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Lancaster County Smart Growth Issues

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FYI

LANCASTERPROSPERS STRATEGY & ACTION PLAN – (01/09/04) The Final Plan of the LancasterProspers countywide initiative sponsored by the Economic Development Company of Lancaster County and EDC Finance Corporation was released at the 2004 Associate Member Breakfast of the EDC. LancasterProspers' next step will be to build a broad community consensus around the philosophy that well-managed, quality economic growth is necessary to maintain Lancaster's current and future prosperity. The full LancasterProspers Strategy & Action Plan can be viewed and downloaded at <http://www.edclancaster.com>.

PENNSYLVANIA NONFARM JOB COUNT FALLS IN DECEMBER – (01/09/04) Updated employment statistics reveals that Pennsylvania's seasonally adjusted nonfarm job count for December fell 3,600 jobs to 5,631,700 from 5,635,300 a month ago. Since December 2002, the state has lost 11,300 jobs. For a breakdown of Department of Labor and Industry Statistics visit: [PA Labor and Industry Internet](#).

THE SPRAWL OF THE WILD: NOW IS THE RIGHT TIME TO REVIVE OUR CITIES - Elaborating on the findings of "Back to Prosperity: A Competitive Agenda for Renewing Pennsylvania," Bruce Katz and Mark Muro argue in the Harrisburg Patriot-News that current economic challenges present the perfect opportunity to reevaluate counterproductive growth patterns and refocus the state's economic and land-use policies on success. [Read the discussion](#).

LANCASTER COUNTY BICYCLE AND PEDESTRIAN TRANSPORTATION PLAN - Do you have an interest in bicycling and walking in Lancaster County? If so, attend a community workshop to give your comments on Phase II of the Plan. A goal of this study is to promote safer bicycling and walking conditions, and to support alternative modes of transportation. To learn more visit: <http://www.co.lancaster.pa.us/bpac>

NEW SMART GROWTH REPORT IDENTIFIES 100 MORE POLICIES FOR IMPLEMENTATION – The International City/County Management Association (ICMA) and the Smart Growth Network have released "Getting to Smart Growth II: 100 More Policies for Implementation," the newest primer in the ongoing series of smart growth publications. The [publication](#) serves as a road map for states and communities that have recognized the need for smart growth but are unclear on how to achieve it. It provides 10 policy options to achieve each of the 10 Smart Growth Principles. Visit: <http://www.lgean.org/html/whatsnew.cfm?id=673>

THE JOBS ARE BACK IN TOWN – URBAN SMART GROWTH & CONSTRUCTION EMPLOYMENT – A new study by Good Jobs First (GJF) that finds smart growth policies are good for construction jobs. The report provides evidence that smart growth can create more employment opportunities than sprawl for workers who build residential and commercial structures and transportation infrastructure. To read the study, <http://www.goodjobsfirst.org/pdf/backintown.pdf>

Upcoming Events

January 13, 2004 – 5:30 p.m.
Measure Up Lancaster 2003
Presented by the Lancaster Community Indicators Project – Southern Market Center

January 21, 2004 – 4-8 p.m.
Community Workshop – Lancaster County Bicycle and Pedestrian Transportation Plan – Phase II.
Farm and Home Center
1383 Arcadia Road, Lancaster
For more information contact Lauri Ahlskog at (717)299-8333 or AHLSKOGL@co.lancaster.pa.us.

GROWING TOGETHER Public Meetings Schedule -
- **Monday, Jan. 26, 2004 7-9 p.m.** - Manheim Township High School School Road, Neffsville
- **Tuesday, Jan. 27, 2004 7-9 p.m.** - Conestoga Valley Middle School 500 Mount Sidney Road, Lanc.
- **Wednesday, Jan. 28, 2004 7-9 p.m.** - Penn Manor High School East Cottage Avenue, Millersville
- **Thursday, Jan. 29, 2004 5:30-7:30 p.m.** - Southern Market Center, South Queen & West Vine Streets – Lancaster

Tuesday, February 3, 2004 8:00 p.m. – **Dreams of a Livable Future** – Barshinger Center at Franklin & Marshall College.

Interesting Reading

- [Community Development and Smart Growth: Stopping Sprawl at its Source](#)

- [The Arts and Smart Growth: The Role of Arts in Placemaking](#)

- [Aging and Smart Growth: Building Aging-Sensitive Communities](#)

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