

2026 PAHRA Spring Conference & Showcase - Preliminary Agenda as of March 15, 2026
Hershey Lodge – June 7-10, 2026

Generously Sponsored by: HARIE | Generously Co-Sponsored by: Chrislynn Energy Services, Inc.

Sunday, June 7

3:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.

PAHRA Committee Meetings

Finance; Member Services; Legislative; Professional Development; Scholarship

4:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.

Early Registration

6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.

PAHRA Board of Directors Meeting

8:00 p.m. – 11:00 p.m.

Meet, Mix & Mingle – Pre-Conference Networking

Generously sponsored by Allergy Technologies

Monday, June 8

7:30 a.m.- 8:30 a.m.

Breakfast Buffet

7:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

Registration

8:00 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.

Showcase Exhibits Open

8:15 a.m. – 8:30 a.m.

Welcome & Gathering Session

PAHRA President Barbara Wilson

8:30 a.m. – 9:40 a.m.

**Plenary Session
Exhibitors Drop the Mic**

Our vendors and industry partners are invited to introduce themselves, their products and services, to encourage attendees to visit them throughout the conference.

Typically, this also allows time for attendees to connect personally with exhibitors prior to training sessions convening.

How to Effectively Manage Your Maintenance Program

<https://www.nahro.org/certification-training/trainings-services/managing-maintenance-mm/>

Presented by: NAHRO
Professional Development Faculty
(confirmed)

Full two-day course with optional certification exam available online through NAHRO within 14 days

Concurrent Educational Sessions

<p>9:45 a.m. – 10:55 a.m.</p>	<p>PA Landlord Tenant Law 101 – Session 1</p> <p>An overview of the PA Landlord Tenant Law and how best to apply and comply with the nuances of the law in your lease enforcement processes.</p> <p>Presented by: Fox Rothschild LLP <i>(confirmed)</i></p>	<p>Section 504 Barriers in Public Facilities & Housing Rehab (CDBG Perspective)</p> <p>Presented by: Sarah Gulick, Chief of Compliance & Technical Services, Center for Community & Housing Development, PA DCED <i>(confirmed)</i></p>	<p>“Real Talk” on Pest Control: Rodents, Roaches, Bed Bugs & Other Nuisances</p> <p>Watch and listen in on a conversation between a pest management professional and an affordable housing leader as they discuss the realities of pest control in the complex affordable housing environment. The “staged” discussion will pinpoint the many challenges associated with multifamily housing, as well as offer practical tips and solutions. This interactive session will solicit input and questions from the audience as well.</p> <p>Presented by: Joseph Latino, President, Allergy Technologies, LLC <i>(confirmed)</i></p>	<p>How to Effectively Manage Your Maintenance Program</p> <p>Presented by: NAHRO Professional Development Faculty <i>(confirmed)</i></p> <p>This course is targeted towards:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Maintenance Supervisors or Lead Maintenance Technicians • Asset & Property Managers • Those responsible for hiring or supervision of a maintenance program • Those looking to develop the skills and knowledge necessary to efficiently manage a housing maintenance program
<p>11:00 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.</p>	<p align="center">Morning Refreshment Break with Exhibitors</p> <p align="center"><i>Generously sponsored by M&L Associates</i></p>			
<p>11:30 a.m. – 12:40 p.m.</p>	<p>PA Landlord Tenant Law 101 – Session 2: Lease Enforcement</p> <p>A panel of experienced property management and legal professionals will walk through:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Grievance Procedures • Hearings • Appeals • Documenting • Preparing for Court • Eviction Processes <p>Presented by: Fox Rothschild LLP; Daniel Becker, Esq., Berks County Redevelopment Solicitor <i>(confirmed)</i></p>	<p>PA DCED Center for Community & Housing Development Updates</p> <p>Facilitated by: Angela Susten, Director, Center for Community & Housing Development, PA DCED; Sarah Gulick, Chief of Compliance & Technical Services, Center for Community & Housing Development, PA DCED <i>(confirmed)</i></p>	<p>HVAC & Preventive Maintenance</p> <p>Key service practices and safety tips to maintain and maximize the life of your equipment. Recommended daily/weekly/monthly/annual preventive maintenance and routine repairs.</p> <p>Presented by: Milton Simmons, Senior Loss Control Director, Hartford Steam Boiler Inspection & Insurance Co. <i>(confirmed)</i></p>	<p>How to Effectively Manage Your Maintenance Program</p> <p>Presented by: NAHRO Professional Development Faculty <i>(confirmed)</i></p> <p>This training will provide Maintenance Supervisors, Property Managers, Lead Maintenance Technicians and other key staff with the essential knowledge and skills to identify property goals and needs, ensure preventive maintenance is performed, manage day-to-day operations, supervise and train employees, create and implement effective maintenance and emergency plans.</p>

12:45 p.m. – 1:45 p.m.	<p align="center">Exhibitors' Luncheon & Keynote Artificial Intelligence: Transformative Technology for Non-Tech People Basics of the history, the future, the terminology, the applications, and the opportunities of AI. Presented by: Matthew T. Holt, PE, Senior Business Development Manager, The Efficiency Network (TEN) <i>(confirmed)</i></p> <p align="center"><i>Generously sponsored by HAI Group</i></p>			
Concurrent Educational Sessions				
1:50 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.	<p>PA Landlord Tenant Law 101 Session 3: Let's De-Brief!</p> <p>An interactive and informal discussion focused on breaking down information and details provided in the previous two sessions. Sharing case studies, tips and tricks of the trade among others facing similar challenges.</p> <p>Facilitated by: Lisa Conway, Director of Housing Management, Housing Authority of the County of Beaver <i>(confirmed)</i></p>	<p>PA Appalachian Regional Commission</p> <p>A unique partnership of federal, state, and local governments in consultation with planning and development organizations and Local Development Districts (LDD's) to support development of business and community infrastructure in the Appalachian Region of PA, which consists of 52 counties serviced by 7 LDD's.</p>	<p>Boilers & Space Heating</p> <p>Equipment failures can be more costly than you might expect. How best to avoid system breakdowns and address them when they happen, while providing a comfortable environment for residents.</p> <p>Presented by: Milton Simmons, Senior Loss Control Director, Hartford Steam Boiler Inspection & Insurance Co. <i>(confirmed)</i></p>	<p>How to Effectively Manage Your Maintenance Program</p> <p>Presented by: NAHRO Professional Development Faculty <i>(confirmed)</i></p> <p>Managing staff, budgets, and outcomes is a challenging job. Proactively, effectively, and efficiently managing your maintenance program is key to preserving housing assets, ensuring compliance, and meeting your organization's strategic goals regardless of housing program or subsidy type.</p>
3:00 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.	<p>Afternoon Refreshment Break with Exhibitors</p> <p><i>Generously sponsored by BMS CAT</i></p>			
3:30 p.m. – 4:30 p.m.				<p>How to Effectively Manage Your Maintenance Program</p> <p>Presented by: NAHRO Professional Development Faculty <i>(confirmed)</i></p> <p>Continues through the afternoon in order to provide the required number of training hours for this course.</p>
8:00 p.m. – 11:00 p.m.	<p>Evening Networking Event</p> <p><i>Generously sponsored by Chrislynn Energy Services, Inc.</i></p>			
Tuesday, June 9				
7:30 a.m. – 9:00 a.m.	<p>Breakfast Buffet & Scholarship Awards Presentations</p> <p>Announcing our 39th annual PAHRA Scholarship Awards. Scholarship recipients are invited to share their stories. Lori Haines, PAHRA Scholarship Committee Chair, Executive Director, Centre County Housing Authority</p>			

7:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.	Registration			
Concurrent Educational Sessions				
9:00 a.m. – 10:10 a.m.	<p>HUD EPIC & CFP Workshop Session 1</p> <p>Presented by: HUD Office of Public Housing Investments, Housing Capital Improvement Specialists Team <i>(confirmed)</i></p>	<p>Land Bank Summit – Session 1 The State of the Pennsylvania Land Bank Network & Strategic Direction</p> <p>This session provides an update on the current state of the Pennsylvania Land Bank Network, including challenges and opportunities across the Commonwealth. Network leadership will walk through the strategic plan and discuss how it is intended to support local landbanks in advancing redevelopment, strengthening partnerships, and navigating policy and funding realities in Pennsylvania. Attendees will leave with a better idea of where the network is headed and how their landbanks fit in.</p> <p>Coordinated by: Winnie M. Branton, President & Founder, Branton Strategies, LLC; Liz Hersh, Consultant, PA Land Bank Network <i>(confirmed)</i></p>	<p>Building a Safety-Forward Workforce: Training, Upskilling, & Culture Change for Modern Facilities Teams</p> <p>Facilities operations are facing a workforce evolution: retirements, talent shortages, rapid onboarding needs, and increasing technical demands. Explore how to strengthen operations through safety-driven workforce development – pairing rigorous technical training with communication, coaching, and engagement strategies that produce confident, competent, and safety-minded employees.</p> <p>Presented by: Jessica Warren, MBA, CHMM, Environmental Health & Safety Manager, Pennoni <i>(confirmed)</i></p>	<p>How to Effectively Manage Your Maintenance Program</p> <p>Presented by: NAHRO Professional Development Faculty <i>(confirmed)</i></p>
10:10 a.m. – 11:20 a.m.	<p>HUD EPIC & CFP Workshop\ Session 2</p> <p><i>Not a repeat of previous session.</i></p> <p>Presented by: HUD Office of Public Housing Investments, Housing Capital Improvement Specialists Team <i>(confirmed)</i></p>	<p>Land Bank Summit – Session 2 How Landbanks Set Priorities: A Roundtable with a Focus on Strategizing & Decision Making</p> <p>This interactive roundtable session brings Pennsylvania landbanks together to discuss how they set priorities and make strategic decisions with limited resources. Participants will break into small groups to explore key questions around where to focus energy and funding, how to balance immediate opportunities with long-term goals, and how</p>	<p>Drug & Alcohol Awareness</p> <p>A three-hour course providing an overview of the most popular types of drugs and paraphernalia, their methods of use, and their effects. Participants will be able to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Recognize the dangers associated with the abuse of narcotics, prescription drugs, synthetic designer drugs, and alcohol • identify the following along with the paraphernalia used 	<p>How to Effectively Manage Your Maintenance Program</p> <p>Presented by: NAHRO Professional Development Faculty <i>(confirmed)</i></p>

		<p>community, political, and financial factors influence decision making.</p> <p>Facilitated by: Winnie M. Branton, President & Founder, Branton Strategies, LLC; Liz Hersh, Consultant, PA Land Bank Network <i>(confirmed)</i></p>	<p>to introduce them into the body: opiates, marijuana, PCP, cocaine, meth amphetamines, Ecstasy</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Describe the processing method for preparing controlled substances for human ingestion • Identify current trends in the drug culture <p>Presented by: Ron Frederick, Personal Safety Director, Service Access Management, Inc. (SAM) <i>(confirmed)</i></p>	
11:20 a.m. – 11:50 a.m.	<p>Mid-Morning Refreshment Break with Exhibitors</p> <p>Our modified schedule provides a heavy mid-morning break (lite lunch), allowing educational sessions to end at 2:15 PM, thus offering equal training hours while providing time to explore area attractions.</p> <p><i>Generously sponsored by Infradapt LLC</i></p>			
11:50 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.	<p>HUD EPIC & CFP Workshop Session 3</p> <p><i>Not a repeat of previous sessions.</i></p> <p>Presented by: HUD Office of Public Housing Investments, Housing Capital Improvement Specialists Team <i>(confirmed)</i></p>	<p>Land Bank Summit – Session 3 Tax Claim Bureau Coordination & Inheritance Tax: What Landbanks Need to Know</p> <p>This session reviews both tax sale procedures and inheritance tax implications. It will cover Pennsylvania law requirements versus local practices for tax claim bureaus and their impact on property timelines and strategy. We will also explain inheritance tax as it applies to real property, common issues with estates and heirs, and practical considerations that can delay or complicate acquisitions.</p> <p>Coordinated by: Aaron Snippert, Executive Director, Redevelopment Authority of the City of Erie <i>(confirmed)</i></p>	<p>Drug & Alcohol Awareness</p> <p>Three-hour course continues.</p> <p>Presented by: Ron Frederick, Personal Safety Director, Service Access Management, Inc. (SAM) <i>(confirmed)</i></p>	<p>How to Effectively Manage Your Maintenance Program</p> <p>Presented by: NAHRO Professional Development Faculty <i>(confirmed)</i></p>

<p>1:05 p.m. – 2:15 p.m.</p>	<p>HUD EPIC & CFP Workshop Session 4</p> <p><i>Not a repeat of previous sessions.</i></p> <p>Presented by: HUD Office of Public Housing Investments, Housing Capital Improvement Specialists Team <i>(confirmed)</i></p>	<p>Land Bank Summit – Session 4 Forging Intentional Partnerships</p> <p>Landbanks, redevelopment authorities, housing authorities, and other partners often share common goals but operate under different rules and funding structures. This session will focus on building deliberate, well-defined collaborations that clarify roles, align priorities, and leverage each entity’s strengths effectively.</p> <p>Coordinated by: Liz Hersh, Consultant, PA Land Bank Network <i>(confirmed)</i></p>	<p>Drug & Alcohol Awareness</p> <p>Three-hour course concludes.</p> <p>Presented by: Ron Frederick, Personal Safety Director, Service Access Management, Inc. (SAM) <i>(confirmed)</i></p>	<p>How to Effectively Manage Your Maintenance Program</p> <p>Presented by: NAHRO Professional Development Faculty <i>(confirmed)</i></p>
<p>2:15 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">How to Effectively Manage Your Maintenance Program will continue through the afternoon in order to provide the required number of training hours for the course. Those completing the course will have the option to take the online certification exam through NAHRO within 14 days.</p>			
<p>6:00 p.m. – 11:00 p.m.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Evening Networking Event – HARIE 40th Anniversary Celebration Everyone is invited to savor delicious food and share the good times with live music provided by PAHRA favorite, the Flying Ivories! <i>Generously sponsored by HARIE</i></p>			
<p>Wednesday, June 10</p>				
<p>8:00 a.m. – 9:30 a.m.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Closing Breakfast Plenary Housing Preservation</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Presented by: Gale Schwartz, Director of Programs & Outreach, Housing Alliance of Pennsylvania in cooperation with Local Initiatives Support Corporation (LISC) and Regional Housing Legal Services (RHLS) <i>Generously sponsored by PHFA</i></p>			