2022 MACPZA LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

May 13, 2022

MACPZA 2022 Legislative Session Update

2022 SESSION OVERVIEW

9 Days Left! – weekend off

Conference Committees are Hybrid/Remote.

Some members still voting remotely.

Lay of the Land:

- Divided Legislature with similar priorities but different approaches.
- New Leadership.
- Redistricting contributes to high turnover: 42 retirements/departures – 20 % of seats.
- $9 billion surplus.

22 bills passed and signed this session:

- **Township planning and zoning authority clarified (HF3175).**
- UI Trust Fund and Front-Line Worker Bill.
- Omnibus Vets Bill.

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Environment Omnibus Bill – SF4062 – SENATE VERSION

- SCORE Funding - $700,000 (ongoing)
- **Tax-Forfeited Property – CC adopted**
- **404 Assumption - $740,000**
- **Public Waters Inventory x 2**
- PFAS Monitoring Expenses - $2M
- **State Lands Provisions**
  - ✓ Conservation Easements on TFP – CC adopted
  - ✓ Changes for Leases of TFP – Terms 10 to 25 years, Value Threshold $12K to $50K
- **Nonconformities in a Floodplain** – specific to West Newton Colony

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Environment Omnibus Bill – SF4062 – HOUSE VERSION

- Aggregate Mapping
- **AIS Grants – Lake Association, Local Governments and Tribes**
- **Tax-Forfeited Property – CC adopted**
- PFAS Prevention Grants (monitoring)
- **Drainage Information Registry Portal**
- **Manure Storage Inventory**
- State Lands Provisions
  - ✓ Conservation Easements
- **Nonconformities in a Floodplain** – General Change to Chapter 394

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Agriculture, Housing (HF4366)

- Ag Land Preserve – small solar.
- **Noxious Weeds and County Ag Inspectors.**
- **AgBMP Loan Program.**
- **No changes to Chapter 394.**
- Emergency/Disease Response.

Taxes (HF3669)

- SWMT to SCORE Grants.

ENRTF (HF3765)

- Aggregate Mapping.
- **Septic Grants – MPCA.**
- Forest Inventory.

Energy (SF4091)

- **Large Wind and solar local approval.**
- **Preventing local governments from prohibiting gas hook ups.**
- EV charging stations at County Centers.

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There is more to come – maybe!

Questions? Comments?

Please reach out knowing your work informs my work!

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MACPZA 2022 LEGISLATIVE PRIORITIES

SOLAR DECOMMISSIONING:

MACPZA supports addressing solar panel end-of-life handling to ensure the financial burden does not fall onto local governments and local taxpayers who may or may not have benefitted from the solar energy generated.

AIS FUNDING AND IMPLEMENTATION:

MACPZA supports state (DNR) assistance with implementation of regional executive boards to address aquatic invasive species challenges and meet minimum standards developed by MAIRSC, MNDNR, MACPZA, and MLR.

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AMC ENR PRIORITIES 2022

2022 AMC Environment and Natural Resources Policy Committee Priorities:

1) Blighted/tax-forfeited property clean-up assistance.

2) Stakeholder agreement on a solution to Public Waters Inventory issues.

3) Dedicate 100% of SWMT to state and county waste management activities (increase SCORE).

4) Support and defend counties' ability to perform solid waste management responsibilities (WTE).

5) Support extension of the renewable production tax to all commercial generation (under 1MW).