

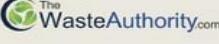
PICK UP THE POCONOS IN 2023

SATURDAY, APRIL 22
PLUS AN EARTH DAY CELEBRATION EVENT

SATURDAY, SEPT 23

After the April 22nd cleanup, you're invited to the Earth Day Celebration at Pocono Organics!

Volunteers are exclusively eligible for door prizes at the celebration! The event is open to the public. Stay tuned for details.



Commissioners Support Broadband Improvement Funding Bill

By Art Charlton

WHITE TOWNSHIP, NJ – Warren County and its many local government partners have been working diligently to bring better internet and broadband services to the County.

While the Board of County Commissioners and county staff have been providing information to the New Jersey Board of Public Utilities (NJBPU) and the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) about the areas with little or no high-speed internet service, state Sen. Douglas J. Steinhardt has introduced a bill to provide funding to make improved internet service attainable and affordable.

Introduced in committee today, Steinhardt's bill, S-3730, would establish the "Rural Broadband Infrastructure Grant Program" within the New Jersey Economic Development Authority (EDA) to provide grants to qualified applicants for the expansion and improvement of broadband telecommunications infrastructure and the provision of broadband telecommunications service in rural areas of the state. The bill would appropriate \$2.5 million in federal funding to the program.

"The County has been working hand in hand with the NJBPU to provide data and challenge the FCC broadband map in order to get more federal funding funneled into New Jersey. We are very thankful that Senator Steinhardt is backing up our efforts in Trenton to ensure that the Federal monies find their way back to Warren County," Commissioner Director Lori Ciesla said.

"It is our goal, as well as his, to make sure everyone in Warren County has broadband available to them," Ciesla noted, adding, "Multiple municipalities have been working with county professionals to collect data and file challenges so that New Jersey and subsequently Warren County can get the funding they deserve."

"Many rural communities in Warren County and across this part of the state can often be overlooked by these telecom companies, resulting in limited broadband options and slower speeds for homeowners and businesses. Given the significant reliance on high-speed internet in today's world, we believe it is crucial to take initiative and ensure these essential services are available to our communities," Commissioner Jason J. Sarnoski said.

"I'd like to thank Senator Steinhardt for his steadfast leadership on this issue and dedication to his constituents. It's a team effort and without everyone doing their part and working together we wouldn't be able to provide the people of Warren County with what they need," Commissioner James R. Kern said.

The County is continuing to collect information from residents and businesses on internet

Governor's Invasive Species Council Shares Results of First Statewide Survey

By DCNR

HARRISBURG - The Pennsylvania Governor's Invasive Species Council shared findings from the first statewide survey of impacts from invasive plants, insects, pathogens, and animals; and announced that a pilot test of a regional invasive species management program will launch this summer.

The Pennsylvania Invasive Species Impacts Survey was conducted last fall to hear directly from Pennsylvanians about impacts they're experiencing from invasives.

"The survey results confirm that Pennsylvanians are concerned about protecting their livelihoods and our beautiful ecosystem from the scourge of invasive species," DCNR Secretary Cindy Adams Dunn said.

More than 600 participants described firsthand experiences with one to three invasive species and reported impacts from more than 100 individual species



GRAND OPENING

SATURDAY, APRIL 1ST



SLATE BELT CHAMBER PRESENTS:
RIBBON CUTTING CEREMONY
AT 10:00AM

NuHydro Farms storefront opens at 9:00am. Come out to support this new business and learn more about hydroponic microgreens!

LOCATION: 32 S. MAIN ST, BANGOR

