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THIS IS SMART GROWTH – This new [publication](#) from the [Smart Growth Network](#) (SGN) and the [International City/County Management Association \(ICMA\)](#) illustrates how communities can turn their visions, values, and aspirations into reality, using smart growth techniques to improve the quality of development. **When done well, development can help create more economic opportunities, build great places where people want to live and visit, preserve the qualities people love about their communities, and protect environmental resources.**

STATE OF THE NATION'S HOUSING – This [report](#) has been released annually by [Harvard University's Joint Center for Housing Studies](#) since 1988. It has served as an **essential resource for both public policy makers and private decision makers in the housing industry.** This year's report provides a current assessment of housing's role in the economy and its continued strength; housing affordability challenges; house price appreciation and trends; the evolving rental markets; and demographics driving the housing market.

COOPERATING ACROSS BOUNDARIES - More than 34 million acres of open space were lost to development between 1982 and 2001, about 6,000 acres per day, 4 acres a minute. Of this loss, over 10 million acres are in forestland. [Cooperating Across Boundaries: Partnerships to Conserve Open Space in Rural America](#) from the U.S.D.A. Forest Service is a [report](#) that **highlights the importance of open space**, explores how growth trends in rural America are changing our forests, and **offers ideas for balancing growth and conservation.** The loss of open space affects the ability of forests and grasslands to provide public benefits, ecosystem services, and products -- such as clean water, scenic beauty, places to recreate, wildlife and biodiversity, wood and food, and jobs in farming, ranching, and forestry.

SUSTAINABLE PLANNING FOR AGING IN PLACE - This [resource list](#) from the [International City/County Management Association \(ICMA\)](#) is designed to **help local governments** get up to speed quickly on the issues and **tools that will ensure that older adults enjoy a high quality of life** today and into the future. Includes information about national organizations, newsletters and listservs, reports and fact sheets, funding, and conferences.

SAVE THE DATE

2006 Regional Transportation Summit – Friday, September 29, 2006, 8:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. – Harrisburg Transportation Center - Sponsored by [The South Central Assembly for Effective Governance](#). [For more information.](#)

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.

Growing Greener Cities: Symposium on Urban Environmental Issues in the 21st Century - October 15 - 17, 2006 University of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia PA. Hosted by: The [Pennsylvania Horticultural Society](#); [The Penn Institute for Urban Research](#); and [The Media & Policy Center Foundation](#). [For more information.](#)

Understanding the Cost and Revenue Impacts of Residential Development – Thursday, October 26, 2006, 6:30p.m.-9:30 p.m. – Lancaster County Public Safety Training Center, 101 Champ Boulevard, Manheim, PA 17545. Sponsored by [Penn State Cooperative Extension](#), in cooperation with the [Lancaster County Planning Commission](#). There is no cost for this seminar, but registration is required. Please contact Lancaster County Extension Office at (717)394-6851 or LancasterExt@psu.edu.

INTERESTING ARTICLES

[Just what is sprawl, and why is it really a concern?](#)

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