

MOTION EXPRESSING THE SENSE OF COUNCIL OF ALLEGHENY COUNTY

Supporting the efforts of the Pittsburgh Geological Society Geohazard Committee in its presentation to the Pennsylvania Council of Professional Geologists (PCPG) requesting that they lobby the General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania to create legislation to assist property owners who have been affected by geotechnical hazards.

WHEREAS, Allegheny County is plagued with several geohazards, such as flooding, mine subsidence, landsliding and stray gas migration; and

WHEREAS, these geohazards cause severe damage to private property and public property such as roads and infrastructure and create a financial burden on property owners and municipalities; and

WHEREAS, flooding and mine subsidence each have mechanisms available for providing financial relief to the affected individuals; and

WHEREAS, landsliding and stray gas (particularly methane) migration currently have no mechanism for financial relief for impacted individuals; and

WHEREAS, the inability of the affected individuals to afford to repair the damage caused by these geohazards often results in the loss of use of the property and a reduction of the property's value; and

WHEREAS, the financial burden placed on municipalities affected by geohazards is often passed on to the taxpayers, and

WHEREAS, the loss of property value translates into a loss of revenue for the County, local municipality and school district; and

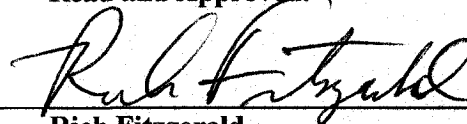
WHEREAS, legislation is required to provide financial relief to those already affected by these geohazards and to establish programs to provide for local ordinances and regulations to prevent future problems from occurring.

NOW THEREFORE, IT IS MOVED, AND IT IS THE SENSE OF THE COUNCIL OF ALLEGHENY COUNTY, that this Council supports the efforts of the Pittsburgh Geological Society Geohazard Committee in its presentation to the Pennsylvania Council of Professional Geologists (PCPG) requesting that they lobby the General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania to create legislation that will assist property owners and municipalities that have been affected by geotechnical hazards and will also provide means to ameliorate future geohazard problems.

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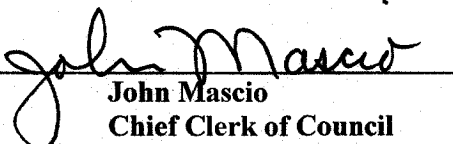
In Council March 2, 2004.

Read and Approved



Rich Fitzgerald
President of Council

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John Mascio
Chief Clerk of Council

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Subject: Motion of Allegheny County Council - Bill No. 1452-04

At the Regular Meeting of Allegheny County Council, Council unanimously approved the attached motion presented by Council Member "Jay" Jabbour.

As you will read, the motion supports the efforts of the Pittsburgh Geological Society Geohazard Committee in its presentation to the Pennsylvania Council of Professional Geologists (PCPG) requesting that they lobby the General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania to create legislation to assist property owners who have been affected by geotechnical hazards.

Your attention to this motion is appreciated.

John Mascio
Chief Clerk
Allegheny County Council



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