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The National Association of Counties' biweekly electronic newsletter on current programs, projects and initiatives

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Two new justice program partnerships — learn more

Dear William,

NACo would like to thank the many individuals who took a few minutes to provide us with some thoughtful suggestions to improve *NACo e-News*. We appreciate the input; we listened, and will be incorporating changes over a short period of time.

This issue's poll question is, "When do you think GOP voters will select their 2012 candidate for President?" Click [here](#) to vote.

The poll question from the last issue asked, "Would you support legalization of Internet gambling to reduce the federal deficit?" An overwhelming 80 percent said no, 17 percent said yes and 3 percent chose other.

New from NACo



New issue brief presents green infrastructure success stories

Trees, wetlands, greenways, parks and other natural elements provide innumerable benefits to counties across the U.S. NACo's newest publication, *Building Resilient Communities: Green Infrastructure for Counties*, introduces green infrastructure principles and presents county successes in managing green spaces, greenways and natural lands for public benefit. To access, click [here](#).

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Free energy-use tracking assistance available to counties

Energy tracking is the first step innovative counties are taking to identify energy efficiency opportunities and save money. To help counties, NACo is offering a free service: ENERGY STAR's Portfolio Manager tool, an easy-to-use, Internet-based software package. Click [here](#) to access it.

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NACoRF establishes two new justice program partnerships

The NACo Research Foundation (NACoRF) will work with the University of Chicago National Opinion Research Center to conduct a 2011 census of indigent defense systems across the country. Also, NACoRF has been commissioned by Community Oriented Correctional Health Services to write a paper on county issues in incorporating health information technology into county jails.

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Updated juvenile detention reform guide highlights alternative practices

NACo has published the *Second Edition of Juvenile Detention Reform – A Guide for County Officials*. It captures alternative practices to juvenile detention that counties can implement in their respective communities. To view it, click [here](#).

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NACo renews support of DoD's Sustainable Ranges Initiative

In September 2011, NACo renewed its partnership with the U.S. Department of Defense to support its Sustainable Ranges Initiative which aims to support

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collaboration and communication between military installations and surrounding local governments. The main project activity includes editing and publishing Department of Defense-Local Government primers that focus on collaborative approaches to address land use and other issues.

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Upcoming Events



Register today for NACo's 2011 Healthy Counties Forum

Join NACo in Washington, D.C. on Dec. 1 – 2 for a day-and-a-half, health-focused forum to learn how your county can advance community wellness initiatives and demonstrate a positive return on your investments in county health projects. The forum will include strategies to contain health care costs and improve coordination of county health promotion efforts. Space is limited. **Registration**

deadline is this Friday, Nov. 4. Please click [here](#) to register.

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Free NACo webinars

There's a Killer on the Road – What can be done about Roadway Departure Crashes?

Thursday, Nov. 3, 2 – 3:15 p.m. EDT

Take a comprehensive look at the seriousness of roadway departure crashes, why they are such a problem on rural and isolated roads, and the countermeasures that your county can implement to reduce crashes. To register, click [here](#).

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Relieving Rush-Hour Congestion – What Can Counties Do?

Thursday, Nov. 10, 2 – 3:15 p.m. EST

Rush-hour congestion can be especially costly to counties due to loss in worker productivity. Hear about the tools and resources that can help you mitigate traffic congestion. Click [here](#) to register.

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The Importance of Planning for Continuity of Government/Operations Management (Members only)

Wednesday, Nov. 16, 2 – 3:15 p.m. EST

Learn about the essential elements of a Continuity of Operations Plan (COOP) which includes plans and procedures that delineate essential functions, specify emergency delegation of authority, provide for safekeeping of vital records and identify alternate operating strategies. To register, click [here](#).

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The Future of Financing County Energy Projects

Thursday, Dec. 1, 2 – 3:15 p.m. EST

The world of county energy finance is changing quickly. Learn about the new strategies available to finance your county energy projects. Click [here](#) to register.

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Webinars on Demand

Did you miss a webinar because you did not have the time? Have you viewed Webinars on Demand that highlight topics you might be dealing with? Viewing these webinars at your convenience is a great way to learn how other counties are dealing with issues and programs. Click [here](#) to see what you have missed.

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About NACo – The Voice of America's Counties

National Association of Counties (NACo) is the only national organization that represents county governments in the U.S. NACo provides essential services to the nation's 3,068 counties. NACo advances issues with a unified voice before the federal government, improves the public's understanding of county government, assists counties in finding and sharing innovative solutions through education and research and provides value-added services to save counties and taxpayers money.

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