

## Our Vision

To make the Mon Valley the most collaborative and sustainable region in southwestern Pennsylvania.

## Our Mission

To combine total resources for regional challenges beyond individual capabilities, while retaining and strengthening local home rule.



## Service Area

19 communities  
79,938 people served

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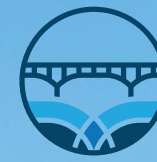
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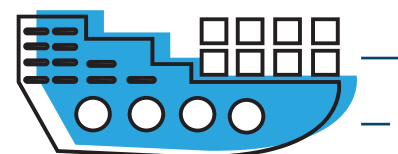
**STEEL RIVERS**  
Council of Governments



Above: W. D. Mansfield Memorial Bridge, connecting Dravosburg and McKeesport

**COLLABORATION  
LEADS TO STRONGER  
COMMUNITIES**

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## What is a COG?

A council of governments (COG) is an organization of local governments that work cooperatively to maintain and improve their communities. COGs provide structured support for municipalities to collaborate on projects that will create shared regional benefit. COG members can access shared equipment, facilities, and programs that a single municipality may not be able to achieve on its own.

## About the Steel Rivers Council of Governments

The Steel Rivers Council of Governments (SRCOG) is a non-profit organization supporting 19 municipalities in the Mon Valley region of Allegheny County. We offer numerous services to help our members maintain and improve their communities in the short-term, while collaboratively developing dynamic strategies to tackle regional problems for the long-term.



## SRCOG Property Stewardship

### REGIONAL CODE ADMINISTRATION PROGRAM

The SRCOG provides member municipalities with the services of a Regional Code Administration Program, including building inspection, electrical inspection, building plan review, fire prevention, mechanical inspections, code enforcement, and zoning administration.

### TRI-COG LAND BANK

Land banks are a powerful tool to help recover vacant structures and provide clear, insurable title for properties previously impossible to develop. Established by the SRCOG and TCVCOG in 2017, the Tri-COG Land Bank revitalizes neighborhoods by transitioning blighted properties to beneficial reuse.



### Street Sweeping

**268** sweeps for **12** communities



### Human Service Center

Used by **7** organizations and **600+** people

## Providing Increased Capacity

### GRANT ADMINISTRATION

The SRCOG manages grants on behalf of our members. Services include advertising and bidding, awarding contracts, and managing the final draw down of funds and audit compliance.

### COMMERCIAL TRAFFIC ENFORCEMENT PROGRAM

The SRCOG owns and manages commercial truck scales and a public safety vehicle. Member police departments share this equipment to weigh commercial vehicles and enforce traffic safety regulations on our local roadways.

### RECREATION AND PUBLIC EVENTS

The SRCOG owns and maintains tents and chairs that our member municipalities can use for community events. Additionally, movie equipment is available through the Borough of Port Vue.

### STREET SWEEPING

The SRCOG's Street Sweeping Program maintains the attractiveness of our communities and reduces stormwater pollution by removing silt, trash, and chemicals from streets and alleys before they enter the storm drainage system.

### HUMAN SERVICE CENTER

The SRCOG's Human Service Center is currently leased to seven non-profit organizations that provide services to our area's residents.

### WATERFRONT MAINTENANCE FUND

On behalf of Homestead, Munhall, and West Homestead, the SRCOG manages a fund and administers projects to maintain the multi-municipal business district that spans the Waterfront development.

### GEOGRAPHICAL INFORMATION SYSTEMS

The SRCOG maintains a Geographic Information System (GIS), providing maps and services to our members as requested.

### INTERCOG PURCHASING ALLIANCE

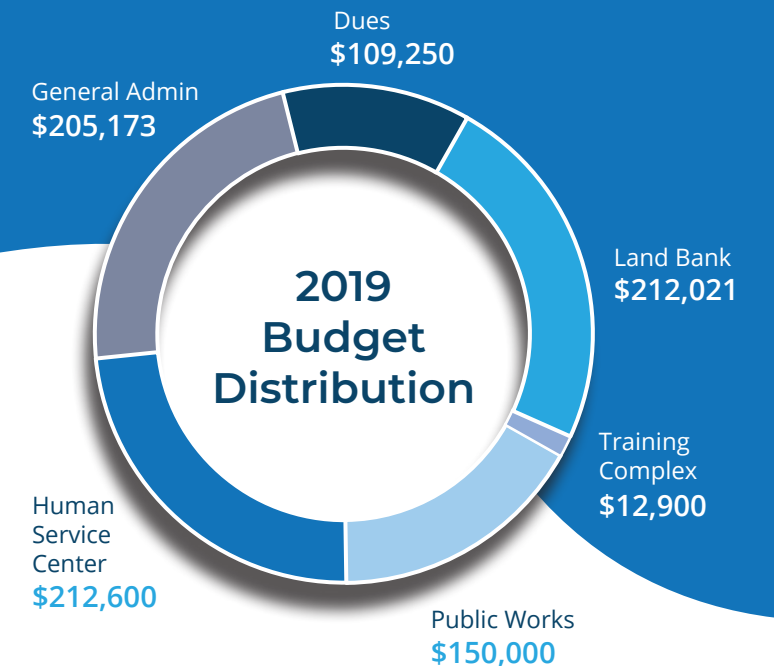
The InterCOG Purchasing Alliance pools purchasing power from participating COG communities to achieve cost savings and gain protections not found in other group bidding efforts.

### MON VALLEY ACCESS TO HEALTHCARE

Thanks to a grant from the Jefferson Regional Foundation, the SRCOG is working with the TCVCOG and Allegheny County Health Department to examine barriers to healthcare access in the Mon Valley. By convening community members, elected officials, healthcare providers, and other local stakeholders, this project aims to define goals and objectives for increasing access to healthcare throughout the region.

### REGIONAL TRAINING COMPLEX

The SRCOG manages a Regional Training Complex in Elizabeth Township including a classroom, firing range, drivers proficiency course, and firearm training simulator (FATS) machine. In 2019 we also worked with the Steel Center for Career and Technical Education to build a new pavilion and platform for the training complex.



## Regional Training Complex



Used on **185** days by **23** organizations