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## Lancaster County Smart Growth Issues

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## FYI

### SMART GROWTH SCHOOLS FACT SHEET

9/9/03 - The National Trust for Historic Preservation releases new report. As across the country, school boards have abandoned smaller neighborhood schools in favor of large campuses located on the edge of the community. As outlined in the report, [Why Johnny Can't Walk to School](#), they are encouraged to do this by school construction funding formulas that favor single-story new construction over renovation, by expansive minimum acreage requirements that require huge school sites, and by a tendency to plan schools in isolation from other development.

### HELP ON THE WAY FOR COMMUNITIES SEEKING GUIDANCE FOR SMART GROWTH

9/4/03 - Aware of a rift between good ideas and opportunities for their implementation, the Smart Growth Leadership Institute is inviting communities committed to Smart Growth but held back by outdated codes, misinformation and internal opposition to apply for technical assistance from its team of national policy, planning, development and design experts, who will help successful applicants assess their codes and zoning ordinances for any inconsistency with smart growth policies; examine their approval process to eliminate redundancy and streamline procedures; identify "smart sites," or potential locations for smart growth projects; and create design standards and review protocols best suited to smart growth objectives and most likely to win over local opponents. <http://www.smartgrowth.org/news/article.asp?art=3567&state=52>

### LANCASTER PROSPERS BRIEFING PAPER

8/21/03 **LANCASTER PROSPERS BACKGROUND BRIEFING PAPER RELEASED** -The Economic Development Company of Lancaster County and EDC Finance Corporation (collectively "EDC") today released the [Lancaster Prospers Background Briefing Paper](#), by the Center for Regional Economic Competitiveness (CREC).

The LancasterProspers Steering and Planning Committees released the [Background Briefing Paper](#) in order to provide the opportunity for the Lancaster community to review the information and comment back on its content. In order to help the economic development planning process, CREC and LancasterProspers feel that this effort should be open to community input.

### PA TAX SYSTEM

7/31/03 - **From the [Pennsylvania Economy League- Issues PA](#)** - Pennsylvania's Tax System -- Over the past couple of months, Issues PA has been busy taking a look at the various parts of the state's tax system. Starting with Property taxes and followed by the sales tax, they have just finished a series on Pennsylvania's state and local income taxes. Find out what they are and how they work; what are the merits and the shortcomings? And how high is the burden?

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### Inter-City Visit to Explore Regional Assets – Event to foster strong regional ties in South Central PA

Business and community leaders will collaborate on ways to enhance regional assets by working together as one region at the ENVISION Inter-city Visit. The cost to participate is \$100. To register or view a full itinerary, visit the Envision Central PA website at [index](#)

### January 14-16, 2004 Reinventing America's Older Communities

Hyatt Regency Philadelphia at Penn's Landing. Two-and a-half-day conference exploring the opportunities and obstacles to vibrant urban communities. Speakers from around the country will explain their solutions to a wide range of obstacles.

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### Interesting websites:

[Route 23](#)  
[Route 30 Corridor Study](#)  
[Smart Growth Online](#)

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