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ON TAP AT SCOTUS: CAN A WOTUS DESIGNATION BE CHALLENGED?

The State and Local Legal Center (SLLC) has filed an amicus brief in a critical environmental legal battle to determine whether courts can review an Army Corps of Engineers' "jurisdictional determination" (JD) that property contains "waters of the United States" (WOTUS) per the Clean Water Act.

[Read more.](#)

ABOVE THE FOLD



COUNTY NEWS UPDATE

Carol H. Holden, Hillsborough County, N.H. Commission vice chair and long active in NACo, died Friday, April 1 after a short illness. She was 73. Known for her signature hats, fierce devotion to county government and the New Hampshire Republican Party, Holden served as a county commissioner and vice chair of the Hillsborough County Board beginning in 1997. Holden became active in NACo activities in 1999.

LEGISLATIVE UPDATES

COUNTY OFFICIALS VOICE CONCERNS TO WHITE HOUSE OVER MEDICAID RULES

On March 28 NACo sent a [letter](#) to White House Office of Management and Budget (OMB) Director Shaun Donovan, signed by more than 100 county officials from across the United States, expressing their concerns with a proposed Medicaid rule that is in final review at OMB.

THE LATEST FROM NACo

DEADLINE EXTENDED FOR NACO ACHIEVEMENT AWARDS

The deadline to submit Achievement Award applications has been extended to April 22. The awards provide an excellent opportunity for winners to promote their successes to a larger audience as well as share best practices with their partners and peers. To begin your application, click [here](#).

NEW NOW! HEALTHIEST CITIES & COUNTIES CHALLENGE

The Healthiest Cities & Counties Challenge's request for proposals is now open. The Challenge will award a combined total of \$1.5 million to cities and counties that measurably improve health outcomes. For more information, visit www.healthiestcities.org. All counties are eligible to submit a proposal by the deadline, May 31 at 5 p.m. EDT. The Aetna Foundation, NACo, the American Public Health Foundation and CEOs For Cities sponsor the Challenge for Cities.



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NACO PUBLICATION ON FREIGHT TRANSPORTATION AS AN ECONOMIC ENGINE

NACo has released a new transportation issue brief, *Keeping Counties Moving: Freight Transportation as an Economic Engine*. The report describes how freight transportation planning and investments can fuel local and regional economic development. It provides best-practice takeaways for county leaders through four county case studies. [Read the report here](#).

APPLY NOW! JUSTICE AND MENTAL HEALTH COLLABORATION PROGRAM GRANTS

The U.S. Department of Justice, Bureau of Justice Assistance (BJA) is seeking applications for the FY16 Justice and Mental Health Collaboration Program grants. Awardees will receive up to \$250,000 and direct technical assistance to develop a system-wide coordinated approach to reduce mental illness in local jails. Applications are due May 17. [Learn more here.](#)

UPCOMING EVENTS

APRIL 6	WEBINAR: Enhancing Road Safety through the Improvement of 'Unsignalized' Intersections <i>2 – 3 p.m. EDT</i>
APRIL 7	WEBINAR: Reducing Racial and Ethnic Disparities (RED) in County Justice Systems <i>2 – 3:15 p.m. EDT</i>
APRIL 14	WEBINAR: Effectively Framing the Pretrial Justice Narrative <i>2 – 3:15 p.m. EDT</i>
APRIL 22	WEBINAR: An Interactive Virtual Discussion on Reducing Racial and Ethnic Disparities (RED) in County Justice Systems <i>2 – 3 p.m. EDT</i>

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