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FYI

SCHOOL BOARDS MUST ACT FOR PROPERTY TAX RELIEF - (03/25/05)

From the [PA Governor's Newsletter](#) – Governor Rendell attempts to clear up any misconceptions about our school board's upcoming decision to opt into Act 72 - the Property Tax Reduction Act.

CORRIDORone REGIONAL RAIL UPDATE - The [Capital Area Transit](#) (CAT) and [Modern Transit Partnership](#) (MTO) received \$2.5 million in new federal funds to support the [CORRIDORone](#) regional rail project. The funding is now being utilized to complete Preliminary Engineering activities and continued design work as well as to modify the tracks at the Harrisburg Transportation Center for appropriate safety measures in preparation for regional rail.

**CORRIDORone
Estimated Timeline**

- Late 2005**- Preliminary engineering concludes. Design and construction begins.
- 2007** – Harrisburg to Lancaster service begins.
- 2008** – East Mechanicsburg to Harrisburg service begins.
- 2010** – Service to Carlisle

SPRING 2005 MASTER PLANNER PROGRAM ANNOUNCED – This program sponsored by the Lancaster County Planning Commission begins, Thursday, April 7th 6:30 p.m.-9 p.m. The Master Planner Program assists municipal officials, business leaders and others enhance their knowledge. The goal of the program is to encourage students to apply this knowledge to promote and sustain smart growth communities. For a [registration form](#), visit the [Lancaster County Planning Commission](#) website and click on [Education & Information](#) on the [Long Range Planning](#) page or simply call Liz Smith, Senior Planner, at (717) 299-8333.

HIGHER-DENSITY DEVELOPMENT – MYTH AND FACT- In this new [publication](#) from the [Urban Land Institute](#), widespread misconceptions related to higher-density development is examined. Although the benefits of higher-density development are often understated, so are the detrimental effects of low-density development.

Read the publication to find the facts that dispel the myths.

MYTHS

Higher-density development –

- Overburdens public schools and other public services and requires more infrastructure support systems.
- Lowers property values in surrounding areas.
- Creates more regional traffic congestion and parking problems than low-density development.
- Leads to higher crime rates.
- Is environmentally more destructive than lower-density development.
- Is unattractive and does not fit in a low-density community.
- No one in suburban areas wants higher-density development
- Is only for lower-income households.

Upcoming Events

Developing a Preferred Land Use Scenario for Lancaster's Future – Times and locations follow:

**Monday, April 25, 2005
7 p.m. to 9 p.m.**
Lancaster City Council Chambers, Southern Market Center, City of Lancaster

**Tuesday, April 26, 2005
7 p.m. to 9 p.m.**
Bright Side Opportunities Center, City of Lancaster

**Thursday, April 28, 2005
7 p.m. to 9 p.m.**
Quarryville Library, Quarryville Borough

A Susquehanna Symposium: Riverfront Communities Flowing With Potential – June 8-10, 2005 – The [Susquehanna Greenway Partnership](#), along with other sponsors and partners from New York, Pennsylvania and Maryland, is hosting a symposium for and about riverfront communities in the Susquehanna River Basin. For more information, contact Susan Obleski, SRBC, at (717) 238-0423, ext. 316 or by e-mail sobleski@srbc.net.

Interesting Reports

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