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A CITIZEN'S GUIDE TO PROTECTING HISTORIC PLACES - A [primer](#) from the [National Trust for Historic Preservation](#) that describes the historic background of historic preservation as well as a review of the five cardinal land use principles that make up effective historic preservation ordinances. Topics of note include how Criteria for Designating Historic Properties and Procedures for Designating Historic Landmarks and Districts.

FROM BROWNFIELDS TO HOUSING - A new [publication](#) by the [Northeast-Midwest Institute](#). Brownfield redevelopment -- the cleanup and reuse of abandoned properties with real or suspected contamination -- offers communities a range of housing opportunities, especially where market factors or a property's size or location restrict possibilities for commercial and industrial reuse. In many areas, residential brownfield redevelopment mitigates environmental health risks while creating much needed affordable housing. However, to successfully develop housing on brownfield sites, project managers must address concerns about remediation costs, social justice, and stigma.

BETTER MODELS FOR COMMERCIAL DEVELOPMENT - A new [publication](#) from [The Conservation Fund](#) that shows how communities can improve the design and siting of new commercial development. This booklet was written for elected officials, planning commissioners, developers and interested citizens around the country. Better Models shows how new commercial development can be made more attractive, more efficient and more profitable.

INTO THE WOODS - OUT ON THE TOWN - Summit 6, a forum sponsored by [The South Central Assembly for Effective Governance](#) is scheduled for Friday, March 5, 2004. Local leaders and stakeholders will explore building regional identity and enhancing economic development and tourism with our nature, culture and heritage. This summit will make cross-boundary, cross-discipline connections that have not been made before. These new links will help ensure that South Central Pennsylvania is a fun place to live and a great place to visit. [For more information.](#)

ELM STREET ACT SIGNED INTO LAW - H.B. 500, sponsored by Rep. Bob Freeman (D-Northampton), which creates "[Elm Street Program](#)" and an initial \$5 million appropriation for a residential neighborhood enhancement program, was signed into law on Monday February 9th. The program has exciting potential for Pennsylvania communities.

Upcoming Events

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>

Interesting Websites

[Lancaster's Northwest News](#) - Published by the James Street Improvement District

[National Town Builders Association](#)
[Sprawl Watch Clearinghouse](#)
[New Urban News](#)
[Well Communities](#)

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