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## Upcoming Events

### FALL MASTER PLANNER PROGRAM BEGINS SEPT. 8

- The Master Planner Program assists municipal officials, planning commissions, zoning hearing boards, business leaders and others enhance their knowledge of good planning principles, techniques and "best practices." The goal of the nine-week, evening program is to encourage students to **apply this knowledge to promote and sustain "smart growth" communities.** The Master Planner Course is a recipient of the Pennsylvania Planning Association's "Public Education Award." The program is open to nonresidents. [For more information](#) or call Liz Smith, Senior Planner, at (717) 299-8333.

## Interesting Articles/Websites

[Urban Garden On Top Of A Parking Garage](#)

[Small is Beautiful: U.S. House Size, Resource Use, and the Environment](#)

[Banking Department Encourages Bank Private Sector Loan Programs for Economic Development](#)

[America's Crumbling Infrastructure--And How to Fix It](#)

[Rebuilding Neighborhoods From The Ground Up](#)

### THE SALE OF CONESTOGA VIEW –

The July 14<sup>th</sup> edition of Keeping Lancaster Current included a brief on-line questionnaire requesting your thoughts on the sale and particularly your suggestions on the use of the \$8.5 million in new funds. [Click here](#) to access the results of the on-line survey.

**A BETTER WAY** -The [Pennsylvania Department of Conservation and Natural Resources \(DCNR\)](#) has released a new publication intended to assist local government officials and other leaders in creating greener, prosperous and attractive communities. "[Better Models for Development in Pennsylvania](#)" is the result of a partnership with [The Conservation Fund](#). The publication presents six principles for better development and is designed to help officials to conserve natural and cultural resources, promote pedestrian friendly communities, and better manage the demands of growth.

### Six Principles for Better Development

1. Conserve Pennsylvania's farmland, natural areas and scenic assets
2. Maintain a clear edge between town and countryside
3. Build and maintain livable and attractive communities
4. Preserve historic resources
5. Respect local community character in new construction
6. Reduce the impact of the car and promote walkability

**MARKET POTENTIAL: HOW PUBLIC MARKETS BREATHE LIFE INTO URBAN DECLINE** - What exactly is a public market? Generally speaking, it's a place where independent merchants gather to sell many different things—usually fruits, vegetables and other food products; but also crafts, books, antiques and anything else. Unlike an ordinary retail street, it's centrally managed. Unlike a shopping mall, rents are low, overhead costs minimal and market management is not out to make a profit. Markets make a point of providing an alternative to mainstream retail. [Read the story.](#)

Households earning less than \$50,000 spend on average 3 times more per year on transportation than they do on retirement, pensions and social security.

**DRIVEN TO SPEND: PUMPING DOLLARS OUT OF OUR HOUSEHOLDS AND COMMUNITIES** - The [Surface Transportation Policy Project](#) (STPP) and the [Center for Neighborhood Technology](#) (CNT) have released *Driven to Spend: Pumping Dollars Out of Our Households and Communities*, a [study](#) showing that families are paying a high price to meet their transportation needs and families in areas with fewer transportation choices carry even greater burdens.

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