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FYI

LIVABILITY 101: WHAT MAKES A COMMUNITY LIVABLE? – A new [report](#) designed by the [American Institute of Architects' Center for Communities by Design](#) to help public officials, and all others actively engaged in this civic dialogue, understand the basic elements of community design and take advantage of existing tools, strategies, and synergies at the policy, planning, and design levels so that their communities can reach their full potential in all respects.

HOURGLASS PANEL ASKS COMMUNITY OPINIONS -

The Hourglass recently launched its latest initiative to better understand the opinions of people throughout Lancaster County. Working with Polk-Lepson Research Group, the Hourglass is recruiting a large, balanced sample of Lancaster County residents who will be asked periodically to complete surveys online via the internet. Surveys will cover a wide range of current and sometimes controversial subjects affecting quality of life in Lancaster County. The Hourglass Panel is an opportunity for people to be heard, and for elected officials to be more responsive to public opinion. We invite you to become an Hourglass Panel member. – [Click here to participate](#). Thank you.

SMART GROWTH GUIDE OUTLINES PROCESS FOR THE DESIGN OF BUILDINGS AND CORPORATE GRAPHICS - [The National Trust for Historic Preservation](#) has produced **The Community Design Assessment: A Citizens' Planning Guide**, which provides a step-by-step process for evaluating the design and visual impact of buildings and corporate graphics in your community in order to guide decisions about future development. The accompanying CD-ROM includes: (1) PowerPoint presentation for assessment team leaders; (2) Assessment score sheets and tabulation worksheets; and (3) Image file of community-friendly design by national chain stores. [For more information.](#)

AGING IN PLACE - *Aging in Place* from [Smart Growth America](#) is a [tool](#) designed to help local governments plan and prepare for their aging populations. It presents a series of programs and zoning practices that expand the alternatives available to older adults living in the community. Communities interested in meeting the needs of their growing older adult populations should begin by assessing their ability to meet the need for affordable housing, appropriate and safe housing, diverse housing choices, transportation options and supportive services.

Upcoming Events

Density is the Key to Balance
May 31st, 2006 – Full Day Summit, Lancaster County Emergency Training Center in Landisville – Sponsored by the [Coalition for Smart Growth](#) to discuss improved efficiency in the use of land within Designated Growth Areas as identified as an essential component to growth management, during the [Update of the Lancaster County Growth Management Element, "Balance"](#)

Interesting Reports/Articles

[Transformative Investments: Unleashing the Potential of American Cities](#)

[College Grads Flocking To Urban America](#)

[Citizen Planners Resource Kit](#)

[Toll Bros. Reports \\$92K Profit Per New Home In 2005](#)

[Planners know: 'Smart growth' not an easy sell](#)

[Clean Communities on the Move: A Partnership-Driven Approach to Clean Air & Smart Transportation](#)

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