamptoncounty.org](http://www.northamptoncounty.org) and follow the County on our social media platforms.

Sincerely,  
Lamont G. McClure, Northampton County Executive



FakelsReaLorg

**FAKE PILLS.**  
**YOU'LL ONLY BE DEAD**  
**WRONG ONCE.**



# Northampton County COUNCIL



Pictured: Top Row: John A. Brown, John Cusick, Thomas A. Giovanni, John P. Goffredo, Vice President Ronald R. Heckman.  
Second Row: Lori Vargo Heffner, Kevin Lott, President Kerry L. Myers, Tara M. Zrinski.

Northampton County is governed by a board of nine County Council members elected every four years by the voters. Council organizes the first Monday of each year when the members elect one of their own to serve as President and one to serve as Vice President. The Council is permitted to adopt resolutions and ordinances to carry out and regulate the affairs of the county, including rules and regulations regarding the use of county property. All phases of financial administration, except the final audit, also rest with Council. Council is responsible for adopting a budget each calendar year. The budget includes setting real estate tax rates and fees to raise the funds necessary to meet the needs of the County budget.

Northampton County Council meets on the first and third Thursday of every month at 6:30 p.m. in the meeting room on the third floor of the Government Center. Council holds regular Committee meetings on the first and third Thursday along with the third Wednesday of every month, with additional Budget hearings scheduled through October and November each year. Committees include Economic Development; Energy, Environment and Land Use; Capital Projects and Operations; Governance; Personnel; Finance; Human Services; and Courts and Corrections. Committee Chairs are appointed each January.

Every Northampton County Council or Committee Meeting begins with Courtesy of the floor, where public citizens are permitted five minutes time to address Council with their concerns.

All Council and Committee meetings are streamed live on the County's YouTube, which is linked on County Council's website: [www.northamptoncounty.org/COUNCIL](http://www.northamptoncounty.org/COUNCIL)

## 2

### Justification

- Primary Voting Body of Northampton County
- Through the legislative process, citizens bi-monthly can address their county government about services provided.
- 90% of those services address this crisis directly.
- "An informed citizenry is at the heart of a dynamic democracy."

-Thomas Jefferson

# 3

## Justification

- Civil Engagement such as voting makes for a well-balanced and adjusted citizenry.
- While this is not directly related to treatment or bringing public awareness this information promotes engagement with the body of government providing these services.



### REQUEST A MAIL-IN BALLOT

- Request a mail-in ballot online at [Vote.pa.gov/ApplyMailBallot](http://Vote.pa.gov/ApplyMailBallot) or call to request a paper application.
- The deadline to request a mail-in ballot is October 31, 2023, but please request your ballot as early as possible. Apply today!
- Ballots will be mailed in early to mid-October. Check [NorthamptonVotes.com](http://NorthamptonVotes.com) for an upcoming date announcement.
- Return your ballot by mail, at an official drop box, or in-person at the Elections Office.
- Ballots must be received no later than 8pm on Election Day. Postmarks DO NOT count.
- Changed your mind? To vote in-person on election day, surrender your entire ballot package at your polling place on Election Day. You will then be able to vote in person.

### SAFE, EASY & SECURE

### CONTACT

Christopher M. Communi, Registrar  
669 Washington St (Lower Level)  
Easton, PA 18042  
(610) 829-6260  
[elections@narcopa.gov](mailto:elections@narcopa.gov)

## NORTHAMPTON COUNTY

# ELECTION DAY NOVEMBER 7 2023

POLLS ARE OPEN FROM 7AM - 8PM

### REGISTER TO VOTE

- **Registration Deadline: October 23, 2023**  
Register online at [Vote.pa.gov](http://Vote.pa.gov) or call and request a paper application or register in person at the Elections office.

### EARLY VOTING STARTS EARLY OCTOBER

- If you have NOT applied for a mail-in/absentee ballot, you are eligible for Early On Demand Voting in the Northampton County Elections Office (669 Washington St., Easton, PA) on the Lower Level. Early voting will be available in early to mid-October once ballots are available. Visit [NorthamptonVotes.com](http://NorthamptonVotes.com) for updates when Early Voting becomes available.

### FIND YOUR POLLING PLACE

- Check your polling location at [Vote.pa.gov/pollingplace](http://Vote.pa.gov/pollingplace).

### DROP BOX LOCATIONS & HOURS

- **Northampton County Government Center**  
669 Washington St, Easton, PA 18042  
M-F 8:30am - 8pm
- **Bethlehem City Hall**  
10 E Church St, Bethlehem, PA 18018  
M-F 8am - 4pm  
Election Day only from 8am - 8pm
- **Northampton County Human Services Building**  
2801 Emrick Blvd, Bethlehem, PA 18020  
M-F 8:30am - 7pm
- **Northampton County 911 Center**  
100 Gracedale Ave, Nazareth, PA 18064  
M-F 8:30am - 8pm

The Northampton County Farmland Preservation Program began in 1991. The program places agricultural easements on properties to protect them from further development and ensures agriculture will continue as a future land use in perpetuity in exchange for monetary compensation to the landowner.

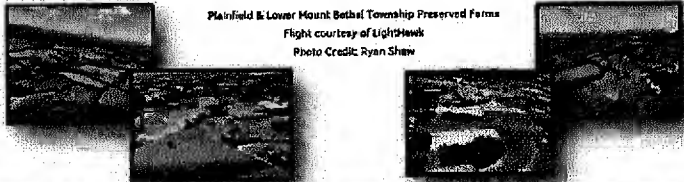
As of September 15, 2023, Northampton County has preserved 252 farms encompassing 19,098.20 acres. There are currently twenty-three farms in the process of preservation, totaling approximately 1,041 additional acres. All farms preserved are subject to inspection. In 2023, we conducted 151 formal inspections, including nine federal easement inspections.

Applications for the 2024 Farmland Preservation program will be sent out on November 1, 2023. If you are interested in preserving your farm/property and have questions, please contact our office for more information: 610-829-6287, or go to [www.northamptoncounty.org](http://www.northamptoncounty.org) and search "Farmland Preservation."

## Farmland Preservation

Northampton County Farmland Preservation will also administer the Agriculture Conservation Assistance Program (ACAP) grant. This grant will provide cost-share funding assistance to assist farmers and landowners in the design and installation of agricultural BMP's (Best Management Practices) that reduce or prevent nutrient and sediment losses from their farms with the goal to improve water quality and soil health across the county.

For more information on the ACAP program, please contact our office: 610-829-6287, or go to [www.northamptoncounty.org](http://www.northamptoncounty.org) and search "Farmland Preservation" and click on the ACAP tab.



Plainfield & Lower Mount Bethel Township Preserved Farms  
 Flight courtesy of LightHawk  
 Photo Credit: Ryan Shaw

## Fiscal Affairs

The Department of Fiscal Affairs is responsible for administering and enforcing the provisions of the local, state and federal laws of the County, including the issues of Licenses, Gaming, Tobacco, Firearms, Alcohol, and Games of Opportunity Licenses.

In addition, the Department issues the County's bills and fiscal reports to the Board of Supervisors and the Board of Commissioners.

Fiscal Affairs also is responsible for monitoring the County's financial performance, providing information services to the Board of Supervisors and the Board of Commissioners, and ensuring the County's budget is properly executed. The Department also provides the County's financial reports to the Board of Supervisors and the Board of Commissioners.

Assessment	(610) 829-6155
Financial Planning & Control	(610) 829-6158
Geographic Info Services	(610) 829-6205
Procurement	(610) 829-6177
Recorder of Deeds	(610) 829-6210
Revenue	(610) 829-6186

# 4

## Justification

- Quality of life leads to better mental health and better outcomes for people in recovery.
- Quality of life also leads to life choices that would direct people away from the use of drugs including opioids.
- This page highlights farmland preservation which enhances that quality of life.
- The Fiscal Department while primarily charged with collecting revenue and taxes does issue licenses for outdoor activities like fishing and dog licenses which further that promotion of a health outdoor lifestyle and potential recovery.

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## Justification

- Community and Economic Development focus on safe and affordable housing.
- There is also an ad for the County Festival which featured the fake is real campaign.
- This page also promotes training for citizens to learn basic construction which can help people find better jobs. Which can help someone in recovery
- The bottom panel addresses lead in the water supply and helps make sure the housing stock is stable and safe especially for those in recovery.

Community and Economic  
Development

CONTACT  
Human Services Building  
2801 Emrick Blvd., Bethlehem, PA 18020  
1st Floor  
610-829-6306

The Department of Community and Economic Development truly enjoys partnering with our non-profit agencies and municipalities to bring to the public community events, educational opportunities, and collaborations that are community benefits, such as those listed below.

Please feel free to contact any of our team members, and we will be happy to assist you!

- Northampton County Festival
- County Merchant Expos
- County, State and Federal Grants
- Lead Abatement--Training for Contractors
- Meet the Buyers Expo
- First Time Home Buyer Program
- Small Business Training Events in collaboration with various community partners

### NORTHAMPTON COUNTY FESTIVAL



OCTOBER 14, 2023 11AM — 5PM

Louise W. Moore Park  
151 Country Club Road, Easton, PA 18045

**FREE ADMISSION!**

FOOD • LIVE MUSIC • CRAFTERS • AWARDS

@NORTHAMPTONCOUNTYFESTIVAL

### FREE Basic Construction Methods & Operations Training

This is a grant provided by the Northampton County Department of Economic Development. Northampton County will be providing FREE training to enhance the skills of current home construction employees or prepare new employees for employment.

The program will include hands on instruction in basic construction methods and operations, including:

- hand and power tools
- framing and application of insulation
- drywall and wall finishes
- door and window installation
- ladder and scaffolding safety
- building code awareness

Candidates successfully completing the program will earn an OSHA 10-hour Outreach Training for Construction card. All materials will be provided.

The program will be held at the Fowler Family Scouting Center and is free to Northampton County residents. To be notified when the program is open for registration, please email Heather Dwyer at [hwyer@northamptoncountypa.gov](mailto:hwyer@northamptoncountypa.gov). Program is subject to change in the future.

This project was funded by a grant from the Federal Department of Housing, Community Development and Recovery. Please note the administration of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, Department of Community and Economic Development.



### Homeowners Lead Water Supply Line Hazard Replacement

Northampton County is working with local municipal water utilities to check residents' interior water supply lines for lead hazards. Northampton County will check for the presence of lead in any water supply piping or fixture. As a rule, older homes are more likely to have lead service lines and interior plumbing containing lead. Should any lead be detected, we may replace items, including goosenecks, water meters, and plumbing fixtures. All replacement services of plumbing components will be completed by a licensed plumber.

For more information on this program, please call DCED: 610-829-6306

## Conservation District

The Northampton County Conservation District (NCCD) began in 1961 to promote the use of conservation practices to protect soil and water resources in the County. Today, NCCD's main goals are to promote soil conservation, maintain or improve water quality, and promote environmental education that the public can use in their daily lives.



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## Justification

To achieve these goals, the NCCD organizes a variety of programs ranging from administration of erosion and sediment program aimed at preventing sediment from entering our waterways, to providing advice relating to watersheds, to educational workshops and programs (e.g. Envirothon), to agriculture technical guidance, to improving infrastructure with grant programs.

NCCD embraces opportunities to discuss local issues with broader implications for conservation. In May 2023, NCCD and Lehigh County Conservation District presented to the acting DEP Secretary regarding the challenges of warehouse permitting and the impacts they have had. Secretary Negrin was pleased with the discussion and looks forward to implementing permitting plans to help address some of these impacts and concerns.

NCCD administers different grant programs in the county, including the Dirt and Gravel Roads Program (DGLVR). Since 1998, we've allocated almost \$1.8 million to fund 20+ projects county-wide. The aim is to grant funds that provide long-term stormwater management solutions that prevent erosion and pollution from entering our waterways, while promoting sustainable unpaved (or low-volume) roads. Applications for DGLVR are open enrollment, so please contact the District if interested. If interested in any of these programs, please contact us at 610-829-6276 or check out our webpage at [www.northamptoncounty.org](http://www.northamptoncounty.org) and search "Conservation District."

- The highlights of the Conservation District talk about community issues relating to quality of life in Northampton County.
- Leading to sustainable and supportive communities during the crisis.



# 7

## Justification

- Job stability is a staple to recovery and the county has several job opportunities.
- Plus the county has banned the box so any prior drug convictions or other criminal activity does not exclude an individual from applying for a job and obtaining employment from the county.
- The district attorney panel talks about how the office helps victims and engages in community healing through the justice system.

### CAREER OPPORTUNITIES WITH NORTHAMPTON COUNTY

Human Resources

- Deputy Sheriff
- Nursing Staff
- 911 Telecommunicators
- Correctional Officers


Comprehensive Benefits:

- Medical, Rx, Dental & Vision
- Traditional Pension Plan
- Opportunities for Growth

Start a meaningful career serving your neighbors and your community.

**APPLY TODAY!**

[www.governmentjobs.com/careers/northamptoncounty](http://www.governmentjobs.com/careers/northamptoncounty)




### District Attorney

The Office of the District Attorney is responsible for prosecuting all crimes committed within Northampton County, ranging from summary and misdemeanor offenses such as harassment and simple assault, to serious felony offenses such as rape, robbery, and homicide. Prosecutors in the office work closely with state and local police agencies to investigate these crimes and file criminal charges.

The district attorney's office also assists victims throughout the criminal justice process. Our victim advocates guide both victims and secondary victims through any upcoming court dates, trials, and sentencing and provide information on obtaining available services. In June 2022, our Victims Services Unit and Crime Victims Council implemented the county's first Homicide Support Group as an extra form of support for families and friends who have lost a loved one to homicide. This group invites secondary victims to share their stories in a safe environment and to find support from others in the community who have experienced the same trauma. The group meets the first Tuesday of each month from 6 p.m. to 7 p.m. at the county human services building at 2801 Emrick Boulevard in Bethlehem.

In addition, the district attorney's office operates the county's first full-time drug task force, allowing local police officers to fully dedicate themselves to eradicating illegal drug trafficking within Northampton County. The goal of the task force is to save lives, and the ability of our officers to execute more comprehensive investigations allows us to ultimately remove drug dealers' resources and help put an end to their illegal operations that plague our community.

Contact the district attorney's office at (610) 829-6630



District Attorney Terry Mout

**Northampton County Emergency Management Services** is charged with protecting the county by coordinating and integrating all activities necessary to prevent, prepare for, mitigate against, respond to, and recover from all hazards.

**Emergency Management  
911 Communications**



**For each day in 2023, 911 dispatch staff are averaging:**

- 343 incoming 911 calls
- 637 non-emergency calls
- Making 282 outgoing calls
- Creating 774 calls for service

**In 2022, the 911 Communications Center received:**

- 111,567 total 911 calls (wireless / landline)
- 432,384 total non-emergency calls
- Made 89,294 outgoing calls
- Created 270,637 calls for service (police, fire, EMS)

**DID YOU KNOW?**

- Home Safety Tips for the Autumn & Winter Seasons**
- Inspect smoke detectors and change batteries
  - Keep ALL decorations away from lit candles & flames
  - Keep furniture and other items 5 feet away from heat sources
  - When decorating DO NOT overload your outlets
  - If appropriate, have your chimney inspected



CodeRED is a FREE emergency notification service provided to all residents, employees/visitors within Northampton County. Text "NCEM" to 99411 to sign-up or learn more by visiting: [ncem-pa.org](http://ncem-pa.org)

**PETS EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS KITS FAMILY**

<input type="checkbox"/> Pet first aid kit	<input type="checkbox"/> Food & water (3-5 day supply recommended)	<input type="checkbox"/> Radio (NOAA, battery powered)
<input type="checkbox"/> Bowls of food dishes	<input type="checkbox"/> Extra leash and collar	<input type="checkbox"/> Important documents (deed, insurance, bank accounts, etc)
<input type="checkbox"/> Medical records & Medications (14-day supply)	<input type="checkbox"/> Crate or sturdy carrier	<input type="checkbox"/> Cash on-hand (power may be out at businesses)
<input type="checkbox"/> Blankets	<input type="checkbox"/> Blankets	<input type="checkbox"/> Medications and/or Medical devices
<input type="checkbox"/> Toys / bowls	<input type="checkbox"/> Disposable litter trays/liter & clean-up bags	<input type="checkbox"/> First aid kit
<input type="checkbox"/> Recent photos of your pet(s), in case they get lost	<input type="checkbox"/> Flashlights and/or battery powered lanterns	<input type="checkbox"/> Toilet paper, tissues, paper, toothbrush, tooth paste, etc
	<input type="checkbox"/> Cell phone & charger(s)	<input type="checkbox"/> Clothing (prepare based on the season)

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**Justification**

- 911 and Emergency Management have been on the front lines of this crisis.
- This page is to increase engagement to stay safe during an emergency and alert people to what is going on in the community.
- 911 is the first call when an overdose happens and it is always good to remind the citizens about what 911 does.

# 9

## Justification

- Human Service Numbers clearly furthers the aid during a drug crisis
- Alerts about Medicaid, MA and CHIP are all important for a family making recovery decisions.
- This page is more informative than any billboard could ever be.
- This page alone is worth the cost of the pamphlet alone.

CONTACT  
Human Services Building  
2801 Emrick Blvd.,  
Bethlehem, PA 18020  
610-829-4500

Human Services

Area Agency on Aging (610) 829-4540

Children, Youth & Families (610) 829-4690

Developmental Programs (610) 829-4750

Drug and Alcohol (610) 829-4725

Early Intervention (610) 829-4770

Gracedale Nursing Home (610) 829-5400

Health Choices (610) 829-4780

Information, Referral and Emergency Services (610) 829-4300

Mental Health (610) 829-4840

Veterans Affairs (610) 829-4875

Do you or a loved one get Medicaid,  
Medical Assistance, or CHIP  
coverage through the state?

As of April 1, 2023, changes to federal law mean that you **MUST** renew your coverage every year or risk losing your coverage.

You will not lose your state health coverage without a chance to complete a renewal or update your information. When you complete your renewal, if you are no longer eligible for Medicaid or CHIP, you will automatically get connected to low- or no-cost health coverage so you can choose another health plan that's right for you.

Take these steps right now to make your renewal easier:

1. Update your contact information with the Department of Human Services. Having the correct address makes it easier to send you timely information in the mail.
2. Sign up for email and text alerts so you get important information about your health coverage and your renewal.
3. Check your renewal date, then complete your renewal on time so that you do not risk your coverage.

You can do all these things online or on the phone:

- Going online to [www.dhs.pa.gov/COMPASS](http://www.dhs.pa.gov/COMPASS)
- Using the free myCOMPASS PA Mobile App
- Contact the County Assistance Office (CAO) 201 Larry Holmes Dr., Easton, PA 18042 | Phone: (610) 259-1788



## Area Agency on Aging

Northampton County Area Agency on Aging provides services to maintain and enhance the independence of older adults. These include Advocacy, Care Management, Caregiver Support, Senior Centers, and Older Adult Protective Services. For information or to request information, call 610-829-4800 or visit [www.northamptoncounty.org/HS/Aging](http://www.northamptoncounty.org/HS/Aging).

To report suspected elder abuse, please call the 24-hour hotline at 1-800-490-8506. Reporters may remain anonymous and have legal protection from retaliation, discrimination, and civil or criminal prosecution.

PA Child Abuse Hotline  
1 (800) 932-0313

## Children, Youth and Families

The Children, Youth and Families (CYF) division is responsible for planning and providing State mandated social services to dependent and abused children and youth in Northampton County. These services include activities designed to prevent neglect, abuse, and exploitation and help overcome problems that result in dependency and abuse, provide services to families in their own homes that protect children from continued harm, provide temporary, substitute care in foster family homes or residential (24 hours) child care facilities for any child in need of such care; reunite children and their families if children are placed in temporary substitute care; provide a permanent, legally assured family for any child in temporary, substitute care who cannot be returned to his/her home; and provide court ordered care or supervision to alleged or adjudicated dependent or abused children.

## Developmental Programs

The Northampton County Office of Developmental Programs, in cooperation with Pennsylvania's Office of Developmental Programs, coordinates service to county residents of all ages with intellectual disabilities. Developmental Programs services include Residential Services (Community Homes and Family Living Homes), Day habilitation, Employment Supports (Supported Employment, Transitional Work Services, and Prevocational Services), Home and Community Habilitation, Respite, Companion Services, and Family Driven/Family Support Services. Residents must meet eligibility requirements to participate. Services are voluntary and those determined eligible have choice of service providers.

If you or a loved one is in need of services, you can reach out to 610-829-HELP

## Drug and Alcohol

As part of the Peak is Real campaign, the Northampton County Drug and Alcohol Division will offer H.O.P.E. Training (Heroin & Opioid Prevention Education - Naloxone Training)

Participants will learn about the different types of opioids, identify signs and symptoms of opioid abuse and overdose, know how to safely store and dispose of prescription medications, and identify community resources for people facing addiction. Participants also learn how to administer Naloxone, a life-saving medication that can reverse an opioid overdose.

Available Trainings

10/04/23 at 10am at the Northampton County DHS Building  
11/23/23 at 10am at the Northampton County DHS Building  
10/11/23 at 1:30pm in the training room at the Courthouse  
11/06/23 at 1:30pm in the training room at the Courthouse

Anyone interested in the training should contact Gretchen Hill: [ghill@northco.org](mailto:ghill@northco.org)

Since January 2023, 289 county employees and community members have participated in H.O.P.E. Training

# 10

## Justification

- The services outlined on this page speak for itself.

## Justification

- Services on this page speak for itself.

### Early Intervention Program

Northampton County's Early Intervention program services are designed to meet the developmental needs of all infants from birth to three years old with a disability or developmental delay, as well as the family's needs related to enhancing the child's development. The program is at no cost to families and is designed as a family-centered approach. While all children grow and change at their own rate, some children can experience delays in their development. Northampton County Early Intervention is here to assist with any concerns that you might have regarding your child's development.

If you have concerns with your child's development, please feel free to call and make a referral to Northampton County's Early Intervention program at (610) 829-4800.

### Mental Health

Northampton County Mental Health's mission is to provide a full range of treatment, rehabilitation, and support services that aid the recovery vision by promoting hope for the future, self-determination and choice, as well as active, successful participation in the community. To improve community tenure and quality of life, and promote recovery and empowerment in the past restrictive settings.

Northampton County Mental Health obtained a grant from the Office of Mental Health and Substance Abuse Services (OMHSAS) to strengthen communication and services throughout the County's emergency services behavioral health delivery system. The Department of Human Services, OMHSAS is invested in building a responsive, integrated and recovery-focused behavioral health crisis system. The purpose of this cross-agency work is to ensure critical partners are involved in the planning and implementation of behavioral health crisis services. These groups include 911 and 988 call centers, Crisis Point, Fire, and EMS departments, Behavioral Health Emergency Services, Hospital E911, Northampton County Mental Health and Crisis & Access, divisions, and peer/family advocacy groups. Our systems will work together to create a robust system of communication, coordination, data collection and response.

*"If you or a loved one are in need of mental health services, please dial 988 or a 10-829-4807 to be connected with someone who can help."*


### Veterans Affairs

**Northampton County Veterans Affairs Office**  
610-829-4875

The Office of Veterans Affairs has U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) Accredited Veteran Service Officers who directly assist veterans, their families, and survivors in obtaining the federal, state, and county benefits for which they are eligible as a consequence of military service. We counsel and assist in preparing and submitting claims and applications for benefits such as: service-connected disabilities, pensions and gratuities, emergency financial assistance, tax relief, education, and burials and memorials.

We act as their representative before the VA. Our office monitors the progress of claims through adjudication and intercedes if problems arise, with the ultimate goal of awarding benefits to the veteran and their family. We coordinate with and assist government agencies and non-governmental organizations in providing outreach and services to veterans.

We attend senior expos, job fairs, and other community events as outreach. In addition, we provide seminars and information sessions at senior centers, nursing homes, veteran service organizations, military organizations, and community organizations. The office participates in Memorial Day, Veteran's Day, and other military and patriotic activities. Our office provides American flags and memorial markers to organizations charged with placing them on veterans graves at cemeteries county-wide.

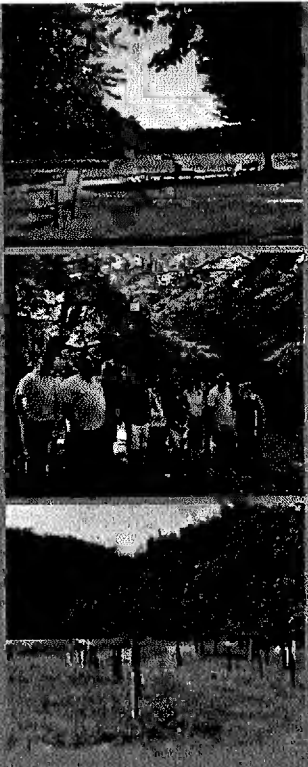


## Parks and Recreation

Northampton County Livable Landscapes Grants awarded twelve projects totaling \$1,090,686.00 in May 2022. Projects included municipal park development, pickleball court conversions, playground rehabilitation, stormwater management, streambank restoration, trailhead acquisition, conservation easements, and park, recreation, open space, and greenway plans. The grant projects were consistent with the goals and recommendations of the Livable Landscapes – An Open Space Plan for Northampton County and other local, regional, and statewide plans. Since 2006, Northampton County has invested over \$19 million in Livable Landscapes Grant Awards for land conservation, ecological restoration, municipal park development and rehabilitation of regional trails, and parks, recreation, open space plans.

Habitat improvements, such as the installation of over 320 nesting structures for barn swallows, bluebirds, purple martins, osprey and wood ducks continue. Training is provided to volunteers to monitor these structures throughout the nesting season, the results of which are submitted to several national bird monitoring databases at the end of each year. We welcomed over 350 volunteers throughout the year with assistance in our projects. The PA Youth Corp and Junior Conservation School assisted in projects over the summer. Highlands Conservancy continues to offer free programming through our partnership and we've continued environmental education programs with local High School students and research with local Colleges & Universities.

Northampton County Parks & Recreation improves lands for recreation, fishing, hunting, hiking, and boating opportunities and environmental education programs. Multiple improvements at Louis W. Meyer County Park include a new restroom, pollinator gardens, geoboard, and refreshed tennis courts. New ADA restrooms, pollinator gardens, fishing, and water play areas were completed at Minisi Lake County Park. A new trailhead was created at Highlands. Project planning is in progress on the eastern expansion of the County owned Bear Swamp & Archery Complex, as of 2019, and the expansion of the property has been added to the land use plan.



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## Justification

- Outdoor spaces are proven to help in recovery by improving one's mood, increasing physical activity, restoration of attention fatigue, building new hobbies and habits, and social connections.
- Providing a high-quality outdoor space is important to recovery and these problems caused by the opioid crisis.

NORTHAMPTON COUNTY PARKS  
PA Fish & Boat Commission

# MINISI LAKE PARK

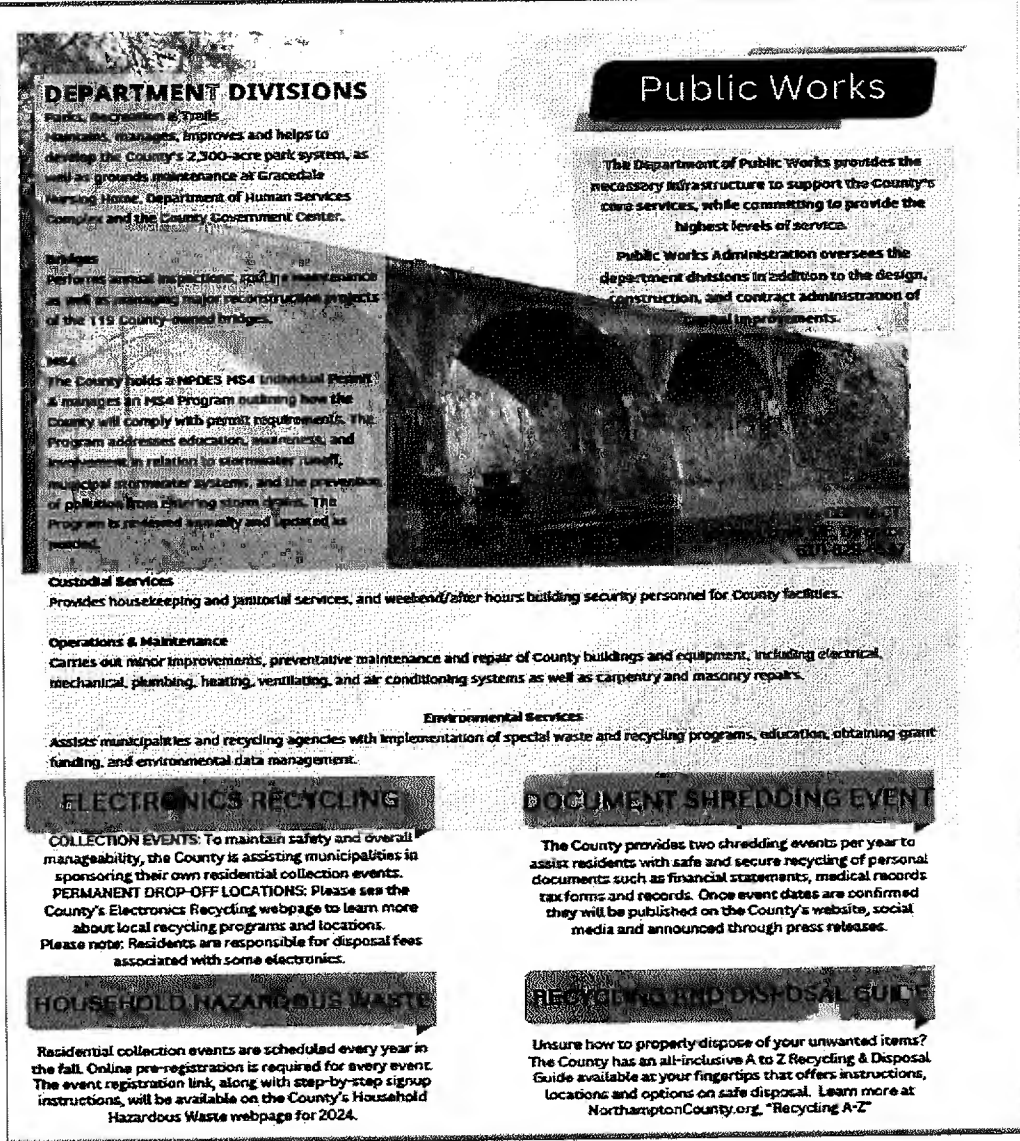
West Shore Entrance

Lamont A. McClure  
COUNTY EXECUTIVE

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## Justification

- Public works contains the parks department and other quality-of-life initiatives.
- These initiatives are clearly contemplated in the settlement agreement as outlined by the courts.



**DEPARTMENT DIVISIONS**  
**Parks, Recreation & Trails**  
Maintains, manages, improves and helps to develop the County's 2,300-acre park system, as well as grounds maintenance at Graceland Nursing Home, Department of Human Services Complex and the County Government Center.

**Bridges**  
Performs annual inspections, routine maintenance as well as manages major reconstruction projects of the 119 County-owned bridges.

**MS4**  
The County holds a NPDES MS4 Individual Permit & manages an MS4 Program making sure the County will comply with permit requirements. The Program addresses education, awareness, and involvement in relation to stormwater runoff, municipal stormwater systems, and the prevention of pollution from entering storm drains. The Program is re-evaluated annually and updated as needed.

**Custodial Services**  
Provides housekeeping and janitorial services, and weekend/after hours building security personnel for County facilities.

**Operations & Maintenance**  
Carries out minor improvements, preventative maintenance and repair of County buildings and equipment, including electrical, mechanical, plumbing, heating, ventilating, and air conditioning systems as well as carpentry and masonry repairs.

**Environmental Services**  
Assists municipalities and recycling agencies with implementation of special waste and recycling programs, education, obtaining grant funding, and environmental data management.

**ELECTRONICS RECYCLING**  
**COLLECTION EVENTS:** To maintain safety and overall manageability, the County is assisting municipalities in sponsoring their own residential collection events.  
**PERMANENT DROP-OFF LOCATIONS:** Please see the County's Electronics Recycling webpage to learn more about local recycling programs and locations.  
Please note: Residents are responsible for disposal fees associated with some electronics.

**HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE**  
Residential collection events are scheduled every year in the fall. Online pre-registration is required for every event. The event registration link, along with step-by-step sign-up instructions, will be available on the County's Household Hazardous Waste webpage for 2024.

**Public Works**  
The Department of Public Works provides the necessary infrastructure to support the County's core services, while committing to provide the highest levels of service.  
Public Works Administration oversees the department divisions in addition to the design, construction, and contract administration of infrastructure improvements.

**DOCUMENT SHREDDING EVENT**  
The County provides two shredding events per year to assist residents with safe and secure recycling of personal documents such as financial statements, medical records, tax forms and records. Once event dates are confirmed they will be published on the County's website, social media and announced through press releases.

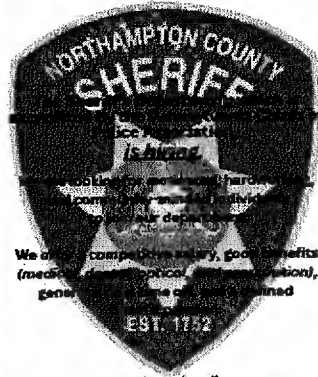
**RECYCLING AND DISPOSAL GUIDE**  
Unsure how to properly dispose of your unwanted items? The County has an all-inclusive A to Z Recycling & Disposal Guide available at your fingertips that offers instructions, locations and options on safe disposal. Learn more at [NorthamptonCounty.org](http://NorthamptonCounty.org), "Recycling A-Z"

## Sheriff's Department

Residents throughout the Commonwealth have reported receiving phone calls from individuals identifying themselves as local deputy sheriffs who inform the recipient that a warrant has been issued for their arrest for missing a court appearance, missing jury duty, failure to pay a fine, etc.

The caller then makes an offer to not arrest them provided that they wire money, purchase gift cards, or request a credit card payment. No law enforcement agency will request payment in lieu of arrest.

If you become the victim of fraud, please report it to your local police department and the PA Attorney General's Office at their Bureau of Consumer Protection: [scams@attorneygeneral.gov](mailto:scams@attorneygeneral.gov)



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[www.governmentjobs.com/careers/northamptoncounty](http://www.governmentjobs.com/careers/northamptoncounty)

# 14

## Justification

- The Sheriff's Department is the law enforcement and protection entity of the Northampton County Government. They interact with the public and at times that could be during an overdose event.
- Weights and Measures is a quality of life issue in the county and a core function although not usually directed to the opioid crisis.

## Weights and Measures



### WHAT IS WEIGHTS & MEASURES?

Our department ensures that the consumer is protected when making a purchase at a supermarket, gas station, deli/caterer, or any other retail establishment. On average, the department completes 9,500 inspections yearly. The department verifies that these transactions are fair by inspecting the instruments used to measure what is being sold are accurate and correct.

### Why is Weights & Measures so vital for the community?

As a consumer, if you pay for a gallon of gas for your car, you expect to get a gallon of gas in the tank. Not more, not less. Weights & Measures ensures the safety of the dollar being spent. The pump needs to accurately and correctly reflect the flow of fuel. The department thrives on making sure the residents of Northampton County are being represented by enforcing and protecting where your money is being spent.

### Who works there?

Our employees are called County Sealers. The County Sealer checks all weighing, measuring, and timing devices used in sales within the County of Northampton. The next time you're at the grocery store or getting gasoline at a service station, look for the County Weights & Measures annual seal. They should be affixed to the scales in the grocery store and to the gas pumps at the service station.

### Complaints!

If a customer should ever have a complaint about a testing device visit our website at: [www.northamptoncounty.org](http://www.northamptoncounty.org) and search "Weights & Measures".

In Pennsylvania, weights and measures are governed by Act #155 of 1996, Pennsylvania Title 70 and NIST Handbook #4, 133 and 130.

## Justification

- 90% of the services listed here are related to a potential support need of someone who could be a victim of this opioid crisis. This page is a justified inclusion and expense.

### Northampton County Contact Directory

Assessment Office .....	(610) 829-6155
Clerk of Judicial Records .....	
• Criminal Division .....	(610) 829-6453
• Civil Division (Prothonotary) .....	(610) 829-6457
Community and Economic Development .....	(610) 829-6306
Conservation District .....	(610) 829-6276
Controller .....	(610) 829-6615
Coroner .....	(610) 829-3940
Corrections .....	(610) 829-7400
County Administration .....	(610) 829-6244
County Council .....	(610) 829-6596
Court Administration .....	(610) 829-6700
• Adult Probation .....	(610) 829-6800
• Custody Office .....	(610) 829-6960
• Domestic Relations .....	(610) 829-7700
• DUI Program .....	(610) 829-6810
• Jury Clerk .....	(610) 829-6730
• Juvenile Justice Center .....	(610) 829-6850
• Juvenile Probation .....	(610) 829-6880
• Law Library .....	(610) 829-6751
• Pretrial Services .....	(610) 829-6830
Court Services .....	(610) 829-6244
District Attorney .....	(610) 829-6630
Elections Office .....	(610) 829-6260
Farmland Preservation .....	(610) 829-6287
Fiscal Affairs .....	(610) 829-6134
Geographic Information Systems .....	(610) 829-6205
Gracedale Nursing Home .....	(610) 829-3400
Human Resources .....	(610) 829-6366
Human Services .....	(610) 829-4500
• Area Agency on Aging .....	(610) 829-4540
• Children, Youth, and Families .....	(610) 829-4690
• Developmental Programs .....	(610) 829-4750
• Drug and Alcohol .....	(610) 829-4725
• Early Intervention .....	(610) 829-4770
• Health Choices .....	(610) 829-4780
• Information, Referral and Emergency Services .....	(610) 829-4800
• Mental Health .....	(610) 829-4840
Parks and Recreation .....	(610) 829-6400
Procurement .....	(610) 829-7477
Public Defender .....	(610) 829-6384
Public Works .....	(610) 829-6397
Recorder of Deeds .....	(610) 829-6210
Register of Wills .....	(610) 829-6488
Revenue Office .....	(610) 829-6188
Sheriff's Department .....	(610) 829-6501
Solicitor's Office .....	(610) 829-6350
Veterans Affairs .....	(610) 829-4875
Weights and Measures .....	(610) 829-3920



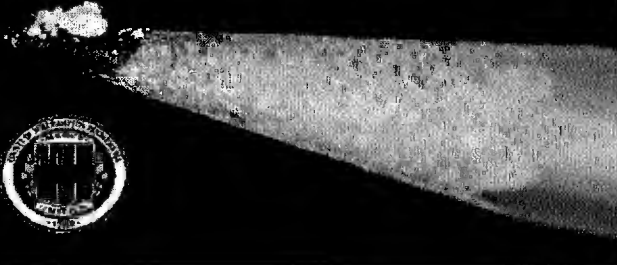
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669 WASHINGTON STREET  
EASTON, PA 18042

FALL 2023 NEWSLETTER



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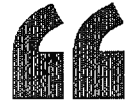
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## Justification

- This page is an add plus a mail label panel for this targeted mail.



When we feel lacking in agency and options, tossed about by the vicissitudes of fortune, it can be powerfully motivating to read reminders of what is under our control: our inner lives, our decisions, and our actions.

**While we cannot always change our circumstances,  
we can choose how we react to them.**





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# **EXHIBIT F**

**\*\*This email is being provided by the Pennsylvania Opioid Misuse and Addiction Abatement Trust\*\***

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Dear Northampton County,

Pursuant to Section VIII.G.1. of the Order of the Commonwealth Court entered July 12, 2022 creating the Trust ("Trust Order"), this confirms that, in accordance with the resolution adopted at the public meeting of the Dispute Resolution Committee ("DRC") on October 29, 2024, the appeal of Northampton County as it relates to Program #1 (County Newsletter) is denied. Thus, the Trust's decision of August 22, 2024 that only \$4,180 of the funds spent on this program were compliant with Exhibit E stands. Consistent with prior notice, funds determined non-compliant with Exhibit E must be repurposed and spent on/committed to programs that comply with Exhibit E within any applicable deadline(s).

If the DRC's final response does not resolve the appeal, Northampton County may petition the Commonwealth Court for a resolution of its appeal. See Trust Order, Section VIII.G.

Best regards,

*Briana Anderson, MPA*

Opioid Trust Administrative Director

Pennsylvania Opioid Misuse and Addiction Abatement Trust

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