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Lancaster County Growth Management Issues

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GATEWAYS SPECIFIC PLAN – The [Lancaster County Planning Commission](#) is utilizing a grant from the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency’s Smart Growth in Brownfields Community Program to create a Specific Plan, the Gateways Specific Plan, in partnership with Manheim Township and the City of Lancaster. This effort will produce a vision and a set of achievable goals for the future development of areas surrounding the shared gateways between Lancaster City and Manheim Township.

The study area for the project consists of approximately 300 acres and encompasses portions of Manheim Township and Lancaster City. The existing Lancaster Amtrak Train Station serves as the nucleus of the study area, which also includes the former Lancaster Malleable foundry, Lancaster Stockyards and scattered residential, institutional, commercial and industrial properties. The study area is dissected by major transportation corridors as well as both freight and passenger rail lines.

The plan preparation will rely on focus groups of residents and other stakeholders as well as widely announced public meetings to gather ideas for the future of the Gateways neighborhoods.

“Lancaster County was one of five communities in the nation last year to receive a grant.”

For more information you may contact any of the following: Sean Molchany or Lisa Greaves, [Manheim Township](#) Planning Department; Paula Jackson, Chief Planner, [City of Lancaster](#); and Mary Gattis-Schell, Land Recycling Specialist [Lancaster County Planning Commission](#).

STATEWIDE SUPERMARKET INITIATIVE ANNOUNCED – Governor Edward G. Rendell has announced that the [Reinvestment Fund](#) (TRF), a non-profit organization, will use \$10 million from the Market Development Appropriation Act 7A to administer a statewide [Supermarket Initiative](#). The initiative will support development of supermarkets and other fresh-food retailers in underserved, disadvantaged urban and rural communities throughout Pennsylvania that lack adequate access to supermarkets. Through a program of grants and loans, this initiative will enhance the Food Markets component of the First Industries program when the Commonwealth Financing Authority approves guidelines for the program. The funds are being allocated through the [Department of Community and Economic Development](#).

GROUNDWATER SPEAKER SERIES ANNOUNCED - The [Susquehanna River Basin Commission](#) (SRBC) and partners invite you to participate in a series of free programs as part of the [Groundwater Speaker Series](#) designed to educate the public, elected officials, environmental and watershed organizations, consultants, water management agency representatives and others about groundwater issues and solutions.

Upcoming Events

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.](#)

SAVE THE DATE - 2nd Annual Lebanon/Lancaster County Watershed Forum – Saturday, **October 30**, 2004, 9-Noon Acorn Farms-Mount Joy, PA

Food for thought... Healthy and Sustainable Community Design Options – Tuesday, **December 14**, 2004 – 6:30-9:30 p.m. - Lancaster Host Resort. Sponsored by the Governor’s Center for Local Government Services, PSATS (Pennsylvania State Assoc. of Township Supervisors and the Pennsylvania State Assoc. of Boroughs. This interactive 3-hour session will provide attendees with the ingredients and tools available to implement healthy and sustainable community design. For more information contact PSATS (717) 763-0930, Ext. 166.

Interesting Websites/Reports/Books:

Investing in a Better Future - The Fiscal and Competitive Advantages of Smarter Growth Development Patterns

This paper makes the case that more compact development patterns and investing in projects to improve urban cores would save taxpayers' money and improve regions' overall economic performance.

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