

As an MTA member, you are part of the largest community of local government officials in the state.

Our all-new **Regional Summits** celebrate that community and offer you a chance to come together for an extended learning and networking opportunity—at a location near you.

We are excited to premier our new regional events, which are amped-up versions of our popular *MTA On the Road* meetings held throughout the state that brought together MTA leadership, vendors, local government experts, lawmakers, and—most importantly—YOU! We have crafted an enlightening program, delving into important information and updates on current issues that are critical to Michigan townships. Each **Summit** features thought-provoking general sessions—including an insightful legislative update—and breakout sessions on timely topics all designed to keep you informed and help you better serve your community. Join us, and your fellow officials, for an experience like no other.

Practical techniques and valuable resources

The one-and-a-half-day program is packed with informative sessions featuring topics relevant to elected township leaders and your entire township team. Take advantage of this opportunity to learn and connect with the experts who can help make your role in the township more fulfilling and beneficial. It's an investment in you and your community!

Educational sessions include:

Financial Fundamentals and Insights

You won't want to miss this opportunity to hear directly from experts within the Michigan Department of Treasury on financial issues impacting townships. Get an overview of best practices in budgeting, review the five-year budgeting tool and walk away with techniques for measuring your township's financial health. Gain insights into the most common questions surrounding accruals, bank reconciliation, internal controls, auditor recommendations and more!
Speakers: Representatives from the Michigan Department of Treasury

Top Topics for Today's Townships

This insightful speed round offers a quick update on each topic and time to get your questions answered! Topics include:

- Open Meetings Act
- Freedom of Information Act
- Using ARPA funds (lawful expenditures)
- "Onboarding" new board members after the November mid-term election

Speakers: MTA's Member Information Services Team

Legislative Lowdown

Get the latest on the legislative issues at the forefront at the state Capitol as well as insights into the political landscape. Hear the latest conversations on budget issues and learn what will be considered in the remaining weeks of the 101st session—including tax issues and implications for your township, election measures that may be considered,

infrastructure investment and much more. With the November election fast approaching, new challenges and opportunities exist; learn how you can influence the issues expected to be addressed during the remainder of 2022 and in the 2023 legislative session.

Speakers: MTA's Government Relations Team

Show Me the Money! What Townships Need to Know about Grants

Finding the right grant to apply for is half the battle! Learn to identify funding sources for township projects, including partnership resources, and walk away armed with tips and techniques designed to ensure you get your share. Get a general overview of the process, from where to find grants to what you need to know about applying. We'll review key points of the American Rescue Plan and Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Acts, Michigan Natural Resources Trust Fund grants and additional opportunities available through the U.S. Department of Agriculture.

Speaker: Mickey Bittner, PE, Regional Director, Wightman

Ins and Outs of Township Ordinances

There are no advantages—and plenty of disadvantages—to having ordinances or provisions that you don't want or need. This overview of statutory authority for both zoning and non-zoning ordinances will help you understand and evaluate your township's ordinance needs. You'll walk away better prepared to prevent

conflicts and complaints and put your township in the driver's seat for steering the character of your community.

Speaker: MTA Legal Counsel, Bauckham, Sparks, Thall, Seeber & Kaufman, PC

Broadband: The Middle-Mile and Your Township

One township can make a difference! Join the discussion on how your township can help fill the infrastructure gaps in underserved internet pathways across the state. Learn more about cooperative partnerships that can help reduce costs and accelerate broadband projects in Michigan.

Speakers: Eric Frederick, Vice President, Broadband Planning, and Executive Director, Connect Michigan; and Merit representatives

Nuances of the Right to Farm Act (RTFA)

What can townships regulate when it comes to agriculture? What is (and is NOT) considered agriculture? And who has to follow the Generally Accepted Agriculture and Management Practices (GAAMPs)? Learn what falls under the RTFA, what GAAMPs address and how it all impacts your township.

Speakers: Michael Wozniak, Program Manager, and Stephen Mahoney, Resource Analyst, Right to Farm Program, Michigan Department of Agriculture and Rural Development; and Ryan Coffey Hoag, Extension Educator, Government & Community Vitality, Michigan State University Extension

