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Lancaster County Smart Growth Issues

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FYI

REGIONAL REPORT AVAILABLE - The South Central Assembly for Effective Governance, a nonprofit organization that promotes regional cooperation in the mid-state, has released the highlights of its 2002 regional summit. "Economic and Community Planning: Bridging the Gap" is available by calling 948-6324. The group also is on the Web, at www.southcentralassembly.org. --

NATIONAL LOW INCOME HOUSING COALITION RELEASES - "OUT OF REACH 2003" - In no state in the country can a low-income worker reasonably afford a modest one- or two-bedroom rental unit, according to *Out of Reach 2003*, a report released by the National Low Income Housing Coalition. The study examines rental housing affordability in each state, metropolitan statistical area, and county. The report documents the area's "housing wage" (how much a person working full-time has to earn per hour to afford a modest two-bedroom rental unit) and the estimated percentage of renters unable to afford fair market rent. According to the study, renters in 40 states need to earn more than two times the minimum wage to afford basic housing. One-third of households in the U.S. are renter households, reports the NLIHC. For more information visit the NLIHC [Web site](#). To see how Lancaster County ranks in Pennsylvania [click here](#).

BACK TO SCHOOL AND BACK TO WORK: EDUCATION FINANCE AND EQUITY

9/10/03- From the Pennsylvania Economy League – Issues PA - In a new series on education, IssuesPA looks at key issues in school finance and equity, including the rising cost of primary and secondary education and the mix of revenues that make up school funding. At the heart of both education finance and equity debates are two funding sources – local property taxes and state subsidy. [Click here](#).

10,000 FRIENDS OF PENNSYLVANIA NAMES NEW DIRECTOR

9/10/03 – After an extensive national search for the President/CEO of [10,000 Friends of Pennsylvania](#), Chairman Terry Kauffman announced that the Board of Directors has unanimously votes to promote Janet Milkman to the position. Ms. Milkman was the Executive Director of 10,000 Friends for four years.

STUDY SAYS LABOR LEADERS ADVOCATE SMART GROWTH

Good Jobs First released a study based on interviews with 50 labor federation leaders; it finds that they see serious problems in their regions caused by suburban sprawl and are advocating for smart growth. According to Good Jobs First, unions are not often associated with land-use issues but in fact have sophisticated understandings of regional growth problems and extensive experience working to solve them. The study - "[Labor Leaders as Smart Growth Advocates: How Union Leaders See Suburban Sprawl and Work for Smart Growth Solutions](#)"

**Saturday, September 20, 2003
Lancaster Farmland Trust
Old Fashioned Picnic on a
Preserved Farm** – For more information or to register visit Www.savelancasterfarms.org or call (717) 293-0707.

**September 30, 2003
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.
<http://www.envisioncentralpa.com>

**October 8, 2003 5:30-7:30
p.m.
Susquehanna Greenway
Partnership Public Open
House** Plan to attend and have the opportunity to review the draft of the Greenway design. For more information contact [Jen Haas](#) or [Scott Standish](#)

Interesting websites:
[Nat. Low Income Housing Coalition](#)
[Intl. City/County Management Assoc.](#)
[Smart Growth Online](#)
[Brookings Institution Urban Center](#)
[Susquehanna Greenway Partnership](#)

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