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GROWING TOGETHER – HELP SHAPE THE FUTURE OF CENTRAL

LANCASTER COUNTY – *Growing Together* will create a common vision and a multi-municipal comprehensive plan for Central Lancaster County, Pennsylvania. The project was initiated by the Lancaster Inter-Municipal Committee, a council of **12 municipalities** that encourages inter-municipal cooperation. The members are East Hempfield Township, East Lampeter Township, East Petersburg Borough, Lancaster City, Lancaster Township, Manheim Township, Manor Township, Millersville Borough, Mountville Borough, Pequea Township, West Hempfield Township and West Lampeter Township.

The plan will address land use, housing, transportation, community facilities, parks and open space, natural and historic resources, and other issues in our community.

Please participate by attending one of the Growing Together Meetings. **Public involvement is an integral part of creating this plan.** As a participant at one of the four public meetings **you have an opportunity to share your ideas about the future.** You can help create a framework for future development that preserves and enhances the area's unique qualities. **Make your voice heard.**

Don't miss out on this opportunity to set the agenda for the future of Central Lancaster County. For more information visit:
www.co.lancaster.pa.us/planning/growingtogether.

LABOR SUPPLY AND THE "BRAIN DRAIN" SIGNS FROM CENSUS 2000

– (January 2004) A new [analysis](#) by Paul Gottlieb of The Brookings Institution's Center on Urban and Metropolitan Policy on the location and migration patterns of younger and older workers, especially those with college degrees, counters some commonly held notions about "brain drain." Additionally, the survey, part of the Living Cities Census Series, also examines policies to address the labor supply impacts of these location decisions.

2003-2004 BUDGET SPENDING; WINNERS AND LOSERS- From The Pennsylvania Economy League **IssuesPA** and analysis of 2003-2004 state budget. New funding for schools, health and human services programs restored, new investment in community development: all this and more is included in the 2003-2004 state budget, finally completed with the budget supplement passed in December. Follow the link to find out who the winners and losers are and just how much money we're talking about.

<http://www.issuespa.net/articles/view.do?id=6272>

QUALITY COUNTS 2004: EDUCATION WEEK MAGAZINE GRADES STATE'S EDUCATION SYSTEMS – Annual report on the state of education in this country. Information is summarized by state. Check out the statistics for [Pennsylvania](#).

Upcoming Events

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.

Food for Thought

- Wal-Mart is now the largest private employer in the PA.

- PA is the 2nd fastest sprawling state in the nation.

- PA 2nd highest ratio of land consumption in the nation.

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