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NEW POLL SHOWS ECONOMIC ANXIETY CLOUDS PENNSYLVANIANS' OUTLOOK

The latest [IssuesPA/Pew Poll](#) shows Pennsylvanians have major, growing concerns about their economic future, and those surveyed said growing economic anxiety is overshadowing quality of life issues. The poll also found three distinct Pennsylvanias: the city of Philadelphia; the suburban areas and cities and towns that make up South Central PA and Southeast PA outside of Philadelphia; and the rural areas and older, struggling cities and towns that make up much of the rest of the state. *"About three-quarters (74%) said they favored action to give voters the opportunity to approve borrowing \$800 million for Growing Greener II. The money would be used for initiatives to preserve open space, reclaim abandoned mines and factory sites for new uses, clean up rivers and streams, and make other environmental improvements."*

PROGRESS MADE IN PENNSYLVANIA BUT LOW MARKS PERSIST IN EDUCATION REPORT CARD – (01/06/05) Governor Edward G. Rendell today announced that while the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania has dramatically increased educational investment and continues to work on improving student achievement, low marks on the nation's education report card prove that there is still a tremendous amount of work ahead. While the state received improved grades in Teacher Quality and School Equity Funding, according to the [2005 "Quality Counts"](#) report card from [Education Week, Pennsylvania](#) dropped in Standards and Accountability.

APA AFFORDABLE HOUSING READER - With the support of the Fannie Mae Foundation, the American Planning Association (APA) has assembled more than 100 documents and articles from APA publications that examine the affordable housing problem in the U.S. and identify and evaluate various solutions. These articles appear in this [Affordable Housing Reader](#), which is accessible to all visitors to the APA website. **Until now, many of these selections have been available solely to APA subscribers or are out of print.**

HISTORIC PRESERVATION AND HERITAGE TOURISM - [Preserving America](#) is a how-to guide to promote historic preservation and tourism from the Homes & Communities Division of Housing and Urban Development. This guide is intended to help state and local governments access funding through the Department's *Community Development Block Grant* program as a vehicle for historic preservation consistent with the national objectives of the program. From big cities to small-town America, there is a growing movement to preserve the places that recall another time in our nation's history. According to a new guide published by the Department of Housing and Urban Development, historic preservation can also serve as powerful force in stimulating "heritage tourism," economic development and job growth.

Upcoming Events

Agricultural Issues Forum – Pennsylvania First Industries Fund – Thursday, January 13th. Eden Resort Inn & Conference Center, 7:30 a.m.-9:00 a.m. RSVP to www.theagforum.com or e-mail: mike@mwbrubaker.com or call (717) 627-0440.

LIMC "Growing Together" Steering Committee Meeting – Thursday, February 3rd. Maple Grove Community Building in Lancaster Township – 7:00 p.m.

Agricultural Issues Forum – Why is Lancaster County the Source of High Sediment Yields to the Susquehanna River and Chesapeake Bay? – Thursday, February 10th. Eden Resort Inn & Conference Center, 7:30 a.m.-9:00 a.m. RSVP to www.theagforum.com or e-mail: mike@mwbrubaker.com or call (717) 627-0440.

Interesting Websites/Reports

- ❖ [The Future of Homes and Housing](#)
- ❖ [Higher-Density Plans: Tools for Community Engagement](#)
- ❖ [Boomburbs at Buildout?](#)
- ❖ [Mass Transit in Pennsylvania: The Problem, The \(temporary\) solution, and What's Next](#)
- ❖ [Millennial Housing Commission](#)

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