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LCCGS CALLS FOR SIGNATURES AND PROSPECTIVE STUDY

COMMISSION CANDIDATES - As the petition process enters the home stretch, the [Lancaster County Citizens for Government Study](#) (LCCGS) is urging individuals to sign the petition to allow voters to decide whether a study of County government is the right choice for Lancaster County. In addition to the more than 20 petition locations throughout the County, LCCGS is glad to deliver the petition directly to voters at their home or business to ensure all have the opportunity to be heard on this issue. Comprised of more than a dozen diverse business and community organizations, LCCGS is also spearheading an initiative to support a slate of candidates for the study commission and has developed criteria for prospective candidates. Those considering candidacy should refer to the web site link below for more information on how to be considered for LCCGS endorsement.

For a complete list of petition locations, [Click Here](#).

To request delivery of the petition, [Click Here](#).

For more information on becoming a candidate for the Study Commission, [Click Here](#).

Read more about the process in the [Home Rule Handbook](#), provided by the [Governor's Center for Local Government Services](#). The entire process is designed to be non-partisan.

ISSUES AFFECTING RURAL WATER SYSTEMS - Like other communities across the commonwealth, Pennsylvania's small, rural communities must have healthy water and wastewater systems to accommodate their residents. And like other communities, rural communities are being challenged by a host of issues that can threaten their water and wastewater systems. To identify issues affecting Pennsylvania's small public water and wastewater systems, the [Center for Rural Pennsylvania](#) sponsored research to examine the system capacity of a sample of Pennsylvania's small water systems. The study, [Rural Pennsylvania's Water and Wastewater Infrastructure](#), conducted by Dr. Beverly Cigler of Penn State Harrisburg, also assessed the systems' abilities to meet a variety of challenges that are facing today's water and wastewater operations.

STATE OF THE NATION'S HOUSING 2006 - With interest rates rising and speculative demand cooling, the housing boom is coming under pressure, finds this year's [State of the Nation's Housing report](#) from [Harvard's Joint Center for Housing Studies](#). As long as the economy continues to create jobs and builders trim production to match slowing demand, house prices will keep climbing and the housing sector will likely achieve a soft landing. Although house price growth will likely moderate in many areas, sharp drops in house prices are unlikely anytime soon.

UPCOMING EVENTS

SAVE THE DATE - Lancaster County Housing Summit – Thursday, October 5, 2006, 7:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m. - Eden Resort Inn & Suites – Sponsored by the [Lancaster County Housing and Redevelopment Authorities](#), the [Board of Commissioners](#) and the [Lancaster County Planning Commission](#). More information will be provided when available.

Local Solutions >> Global - Amenities-Creativity-Equity-Sustainability – October 24-27, 2006, Charlotte, North Carolina. Sponsored by [Partners for Livable Communities](#). Livability is the defining factor for any community looking to sustain itself in this constantly changing world. The combination of strong and innovative leadership, regional cooperation, diversity, and excellent design of place and space form a valuable investment in livability and economic success. The [Cultivating Creative Communities conference](#) will bring civic and community leaders together for insightful discussion on opportunities and challenges facing cities and regions in the global creative economy. [For more information](#).

Success National Preservation Conference 2006 – Pittsburgh, PA – October 31 – November 5, 2006. Sponsored by the [National Trust for Historic Preservation](#). [For more information](#).

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