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PENNDOT MOVING FORWARD WITH PA 23 EIS PROJECT – In the [June, 2005 edition](#) of *Passages – News About the PA Route 23 Environmental Impact Statement*, a project re-evaluation update is provided, including a map illustrating the route and the proposed access points. In the near future, the [PA 23 EIS team](#), the [ELCLUS](#) (Eastern Lancaster County Land Use Study) team and the [Lancaster County Planning Commission](#) will be working with corridor municipalities to put planning measures in place that will help them manage future growth. For more information visit the [PA Route 23](#) website.

The most common programs and services provided by a local public health agency –

- Adult and child immunizations
- Communicable disease control
- Community assessment
- Community outreach and education
- Environmental health services
- Epidemiology and surveillance
- Food safety
- Health education
- Restaurant inspections
- TB testing

FEASIBILITY STUDY: ESTABLISHING A DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH IN LANCASTER COUNTY –At the request of the Physicians Taskforce of [Success by Six United Way of Lancaster County](#), the [Drexel University School of Public Health](#) prepared this feasibility study to determine the need, value, cost and sentiments concerning the establishment of a countywide public health department in Lancaster County.

The **key findings** from the surveys and interviews undertaken in this study emphasized several recurring themes, in the form of these **primary concerns** -

- **New government oversight** and even intrusion in private matters

- **New government costs**, and especially **new taxes** to support those costs

- **Environmental hazards**, known and unknown, such as water quality and lead exposure, solid waste management and vector control

- **Lack of coordination** among providers of public health related services

- **Insufficient services** to meet the needs of both urban and rural County residents

WATER PLANNING PRIORITIES – WHAT ARE YOURS? – The [Regional Water Resources Committees](#) established under Act 220, which was passed in 2002 and requires the development and periodic updating of a State Water Plan, have been meeting quarterly since October 2003. In the committees' first public outreach effort, hearings were held around the state to discuss "Regional Priorities" – issues they believe should be addressed for their region in the State Water Plan. **Comments on the [Draft Priorities](#) will be accepted until June 30, 2005.** At the August meeting each Regional Committee will select the provisions to be recommended as part of their regional plan component of the State Water Plan. Learn about the priorities proposed for our region.

Upcoming Events

My Old House Trade Show
Thursday, June 16, 2005
6:00-8:00 p.m. Southern Market Center, South Queen and West Vine Streets, Lancaster – The 1992 report, [Preserving Community Character, City of Lancaster, Pennsylvania](#), prepared by the Historic Preservation Trust of Lancaster County under a Certified Local Government (CLG) Grant to the City, emphasized the importance of maintaining our historic buildings. *"When we write about historic preservation's role in enhancing community character, we are primarily encouraging the appropriate maintenance of the things we already have."*

Under this year's CLG Grant to the City, the [City of Lancaster](#) is sponsoring a public workshop that emphasizes property maintenance. [For more information.](#)

Interesting Articles/Websites

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

[From Urban Decay To Urban Renaissance](#)

[Center City Gains Residents, But Not Jobs](#)

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