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FYI

PENNSYLVANIA WORKFORCE 2010 – New report published by the Department of Labor and Industry’s Center for Workforce Information and Analysis. The publication reports on the projected changes in Pennsylvania’s population, labor force, economic industrial mix and demand occupations. According to Pennsylvania Labor and Industry Secretary Stephen M. Schmerin, this [report](#) provides a realistic view of what Pennsylvania’s economy will look like in 2010.

THE “ELM STREET PROGRAM” PASSED BY SENATE - (1/21/04) In an important victory for Pennsylvania’s municipalities and the fight against costly sprawl development, the Senate on Wednesday unanimously passed [H.B. 500](#), sponsored by Rep. Robert Freeman (D-Northampton). The bill would create the "Elm Street Program" in the [Department of Community and Economic Development](#) and provide \$5 million to fund up to five years of financial assistance for residential neighborhood enhancement projects in existing municipal neighborhoods. The program will cover administrative costs associated with the hiring of a professional Elm Street Manager, and specifically excludes development of farmland as an eligible activity. H.B. 500 now goes back to House for concurrence on Senate technical amendments.

A ROAD MAP TO REVITALIZING URBAN NEIGHBORHOOD BUSINESS DISTRICTS - Since 1996, Local Initiatives Support Corporation (LISC), the National Trust for Historic Preservation’s National Main Street Center (NMSC), and community development corporations have been working together to revitalize urban neighborhood business districts. LISC and NMSC created a four-year demonstration program building on NMSC’s Main Street approach, which when applied to beleaguered neighborhood business districts in cities across the country, nearly always translated into success. In this paper, we describe the techniques that LISC and NMSC used, the results they achieved, and how LISC plans to build on this experience to help revitalize business districts in urban neighborhoods around the country. Click [here](#) to download the complete document in Adobe Acrobat format.

RENTAL MARKET DYNAMICS: IS AFFORDABLE HOUSING FOR THE POOR AN ENDANGERED SPECIES? - A new study commissioned by HUD's Office of Policy Development and Research (PD&R), by authors Gregory Watson and Frederick Eggers, analyzes rental market data between 1995 and 1999 to examine the substantial movement of housing into and out of the rental stock. The study focuses on six metropolitan areas: Chicago, Detroit, Los Angeles, New York, Philadelphia, and Northern New Jersey. The authors track the sources of new rental housing, the reasons for loss of rental housing, and changes in affordability of the existing rental housing stock. For more on rental market trends and to download the full report, go to the [HUD User PD&R website](#).

Upcoming Events

GROWING TOGETHER

Public Meetings Schedule -

- **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
- For more information visit:
www.co.lancaster.pa.us/planning/growingtogether.

Tuesday, February 3, 2004

8:00 p.m. – Paul Hawken, Seachrist Lecture - Dreams of a Livable Future
– Barshinger Center at Franklin & Marshall College. A talk on sustainable business, renewable energy, and environmental policy. Free and open to the public.

Friday, February 6, 2004 7:30 -9:00 a.m. – Annual Business Meeting of the Lancaster Chamber of Commerce & Industry- Willow Valley Resort.

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Wednesday, March 3, 2004 9:00 p.m.
– Seachrist Lecture-Interwoven Destinies, America’s Cities, and the Nation’s Future – Henry Cisneros, former secretary, HUD – The Barshinger Center at Franklin & Marshall College. Free and open to the public. For more information contact Jordan.humphrey@fandm.edu

Friday, March 5, 2004

Into the Woods – Out on the Town, Nature, Culture and Heritage Building Regional Identity and Enhancing Tourism Summit 6 – A South Central Assembly Summit at Shippensburg University. For more information <http://www.southcentralassembly.org>

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