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PLAN REGIONALLY, IMPLEMENT LOCALLY – An Evaluation of Multi-municipal Planning and Implementation in Pennsylvania – [10,000 Friends of Pennsylvania](#) played a lead role in advocating for **Acts 67 and 68 of 2000, the legislation that authorized multi-municipal planning** – Pennsylvania’s unique approach to regional land use management. In a continuing effort to advance sound land use polices, 10,000 Friends has produced this new report. [To read the full report.](#) [To read the Executive Summary.](#) Lancaster County’s Multi-municipal plan - [Growing Together: A Comprehensive Plan for Central Lancaster County](#) is a case study contained in the report.

SHARING SERVICES CAN SAVE MONEY FOR TAXPAYERS, DCED Secretary Blake reminds local leaders – (1/7/09) With many city, borough and township budgets stretched to the limit, [Department of Community and Economic Development](#) Acting Secretary John Blake is reminding local leaders that teaming up to provide government services can often save valuable tax payer dollars. *“The souring national economy is challenging our local governments unlike almost any other time in history. Inter-municipal approaches involving regional police agencies, emergency response equipment, computer systems or energy management programs are very important to advance community and economic development because they can provide for more effective and efficient service delivery while reducing fiscal pressures.”* [Read the Full Press Release.](#)

METROPOLICY: Shaping a New Federal Partnership for a Metropolitan Nation – a new [report](#) from [The Brookings Institution](#). To unleash greater local and national prosperity U.S. metropolitan leaders need to be better equipped to deal with today’s increasingly dynamic economic, social and environmental realities. This [report](#) calls for a new federal-state-metro partnership that provides metropolitan actors the support, capacity, tools and discretion they need to resolve key challenges; grow in more productive, inclusive, and sustainable ways; and, ultimately, to maximize America’s overall prosperity. [Read Metro Area Profile: Lancaster, PA.](#)

Between 1980 and 2000, the Lancaster metro area consumed 1.32 acres of rural land – areas with less than one housing unit per 40 acres – for every new housing unit built, more than the 99 metro average of 0.90 rural acres per new housing unit. (Honolulu, Hawaii is not included).

OTHER INTERESTING REPORTS

[Re-conquering Philadelphia - One High-Quality Place at a Time](#) - World class regions value quality of place. Recently, world-renowned city planner [Jan Gehl](#) came to Philadelphia to share his work on revitalizing public life through investment in public space. Gehl's work shows how **sometimes it is the small but smart infrastructure investments that reap big rewards in transforming urban landscapes into appealing places to live, work, and play.**

[Forbes Magazine – 10 Best Places to Ride Out Recession](#) – Lancaster, PA #10.

[Kiplinger – Six “safe” havens in Real Estate](#) – Lancaster, PA #1.

[Growing! Growing! Gone! The Chesapeake Bay and the Myth of Endless Growth](#), an August 2008 report funded by the [Abell Foundation](#), author Tom Horton describes how the once-acclaimed program to restore the Chesapeake Bay, now in its 25th year, has been a failure.

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