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REMINDER

On February 8th, the Lancaster County Planning Commission (LCPC) rolled out the “**Envision Lancaster County**” Comprehensive Plan, with key amendments slated to **guide the County for the next 25 years.**

These [amendments](#) are available on LCPC’s website for **public comments through March 29, 2006.**

SHARED PROSPERITY, STRONGER REGIONS

- Older core cities are primarily located in the Northeast and Midwest and are often referred to as rust belt, weak markets, slow growth, or undercapitalized cities. They face significant obstacles to a sustainable future and are struggling to reposition themselves in the face of a changing economy and the movement of people and resources out of urban centers to other parts of the region, the country, or overseas. This [report](#) explores the opportunities and challenges confronting older core cities by looking closely at five of them: Baltimore, Cleveland, Detroit, Philadelphia, and Pittsburgh and answers questions about how older core cities can become economically competitive and socially inclusive places where all residents can participate and prosper.

REDEVELOPMENT OF ARMSTRONG WORLD INDUSTRIES IN LANCASTER

– (2/21/06) Governor Edward G. Rendell today announced plans to help speed up the redevelopment of **47 acres at the former Armstrong World Industries manufacturing site in Lancaster.** The project **will create up to 2,000 jobs**, preserve another 250 manufacturing positions at the site and provide a new collegiate and community recreation complex in the northwestern corner of the city.

“We’re bringing new jobs and investments to our cities, towns and boroughs to enhance the quality of life for residents,” Governor Rendell said. “I want to see **prime real estate returned to productive use.** I want to rebuild these old industrial sites to build up our tax base. This project achieves those goals and ensures we continue our solid record of improving Pennsylvania’s economy.”

Project plans call for the demolition of now-vacant industrial buildings on the Armstrong site. They will be replaced by a vibrant mixed-use neighborhood anchored by Lancaster General Hospital planned for up to 1 million square feet of medical office, retail and residential space.

The area also will include an athletic and recreational complex to be developed by Franklin and Marshall College, with the facilities available to the public. The site will complement and link to the recently completed Clipper Magazine Stadium, home to the Lancaster Barnstormers, the city’s new minor league baseball team, and other developments in Northwest Lancaster. [For the full news press release.](#)

Upcoming Events

Pandemic Flu – Business Preparedness Town Meeting
Wednesday, March 8, 2006
7:30 a.m. – Eden Resort Inn
Sponsored by [Lancaster General](#), the [Lancaster County Business Group on Health](#) and the [Pennsylvania Department of Health](#). Pre-registration is required and seating is limited. For more information call 717-544-3148

What is the Real Fiscal Health of our Local Governments?
Friday, March 10, 2006
7:30-9:00 a.m.
Eden Resort Inn & Suites
Sponsored by the Lancaster County Committee of the [Pennsylvania Economy League](#) – [For more information](#)

Eminent Domain in Pennsylvania
March 29, 2006 - Holiday Inn – 521 Greenfield Road, Lancaster
[For more information.](#)

Reinventing Older Communities – People, Places, Markets
April 5-7, 2006, Hyatt Regency Philadelphia at Penn’s Landing - [The Federal Reserve Bank of Philadelphia](#) alerts you to an upcoming national conference that will highlight the latest strategies and successes in revitalizing older cities and towns. [For more information](#)

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