

# **Bucks County Association of Township Officials**



**Strategic Plan (2015-2017)**

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## **Charter Statement**

The Bucks County Association of Township Officials (“BCATO”) is chartered by Article XIV of the Second Class Township Code to be the unified voice of townships of the second class in Bucks County at the local, state and federal levels of government and to the Pennsylvania State Association of Township Supervisors.

## **Vision Statement**

BCATO’s vision is the following:

- serve as the premier county association for townships of the second class in the state
- provide leadership and support to all member municipalities
- advocate supportive legislative policies, procedures and regulations on behalf of member municipalities

## **Mission Statement**

BCATO’s mission is to provide support and guidance to townships of the second class in Bucks County to assure the health, welfare and safety of its residents.

## **Strategic Objective Overview**

BCATO's Executive Committee adopted three strategic objectives to be achieved in the next three years (2015-2017):

*Strategic Objective #1 – Influence the local, state and federal legislative process to demonstrate an improvement in the membership's ability to assure the health, welfare and safety of its residents and businesses.*

### Initial Steps and Tasks:

- Achieve and negotiate with key members in the PSATS organization to bring influence to the legislative resolutions process and management of the organization.
- Research and execute measures to educate the commissioners of the county.
- Establish and execute a plan for quarterly meetings with state officials for discussion on applicable legislation and resolutions.

*Strategic Objective #2 – Develop and launch programs and processes to improve the education and skills needed by elected officials, managers and support staff to meet the needs of their residents and businesses*

### Initial Steps and Tasks:

- Research and develop programs to create value for member municipalities through aiding with individuals issues.
- Research and develop plans for learning and educating member municipalities on best practices in governance.
- Research, develop and implement educational programs to support municipal personnel

*Strategic Objective #3 – Develop and launch programs and processes to increase communications between the organization, its members, legislative officials and other organizations.*

Initial Steps and Tasks:

- Establish a committee of members from the BCATO Executive Board and the Bucks County Consortium to speak with unity on matters affecting the member municipalities.
- Establish a committee to have meetings with member municipalities to become educated on issues affecting said municipalities
- Conduct roundtable discussions with municipal personnel, engineering firms, solicitors and business leaders to address non-supportive policies developed by the state legislature.
- Research and develop programs and processes to educate residents on legislative action through member municipalities.