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Lancaster County Smart Growth Issues

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FYI

NEIGHBORHOOD OF CHOICE AND CONNECTION – (07/13/04)

Neighborhood policies in both Britain and America should aim to create "neighborhoods of choice and connection," argues Bruce Katz, Program Director of the [Brookings Metropolitan Policy Program](#) in a major new [brief](#) delivered last week at the Joseph Rountree Foundation's Centenary Event in London. The paper opens with an overview of the nature of American neighborhood distress and how leaders have responded to it in recent decades. Here Katz identifies three distinct sets of neighborhood policies and assesses them. Building on that analysis, the brief then provides a series of observations on how neighborhood leaders and policymakers on both sides of the Atlantic can embrace a new neighborhood paradigm that includes residents of all income strata while linking them to quality education, training, and other routes to economic opportunity. Declares Katz in the brief: *"A true rebirth of distressed areas will only occur if we make these places neighborhoods of choice and connection."*

GRANTS AVAILABLE FOR BROWNFIELDS/SMART GROWTH PROJECTS

– The [Local Government Environmental Assistance Network](#) (LGEAN) reports the [U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's \(EPA's\) Office of Policy Economics and Innovation](#) is issuing a request for initial proposals (RFIP) to support the efforts of communities to integrate smart growth principles and practices into their brownfield redevelopment programs, related planning and/or revitalization activities. Proposals will be considered for community involvement activities, such as neighborhood planning or community visioning, associated with the smart growth redevelopment of infill generally in a city, county, state, or on tribal lands. **Applications are due by August 24, 2004.** [For more information](#)

THE BUILDING OPPORTUNITIES NETWORK - New from the [National Trust for Historic Preservation's Main Street program](#), is a web-based resource that offers an online information exchange to redevelop vacant historic properties in your community. At this [site](#) you can - Find dozens of available commercial properties, from coast-to-coast, with detailed building profiles and contact information. - List your vacant, available property, by using the easy-to-complete form (a benefit of the National Main Street Network Membership). - Learn more about financial resources and case studies of successful historic commercial real estate development projects.

Upcoming Events

National Issues, Local Impact –

A Lancaster Chamber of Commerce & Industry Wake-up to the Issues breakfast presentation. Explore how national issues affect business in Lancaster County. Thursday, August 19, 2004, 7:30 to 9:00 a.m. - The Eden Resort Inn & Conference Center. [For more information.](#)

Strategy for Regional Prosperity

– A Fall Summit, sponsored by the South Central Assembly for Effective Governance, has been scheduled for Thursday, October 14, 2004 in the Wildwood Conference Center at Harrisburg Area Community College. The Summit will examine the prosperity of South Central Pennsylvania. [The Brookings Institution](#) report, [Back to Prosperity: A Competitive Agenda for Renewing Pennsylvania](#), will be a major focus of the day. [For more information.](#)

Interesting

[Websites/Reports/Books:](#)
[PSU Center for Economic and Economic Development](#)

[GAMBLING AND PROPERTY TAX: A CLOSER LOOK](#)

IssuesPA takes a look at the gambling and property tax legislation just approved in the state legislature.

[PENNSYLVANIA'S 2004-05 STATE BUDGET](#)

IssuesPA takes a look at the recently approved state budget and what it means for Pennsylvania's future.