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Upcoming Events

FALL MASTER PLANNER PROGRAM BEGINS SEPT. 8

- The Master Planner Program assists municipal officials, planning commissions, zoning hearing boards, business leaders and others enhance their knowledge of good planning principles, techniques and "best practices." The goal of the nine-week, evening program is to encourage students to **apply this knowledge to promote and sustain "smart growth" communities**. The program is open to nonresidents. [For more information](#) or call Liz Smith, Senior Planner, at (717) 299-8333.

Interesting Articles/Websites

[The Branding of Cities](#)

[The Smart Sprawl Strategy](#)

[The Sky Is Not Falling On Cities](#)

[Smart Growth and the Internet](#)

[Turning Brownfields into Mixed-Use Developments](#)

[Keystone Poll August 2005 - Lancaster City Quality of Life](#)

PENNSYLVANIA'S FUTURE DEMOGRAPHICS: WARNING SIGNS FOR POLICYMAKERS - (August 2005) Projected slow growth and an aging population – not exactly a recipe for a strong economic future in PA. What do the demographics and trends reveal? [IssuesPA](#), of the [Pennsylvania Economy League](#) takes a closer look. The latest U.S. Census Bureau **population estimates aren't favorable for Pennsylvania**.

Between 2000 and 2030, Pennsylvania's projected population increase will be the **6th lowest in the nation**.

The **increase over last year was just 0.3%**, significantly lower than the nationwide increase of about 1%. Pennsylvania's total population has increased only 1% since the 2000 Census, compared to 4.4% nationally. Will these trends persist? The Census Bureau predicts they will. **Continued slow growth isn't a good sign**, but a closer look at the demographic changes raises even more concern.

TEN PRINCIPLES FOR SUCCESSFUL PUBLIC/PRIVATE PARTNERSHIPS

– The use of public/private partnerships (PPPs), as this [publication](#) from the [Urban Land Institute](#) illustrates, is a growing trend throughout the United States. Such partnerships are considered to be **"creative alliances"**. True partnerships **replace potential confrontation with collaboration and cooperation** to achieve shared goals and objectives. Building and rebuilding cities and new communities is a complex and challenging endeavor under the best of circumstances. In 2004, **\$75 billion was spent by public/private partnerships on economic development** and urban renewal projects, indication that **the market and the public sector increasingly support this investment approach**.

The Ten Principles

1. Prepare Properly for Public/Private Partnerships
2. Create a Shared Vision
3. Understand Your Partners and Key Players
4. Be Clear on the Risks and Rewards for All Parties
5. Establish a Clear and Rational Decision-Making Process
6. Make Sure All Parties Do Their Homework
7. Secure Consistent and Coordinated Leadership
8. Communicate Early and Often
9. Negotiate a Fair Deal Structure
10. Build Trust as a Core Value

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