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Lancaster County Growth Management Issues

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FYI

MOST EXPENSIVE PLACES TO DO BUSINESS - A new report, [Just the Facts](#), by The Public Policy Institute, the research affiliate of The Business Council of New York State ranks states according to the relative cost of doing business, including key economic and social indicators. **The report includes 32 tables comparing the cost of major business expenses, along with other indicators, in New York and the other 49 states.**

OFFER YOUR INPUT ON PENNSYLVANIA'S MOBILITY PLAN - Have an idea on how Pennsylvania should best utilize its transportation dollars in the years ahead? The Pennsylvania Mobility Team wants to hear it and other thoughts you have on the future of the Commonwealth's transportation network. The Pennsylvania Mobility Plan is a long-range transportation plan being developed by the Pennsylvania Department of Transportation with input from residents, businesses, local governments and other interested participants. When completed in June 2006, **the plan will analyze transportation priorities for the state over the next 25 years** and weigh the positive and negative consequences of possible types of transportation investments. Click [here](#) to visit the Mobility Plan website.

MILLIONS FIND AFFORDABLE HOUSING OUT OF REACH - [The National Low Income Housing Coalition](#) has released a report, "Out of Reach 2004" showing that, with few exceptions, most States have cost-of-living rates that far exceed their legal minimum wage rates, leaving affordable housing "out of reach" for many. View the results for [Pennsylvania](#) and [Lancaster](#). **"The disparity between income and rent for people of modest means is so wide as to be unfathomable to the two-thirds of the U.S. population who are well-housed at costs that are well within their households' budgets."**

THE BEST OF CONTEMPORARY COMMUNITY PLANNING - [The Best of Contemporary Community Planning](#) is a CD-ROM training package series for planning commissioners and other appointed and elected officials. Designed to complement state, chapter, and local training, these joint programs of APA and the Lincoln Institute of Land Policy consist of sessions recorded at APA National Planning Conferences. These training packages provide **up-to-date legal information, the latest planning techniques, and evaluations of planning tools**. They bring leading experts, researchers, practitioners, officials, and policy advocates for community planning right to your desktop or conference room screen.

Looking Into the Future –

We want to hear your thoughts on what critical issues you feel the citizens of Lancaster County will be facing in the future. Not just in 2005, but looking farther out to the years 2010 and 2020.

Your confidential input will be summarized and will serve as a valuable Resource.

Please write to us:
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We look forward to hearing from you.

Upcoming Events

Protecting Public Drinking Water: Source Water Protection Solutions – Tuesday, February 1, 2005 Albright College, Reading, PA – Sponsored by the League of Women Voters of PA Citizen Education Fund. Free, registration is required by 1/21/05. For more information call Kelly Yanos at (610) 929-6503 or e-mail Kyanos@alb.edu.

Interesting Websites/Reports
[Lancaster County Farming Facts](#)

[Mean Streets 2004 – How Far Have We Come?](#) Pedestrian Safety, 1994-2003

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