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Lancaster County Smart Growth Issues

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FYI

ELM STREET PROGRAM - This past week, the House concurred unanimously on Senate amendments to H.B. 500, the [Elm Street Program Act](#) sponsored by Rep. Robert Freeman (D-Northampton). Governor Rendell's budget proposes to fund the Act's residential neighborhood enhancement program at \$7 million per year.

GOV. RENDELL'S BUDGET ADDRESS FOCUES ON LAND PRESERVATION, COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AND PLANNING

Driven to secure Pennsylvania's long-term competitiveness, so dependent on improving the increasingly interlinked economy, education, environment and quality of life, Democratic Governor Ed Rendell urged lawmakers in his [budget address](#) to pass quickly a \$2 billion three-year economic stimulus package, which would leverage \$6 billion in private investment and spur jobs, brownfield reuse, alternative energy technologies and urban revitalization; to replenish the Hazardous Sites Cleanup Fund; to stabilize and strengthen the Growing Greener program by doubling its \$135 million annual fund; and to build on its legacy by asking voters to approve an \$800 million Growing Greener Bond Act -- \$330 million earmarked for land preservation, \$300 million for environmental remediation, and \$170 million for older communities and better planning -- while the state "will work with local governments, citizen groups, developers and others to determine if additional incentives or tools can promote smarter growth."

GETTING IT TOGETHER – CONNECTING LOCAL NEIGHBORHOODS AND NATIONAL ADVOCATES: A new [report](#) by the [National Neighborhood Coalition](#) highlighting the experience of organizations that have built complementary relationships between local practitioners and national advocates. Neighborhoods – and the importance of strong communities to prosperity and cohesion – are often the subject of platitudes from elected officials, business leaders and other decision makers.

THE RETURNING CITY – HISTORIC PRESERVATION AND TRANSIT IN THE AGE OF CIVIC REVIVAL: This new [study](#) by the [Federal Transit Administration](#) and the [National Trust for Historic Preservation](#) examines how decisions about public transportation, land development and redevelopment, and historic preservation have complemented one another in dozens of communities nationwide to revitalize communities. The study found abundant evidence that historic rail stations have an important role in community planning for public transit. Reuse of these stations can greatly boost the economic development needed to sustain transit and attract new riders.

Upcoming Events

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., 4th Floor. – Suite 300
Seating is limited. For reservations, please contact Gael Rapp, Lancaster County Planning Commission, email rappg@co.lancaster.pa.us, phone 299-8333.

Thursday, February 26, 2004
"Smart Growth Tools of the Municipalities Planning Code Workshop on Traditional Neighborhood Development (TNDS) – Millcreek Sales Center – 9:00 a.m. – 2:30 p.m. Sponsored by The Lancaster County Planning Commission in conjunction with West Lampeter Township and Charter Homes. To register contact Gail Rapp by Feb. 23rd by calling (717) 299-8333 or via e-mail rapp@co.lancaster.pa.us

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

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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