

# LANCASTER Keeping Current

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## Lancaster County Smart Growth Issues

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**FYI**

**OZONE LEVELS BELOW AVERAGE IN 2003** – 9/23/03 Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) officials today announced that ozone levels during the recently completed 2003 daily forecasting season, which ran from May 1 to Sept. 12, were below average. According to DEP meteorologists, unusually cool and damp weather contributed to a low number of Ozone Action Days (OAD) this summer compared to last year. [Click here](#)

**MCGINTY CREATES FIRST DEP POST WITH FOCUS ON JOBS, ECONOMIC GROWTH** – 9/19/03 Department of Environmental Protection Secretary Kathleen A. McGinty named Eugene DePasquale, York Deputy Mayor for Economic Development, as DEP's Deputy Secretary for Community Revitalization and Local Government Support. The newly configured post will help the department carry out Gov. Edward G. Rendell's pledge to revitalize communities by promoting policies and initiatives that foster a climate of environmentally sound, sustained economic growth. [For more on this story.](#)

**MANUFACTURING FIRMS REPORT INCREASE IN NEW ORDERS** 09/18/30- [September Survey...](#) - The Federal Reserve Bank of Philadelphia today released its *Business Outlook Survey* for September. New orders and shipments grew again this month. The indicator for employment, however, decreased. Participants were asked about their plans for production in the fourth quarter of this year.

**STUDY FINDS 90 PERCENT INCREASE IN EXCEEDING OZONE STANDARD IN 2002**- According to a report released on August 26, 2003 by the U.S. Public Interest Research Group (PIRG), forty-one states and the District of Columbia exceeded the federal standard for ozone nearly 9,000 times during the 2002 ozone season. In its report, "Danger in the Air: Unhealthy Levels of Smog in 2002," PIRG found that every region of the country exceeded the ozone standard more often in 2002 than 2001. For more information, click on the following URL: <http://www.lgean.org/html/whatsnew.cfm?id=639>

**REPORT OFFERS 'BLUEPRINT' FOR SUCCESSFUL WATER AND WASTEWATER PUBLIC-PRIVATE PARTNERSHIPS** - The Water Partnership Council (WPC) has released its "blueprint" for public-private partnerships. The handbook, "Establishing Public-Private Partnerships for Water and Wastewater Systems: A Blueprint for Success," offers guidance to communities considering whether to partner with the private sector, and how to manage public-private partnerships to meet their water and wastewater needs. For more information: <http://www.lgean.org/html/whatsnew.cfm?id=643>

**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](#)

**Sunday, Oct. 12, 12 p.m.-4 p.m. - Hysterical Historical Treasure Hunt** - Join the "clue-less" for a challenging, insightful and entertaining new adventure in seeking out the secret sights, hidden views and fascinating remnants of downtown Lancaster's rich history and architecture. For more information contact the Historic Preservation Trust Office (717) 291-5861.

**Interesting websites:**  
[Reconnecting America](#) – is working to integrate transportation systems and the communities they serve, with the goal of generating lasting public and private returns, improving economic and environmental efficiency, and giving consumers greater choice.

[Environmental Protection Agency – Clear Skies Initiative](#)

[American Corn Growers Assoc.](#)

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