



SHARED BORDERS. SHARED VISION.





WORKING TOGETHER FOR CHANGE.

Mission

The Congress of Neighboring Communities (CONNECT) brings together the City of Pittsburgh and surrounding municipalities to identify common public policy challenges and advocate for collective change on behalf of Allegheny County's urban core.

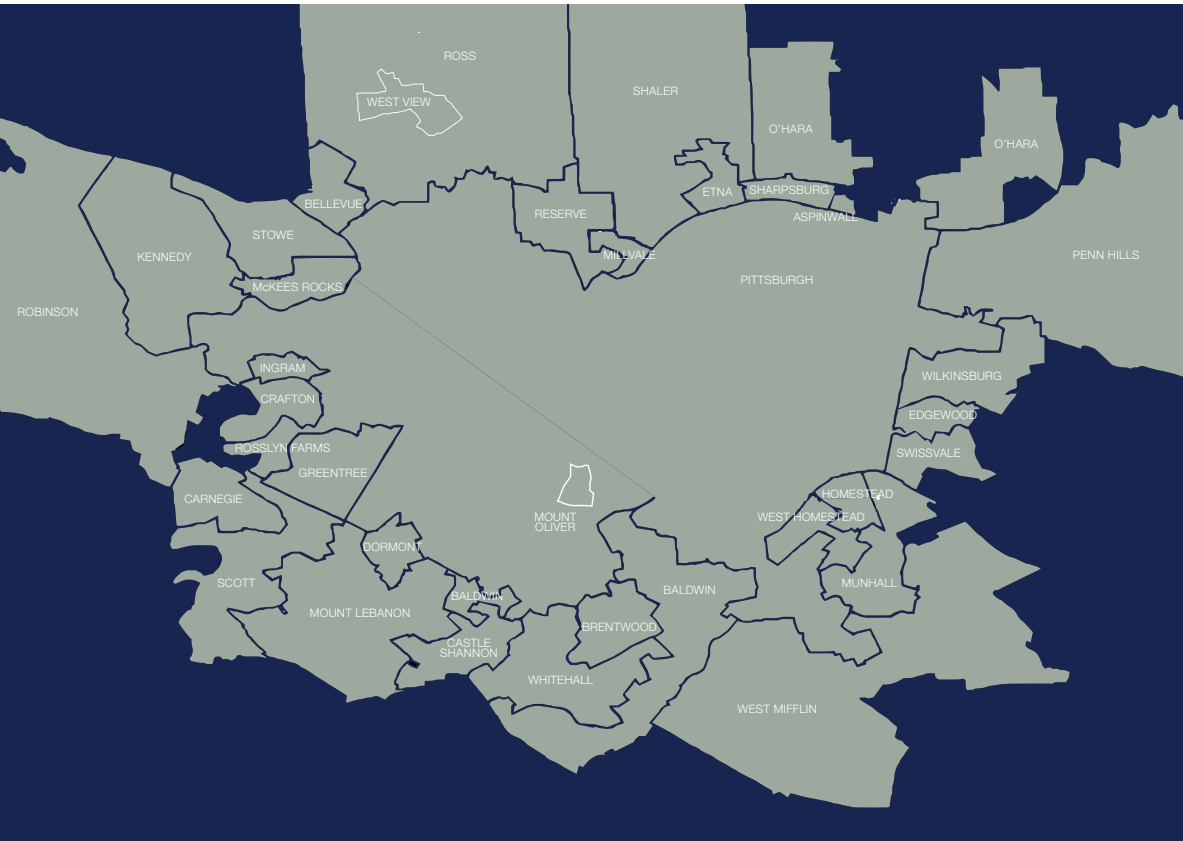
Identify. Strategize. Advocate.

Effectiveness comes from engaged municipalities who are:

- tackling the community's most pressing policy issues
- building strong relationships with partners and stakeholders
- advocating for public policy change

“CONNECT has helped us enhance communication with our neighboring communities, and has provided invaluable opportunities for collaboration. Thanks to CONNECT, our region is stronger.”

—William Peduto, Mayor, City of Pittsburgh



NEIGHBORS CONNECT.

Nearly 700,000 residents call the City of Pittsburgh and our member municipalities home.

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| Aspinwall | Munhall |
| Baldwin Borough | O'Hara |
| Baldwin Township | Penn Hills |
| Bellevue | Pittsburgh |
| Brentwood | Reserve |
| Carnegie | Robinson |
| Castle Shannon | Ross |
| Crafton | Roslyn Farms |
| Dormont | Scott |
| Edgewood | Shaler |
| Etna | Sharpsburg |
| Green Tree | Stowe |
| Homestead | Swissvale |
| Ingram | West Homestead |
| Kennedy | West Mifflin |
| McKees Rocks | West View |
| Millvale | Whitehall |
| Mount Lebanon | Wilkinsburg |
| Mount Oliver | |

A national model

CONNECT is the only collaborative organization comprised of local governments in the United States that features a major metropolitan city at its core. This model makes CONNECT uniquely effective, and a national model for excellence in intergovernmental cooperation.

“Through CONNECT, Etna has addressed policy issues that we may not have had the capacity to tackle on our own. We are proud to be part of an organization that is affecting real change in the urban core.”

—Mary Ellen Ramage, Manager, Etna Borough



CONNECT WITH ISSUES.

Neighboring communities share a wide range of issues. Transportation. Storm water management. Economic development. With the CONNECT model, they're sharing solutions, too.

By working collaboratively, CONNECT is able to make a significant impact on the issues – and leverage key opportunities – that span municipal boundaries. Being connected with ideas, concerns, experiences, and best practices allows each municipality to benefit from the strength of its neighbors.

- Blight and Abandonment
- Economic Development
- Education
- Emergency Medical Services
- Green Initiatives
- Transportation
- Water and Sewer

While CONNECT'S policy issue areas reflect the current needs of our member municipalities, our work also addresses broader legislative matters that affect the affairs of our boroughs and townships.

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