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## Lancaster County Smart Growth Issues

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### Upcoming Events

Friday, February 6, 2004, 7:30 - 9:00 a.m. – Annual Business Meeting of the Lancaster Chamber of Commerce & Industry- Willow Valley Resort. Visit [the Lancaster Chamber of Commerce & Industry - Home Page](#)

Thursday, February 12, 2004, 12:30-1:30 p.m. – New Ideas for Managing Growth – A Brown Bag Lunch to hear A Smart City Broadcast – Godfrey Advertising Bldg., 4<sup>th</sup> Floor. – Suite 300  
Seating is limited. For reservations, please contact Gael Rapp, Lancaster County Planning Commission, email [rappg@co.lancaster.pa.us](mailto:rappg@co.lancaster.pa.us), phone 299-8333.

Wednesday, March 3, 2004, 8:00 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](mailto: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>

### Interesting Websites:

[NeighborWorks](#)  
[Housing Alliance of Pennsylvania](#)  
[Downtown Development](#)  
[On Common Ground – Realtors & Smart Growth](#)  
[Pennsylvania Downtown Center](#)  
[Smart Growth Leadership Institute](#)

**“TRAFFIC: WHY IT'S GETTING WORSE, WHAT GOVERNMENT CAN DO”** – By Anthony Downs, [Brookings Policy Brief #128](#) (January 2004) Traffic congestion is not primarily a problem, but rather the solution to our basic mobility problem, which is that too many people want to move at the same times each day. Why? Because efficient operation of both the economy and school systems requires that people work, go to school, and even run errands during about the same hours so they can interact with each other. That basic requirement cannot be altered without crippling our economy and society. The same problem exists in every major metropolitan area in the world.

**TRAVEL AND ENVIRONMENTAL IMPLICATIONS OF SCHOOL SITING** – New [study](#) released by the EPA evaluates the relationship between school location, travel choices and the environment. It is the first study to empirically examine the relationship between school locations, the built environment around schools, how kids get to school, and the impact on air emissions of those travel choices.

**U.S. SENATE PASSES LEGISLATION CONTAINING CORRIDORone TRANSIT FUNDS** – The U.S. recently passed the FY04 Omnibus Appropriations bill that includes \$2 million earmarked for the [CORRIDORone](#) regional rail project. Read the complete [press release](#).

**PENNSYLVANIA'S COUNTIES LIST TOP PRIORITIES FOR 2004 - (01/16/04)** Leaders from Pennsylvania's counties announced their [priorities for 2004](#) today. Local tax fairness, elections, economic development, the environment and human services are at the top of the list. The County Commissioners Association of Pennsylvania ([CCAP](#)) is a statewide, nonprofit, bipartisan association representing all of Pennsylvania's 67 counties. The Association serves to strengthen the Pennsylvania counties' ability to govern their own affairs and improve the well-being and quality of life of their constituents.

**REGIONAL OPEN SPACE PRIORITIES REPORT** - The [report](#) by the [GreenSpace Alliance](#), a Philadelphia-based coalition of more than 100 land-preservation organizations, identifies, prioritizes, and recommends protections strategies for open space in southeastern Pennsylvania

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