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**FYI**

**BASE REALIGNMENTS AND CLOSURES: HOW COMMUNITIES CAN PLUG INTO THE PROCESS** – One month after Congress enacted BRAC (Base Realignment and Closure) changes into law in late 2005, a partnership was formed among Baltimore, Harford and Cecil Counties, Baltimore City and Aberdeen Proving Ground. Called the [Chesapeake Science & Security Corridor](#), this partnership has evolved from a business development and marketing focus to include **regional planning** and infrastructure, and coordinated efforts to assure an improved environment, better business climate, and higher quality of life.

The partnership formally expanded in April 2007 with the signing of a regional memorandum of understanding to include seven additional **strategic partners: counties in southern Pennsylvania (Lancaster and York Counties)** and Delaware, and four key economic development and policy groups. The

In Lancaster County, the [Lancaster County Planning Commission](#) and EDC, the [Economic Development Corporation](#) is engaged in assessing the impact of the expansion at the Aberdeen Proving Grounds on the southern portion of the County.

**Articles pertaining to BRAC** – [Responding to Change: Communities & BRAC](#)

[THE STRATEGY GAME: Connecting Communities and the Military through BRAC;](#)

[Department of Defense – Office of Economic Adjustment](#) - Department of Defense's primary source for assisting communities that are adversely impacted by Defense program changes, including base closures or realignments, base expansions, and contract or program cancellations

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## WHAT IS BRAC?

Base Realignments and Closure (BRAC) is the congressionally authorized process the Department of Defense (DoD) uses to reorganize its base structure to more efficiently and effectively support U.S. forces, increase operational readiness and facilitate new ways of doing business. (The original legislation actually states that the title of the process is Base Closure and Realignment.)

[When an Installation Grows: The Impact of Expanding Missions on Communities](#)

[Understanding Base Realignment: What Communities Should Know First](#)

## UPCOMING EVENTS HOURGLASS TRANSPORTATION FORUM –

**Traffic. What's the Delay?**  
**January 31, 2008 – 6:30 p.m.**  
**Franklin and Marshall College** –Hear what experts say about living with ever-increasing traffic. Can we build our way out of congestion? How will it affect the future of Pennsylvania and Lancaster County? Featured speakers are [Walter Kulash](#), Traffic Engineer and Community-Planning Consultant and [Allen Biehler](#), Pennsylvania Secretary of Transportation. [For more information.](#)

**HOURGLASS CITY REVITALIZATION FORUM - JOSEPH P. RILEY, Jr. Mayor of Charleston, SC**  
**March 6, 2008 – 6:00 p.m.**  
**Liberty Place Theater** –Mark your calendar – More information to follow soon.

## GOVERNMENT STUDY COMMISSION FOR HOME RULE CHARTER COMMUNITY MEETINGS -

**January 15** at 7 p.m. at the Providence Township Office;  
**February 16** at 9 a.m. at the Mount Joy Township Office;  
**March 22** at 9 a.m. at Ephrata Library.

Regular meetings held at the Lancaster County Courthouse are also scheduled and open to the public.

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