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Lancaster County Growth Management Issues

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FYI

Pennsylvania recently reported that it has \$2.3 billion worth of deferred maintenance for the roadways and more than three times that for the bridges. Nearly a quarter of the bridges are labeled structurally deficient.

PEW CHARITABLE TRUSTS: THE GOVERNMENT PERFORMANCE PROJECT GRADES THE 50 STATES

– (01/31/05) State governments have shown mixed success in weathering the worst financial storm since World War II in which plunging revenues have coincided with surging costs. Some states have been successful in figuring out how to deal with the crisis while others have struggled. This conclusion is based on research released today in the Government Performance Project's (GPP) "[Grading the States 2005](#)," the nation's only comprehensive, independent analysis of how well each state is managed. The new GPP report provides state-by-state information, analysis and tools to compare each state. Read how [Pennsylvania](#) measured up.

TEN PRINCIPLES FOR SMART GROWTH ON THE SUBURB FRINGE – It is no longer a question of whether we will grow, but rather how and where. The face of America is changing. Often conservationists and developers view one another as adversaries, focusing on competing interests rather than on common ground. The result has been leapfrog development and reactive land conservation. Only through collaboration and partnerships based on a shared vision and mutual goals will a framework be established that will guide both conservation and development to benefit the community, the environment and the economy. In this [publication](#), the [Urban Land Institute](#) suggests the following ten principles to guide smart growth on the suburban fringe:

1. Create a shared vision for the future..... and stick to it.
2. Identify and sustain green infrastructure.
3. Remember that the right design in the wrong place is not smart growth.
4. Protect environmental systems and conserve resources.
5. Provide diverse housing types and opportunities.
6. Build centers of concentrated mixed uses.
7. Use multiple connections to enhance mobility and circulation.
8. Deliver sustainable transportation choices.
9. Preserve the community's character.
10. Make it easy to do the right thing.

Upcoming Events

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.

[This Land Is Your Land – Three-Part Public Meeting Series – Growth Management Update Plan](#) – The following is the schedule for the next series:

Strategies for Balancing Growth and Preservation
Monday, March 14, 2005
7-9 p.m. Willow Valley Resort

Strategies for Balancing Growth and Preservation
Tuesday, March 15, 2005
7-9 p.m. Elizabethtown College

Strategies for Balancing Growth and Preservation
Thursday, March 17, 2005
7-9 p.m. Yoder's Restaurant and Buffet, New Holland

Interesting Websites/Reports

[Creative Class War: The Debate over Richard Florida's Ideas](#)

[The Built Environment and Health](#)

[The Source Protection Handbook](#)

[Eminent Domain, Private Property, and Redevelopment – An Economic Development Analysis](#)

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