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Lancaster County Growth Management Issues November 1, 2005

FYI

STATE ROAD PROPERTY - Many of you are aware of the week-long planning effort in East Hempfield Township. It has been an **intense planning charrette** led by Andres Duany, internationally known "father" of the new urbanist movement in this country.

The plan under development is for the 300 acre property at State Road and PA 283. **The closing presentation of the selected plan is scheduled at Four Seasons restaurant & golf club in Landisville, tonight, Tuesday, Nov 1 at 7:00 PM. We urge each of you to attend.**

It is a good example of planning that could be replicated throughout the urban areas of Lancaster County. See details of the site and the weeklong program at www.planhempfield.com. Get to know Andres Duany at www.dpz.com.

State Road Partners (Charter Homes and B&F Partners) will be urging East Hempfield to **Adopt a PA localized version of a SmartCode as guidance for future development** of the Township. See the SmartCode and download your own copy at <http://www.placemakers.com/info/SCdownloads.html>.

"I've been privileged to sit in on much of the entire process and have been amazed how everything we've been working on in Lancaster County - the Growth Management Plan Update, The LIMC Multi-municipal Plan, the County Housing Plan, and the County Transportation Plan, all seem to converge on this 300 acre site."

*Danny Whittle, AICP, Community Planner
Lancaster County Planning Commission*

It's a target growth site. It's a designated growth opportunity area. It **recognizes the advantage of mixed use, walkability, and neighborhood diversity**. It provides for a Corridor 1 transit stop; it contributes to the improvement of State Road and its PA 283 Interchange, It **provides for jobs, civic places, shopping, lodging, and recreation**. It builds on the historic tradition of the farm and village architecture of the area. It utilizes the latest practices for stream corridor and wetland preservation.

PENNSYLVANIA'S HIGHER EDUCATION SYSTEM – HOW WELL DO WE USE IT? - [Issues PA](#) of the [Pennsylvania Economy League](#) reports that despite the large number of colleges and other institutions of higher education in the state, actual participation in higher education among Pennsylvanians is mixed.

The [IssuesPA/Pew poll](#) conducted in September surveyed Pennsylvanians on the topic of higher education and its relationship to their employment and career. According to poll results, **Pennsylvanians believe higher education is a key to success**. The state does pretty well when it comes to people going directly from high school to college, and colleges and universities in Pennsylvania also attract students from other states and countries. However, once people get past "normal" college age, participation drops off dramatically. The **net result is a population that participates in higher education at a slightly lower rate than the nation as a whole**.

Upcoming Events

The State of the County Monday – November 7, 2005

[The Lancaster Chamber of Commerce & Industry](#) invites you to join fellow business leaders and colleagues for the first local event to **examine all of the issues shaping Lancaster County's business climate and quality of life**. [For more information](#).

Creating Pennsylvania's Future – A Higher-Education Economic and Community Development Summit – December 5-6, 2005

Presented by the [Pennsylvania Department of Community and Economic Development](#) (DCED), institutions of higher education and economic development partners, in partnership with Penn State. The **summit is aimed at energizing institutions of higher education, economic development organizations, workforce development agencies, government officials, community leaders, entrepreneurs, and investors to work collaboratively** to create a future for the Commonwealth that leverages the assets of Pennsylvania's colleges and universities. Visit the summit web site to register: www.creatingpennsylvaniasfuture.org

Interesting Articles/Websites

[Winning Downtowns Stack Their Decks](#) - *The age of attractive parking structures has arrived*

[10,000 Friends of Pennsylvania](#) Announces [Position Paper](#) on Eminent Domain Legislation

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