

# LANCASTER Keeping Current

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**Lancaster County Smart Growth Issues**      **October 2, 2003**

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## **A BRIEFING ON PRIORITIES FOR ECONOMIC AND WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT IN LANCASTER COUNTY**

The Lancaster County Commissioners and [The Lancaster County Workforce Investment Board](#) invite you to attend this discussion. **Friday, October 10, 7:30 a.m. - 8:30 a.m.** Liberty Place 313 W. Liberty St. Lancaster, PA. A continental breakfast will be served beginning at 7:30 a.m. RSVP to Tina Eberly at 735-0333.

**LEGISLATIVE ISSUES BREAKFAST** - The Lancaster Chamber will hold it's Annual Legislative Issues Breakfast on **Thursday, October 16 from 7:30 to 9:00 a.m.** in the Woods Room at the F&M Sports Complex. Local representatives and senators will be seated at attendees' tables to provide opportunities for dialogue about issues relevant to Lancaster's business community. A panel discussion will follow breakfast during which you will hear from each delegate on issues such as healthcare, education, transportation, workforce development and inter-municipal cooperation. To ensure your questions and concerns are addressed a question and answer series will follow the delegates' presentations. [To register.](#)

**DEP SEEKING COMMENTS ON NEW "SMART GROWTH" GENERAL PERMIT** - 9/30/03 Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) Secretary Kathleen A. McGinty and Department of Transportation (PennDOT) announced a cooperative effort that will speed up infrastructure improvements in aging communities by streamlining the permit process for the maintenance, repair or replacement of bridges, highways, utility lines and other items in or near state waterways. [For more information.](#)

**ASSEMBLY COMPLETES REGIONAL DOWNTOWN DRIVE SHED STUDY** - The South Central Assembly for Effective Governance has rolled out a new tool to slow sprawl and support our region's downtowns. The **Drive Shed Study Report** was produced through the Retail Committee. The study encompasses demographic and consumer expenditure data from 12 communities in the eight-county regions. The Lancaster County communities included in the study are [Elizabethtown Borough](#), [Ephrata Borough](#), and the [City of Lancaster](#).

**CORRIDOR ONE** - CAT and the Modern Transit Partnership (MTP) share a vision of a [regional rail network](#) beginning with Corridor One, the first phase of the system, which will link communities between Lancaster and Mechanicsburg. This project has the potential to connect people, communities and jobs; enhance travel mobility choices; foster economic development while enhancing quality of life and to initiate the critical "first step" of a regional rail network. The [Corridor One](#) site provides information on the preliminary engineering and environmental analysis phase of this project. A **project communication center** has been established where you can view project maps, read copies of the original Corridor One studies, and find out more about ongoing project activities. Visit the [Project Communication Center](#).

**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:**

[TravelMatters Emissions Calculator](#) - For those interested in learning more about how travel habits and transportation choices affect global climate change. TravelMatters offers a trio of resources -- interactive emissions calculators, on-line emissions maps, and a wealth of educational content -- to emphasize the close relationship between more efficient transit systems and lower greenhouse gas emissions.

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