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SMART GROWTH LEADERSHIP INSTITUTE – COMMUNITY PROFILE – MOUNT JOY, PENNSYLVANIA – [The Smart Growth Leadership Institute](#) SGLI (a project of [Smart Growth America](#)) funded by a grant from the [United States Environmental Protection Agency](#), is working with communities that have made a commitment to smart growth but are struggling with implementation, building community support, identifying the most problematic policies, and other issues that typically accompany a major change in development practice.

In October 2003, the [Borough of Mount Joy](#) and [Lancaster County Planning Commission](#) jointly requested technical assistance under this program. In January 2004, SGLI agreed to work with the Borough and the County. And, in March 2004, to better perform the audit, SGLI team members traveled to Mount Joy to meet with stakeholders from the Borough, the County, and the surrounding townships.

To read the findings and recommendations of the SGLI team members, [click here](#).

AGRICULTURE, TOURISM FUND LAUNCHES - State officials are ready to accept applications for the First Industries Fund, a \$150 million grant and loan program aimed at strengthening Pennsylvania's agriculture and tourism industries. The fund is budgeted to provide businesses and nonprofits in those industries with \$100 million for agricultural development and \$50 million for tourism-related projects. Agriculture and tourism are the top two industries in Pennsylvania, but historically have been under-funded, according to a statement from Dennis Yablonsky, secretary of the state Department of Community and Economic Development. More information: www.newPA.com.

2004 AMERICAN COMMUNITY SURVEY - [Smart Growth America](#) and the [National Association of Realtors®](#) prepared this [survey](#) in October 2004 on Americans' preferences for the type of communities they want to live in and the policies they support for creating those communities. The preferences and other opinions expressed in the survey suggest a direction for solving the conflicting pressures of the desire to develop and the wish to preserve communities.

“Americans want government and business to be investing in existing communities before putting resources into newer communities farther out from cities and older suburbs”

Upcoming Events

[This Land Is Your Land – Three-Part Public Meeting Series – Growth Management Update Plan - This Week's Meeting Schedule](#)

Tuesday, Jan. 25th – Ephrata Public Library, Ephrata, PA 7-9 p.m.

Thursday, Jan. 27th – Lanc. County Emergency Training Center, 7-9 p.m.

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](#)
[Growth & Water Resources](#)

[Affordable Housing and Smart Growth – Making the Connection](#)

[Regional Equity and Smart Growth: Opportunities for Advancing Social and Economic Justice in America](#)

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