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**GOVERNOR'S TASK FORCE BEGINS WORK TO ADDRESS PENNSYLVANIA'S WATER INFRASTRUCTURE NEEDS** – (DEP) Members of Governor Edward G. Rendell's [Sustainable Water Infrastructure Task Force](#)

**Lancaster County Task Force Members**

**Terry Kauffman,**  
Mount Joy Borough Manager  
and  
**Lester Houck,**  
Township Supervisor and  
Secretary-Treasurer,  
PA State Assoc. of Township  
Supervisors

convened for the first time Monday and began the work of addressing the estimated \$20 billion funding shortfall needed to upgrade Pennsylvania's aging and deteriorated water-related infrastructure. Governor Rendell created the task force, with Executive Order 2008-02, to consider new funding options, as well as non-structural alternatives to expensive capital upgrades, such as nutrient credit trading, water re-use

and conservation. **It is responsible for developing a report by Oct. 1** that provides recommendations and financing options to support water-related services in the Governor's fiscal year 2009-2010 budget proposal. [Read the full press release.](#)

**PA SENATE REPUBLICANS: SENATE COMMITTEES CONSIDER REGIONAL PLANNING SERVICES** - (*Capitol Wire*) The Senate Local Government Committee, Chaired by Senator Bob Regola (R-39), and the Senate Urban Affairs and Housing Committee, Chaired by Senator John Pippy (R-37), held a joint public hearing Thursday (April 10) in the Greensburg Garden and Civic Center to hear testimony on **multi-municipal planning** and shared services. The hearing focused on best practices at the local level, current state efforts to promote intergovernmental cooperation, and recommendations on how the state can further encourage multi-municipal planning and shared services. *"We have seen a number of studies that have considered ways to make government more efficient," Senator Pippy said. "Now, we need to move beyond the reports and look at identifying the critical pathways to move forward."* [Read the full press release.](#)

**10,000 FRIENDS TESTIFIES ON REGIONAL SERVICES** - It's not just the system of tax collection that binds local government's hands. **Our county and municipal service mandates and taxing powers create financial challenges for local governments.** To make that point, [10,000 Friends](#) counsel Tom Scott testified to the Senate Local Government Committee and Senate Urban Affairs & Housing Committee in April, saying that **the state should provide more incentives to encourage intergovernmental mergers and shared services.** To read the full text of the testimony, please [click here.](#)

**UPCOMING EVENTS**

**Government Study Commission  
Public Meetings Draft  
Home Rule Charter**

**Thursday, April 17** – 7:00 p.m. - Farm and Home Center, Lancaster

**Tuesday, April 29** – 7:00 p.m. – Mount Joy Borough

**Saturday, May 3<sup>rd</sup>** - 9:00 a.m. – Garden Spot Village, Leola

[Pennsylvania Downtown Center's Annual Conference - Bringing the Future into Focus – June 8-11, 2008](#) Gettysburg, PA. [For more information.](#)

**INTERESTING REPORTS**

**An Economic Plan for the Commonwealth: Unleashing the Assets of Metropolitan Pennsylvania** - A new [report](#) from the [Brookings Institution.](#) As our state and federal leaders visualize a prosperous future, four key assets matter -- innovation, human capital, infrastructure and quality places. These assets help increase the productivity of firms and workers, boost the incomes of families and workers, and can help Pennsylvania and the United States grow in more fiscally and environmentally responsible ways.

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