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## Lancaster County Smart Growth Issues

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**FYI**

### EDC TEAM PA BUSINESS RETENTION PROGRAM ANNUAL REPORT

The Economic Development Company of Lancaster County (EDC) has been calling on businesses throughout Lancaster County since the late 1990's and has interviewed more than 700 businesses since that time. The purpose of this effort is to discuss major issues, identify business and economic trends, and recognize the concerns of local businesses. <http://www.edclancaster.com>

### BUSINESS & MUNICIPAL COOPERATION EDUCATIONAL SERIES –

The Lancaster Chamber of Commerce & Industry is sponsoring an important forum for business leaders and municipal officials. The three-part series is designed to broaden the understanding of municipal issues; provide a venue for dialogue on issues of regional impact; and foster cooperative relationships between municipal officials and business leaders. The series schedule follows: Thursday, Nov. 13<sup>th</sup> “An Overview of the Current Legal, Financial and Tax Structures”, Thursday, Dec. 4<sup>th</sup> “Regional Services: Examples and Opportunities” and Thursday, Jan. 15<sup>th</sup> “Sensible Economic Growth – Let’s Do it Together!” Please consider attending these important discussions. <http://www.lcci.com/enews/article.asp?id=253>

**“WHAT IF”**- An interesting report from New Schools – Better Neighborhoods proposing that schools be designed as the centers of their communities, and allowances made so they can be used for varied events and services: gymnasiums and play fields that double as community parks and recreation centers, and auditoriums that serve as community theatres. The centrally located school could serve as a central library for the community and offer community services, creating greater community access and engagement.

<http://www.nsb.org/publications/whatif>

### NEW REPORT EXAMINES LOW IMPACT DEVELOPMENT

**PRACTICES** -The Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) recently released "The Practice of Low Impact Development." This new publication presents a land development process, Low Impact Development (LID) that uses various land planning and design practices and technologies to conserve and protect natural resource systems and reduce infrastructure costs.

<http://www.huduser.org/publications/pdf/practLowImpctDevel.pdf>

**REPORT CARD FOR AMERICA’S INFRASTRUCTURE – 2003 Progress Report** issued by the American Society of Civil Engineers (ASCE). The report is detailed by state. <http://www.asce.org/reportcard/>

**Tuesday, November 11, 2003**  
**“Planning Beyond Boundaries 1”**  
– A Workshop on Multi-Municipal planning and Inter-governmental agreements – 6:00 -8:30 p.m. Upper Leacock Township Community Building – This session will describe how multi-municipal planning and inter-governmental agreements can be utilized as part of a smart growth implementation package designed to help manage growth from a regional perspective. [For more information.](#)

**Wednesday, November 19, 2003**  
**Envision Lancaster County Leadership Awards Reception**  
5:00-7:00 p.m. Franklin & Marshall College – Steinman College Center – Booth Ferris Room. To register for this event, please call Donna Hahn at the Lancaster County Planning Commission at 717-299-8333 by Wednesday, Nov. 12, 2003.

**Interesting Websites:**  
[Pennsylvania Housing Research/Resource Center](#)

[Urban Land Institute](#)

[Low Impact Development Center, Inc.](#)

[Center for Livable Communities](#)

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