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FYI

THE POWER OF TEN

During [Fred Kent's](#) visit to Lancaster he explained the use of [The Power of Ten](#) in his work at the Project for Public Spaces. He suggested the [Hourglass](#) poll the attendees at the June 4th forum and we did.

Attendees were asked to name the **five best streets** or roadways in Lancaster and the **five worst**; the **five best destinations** in Lancaster and the **five worst** and to choose **which of these destinations, best or worst, offered the greatest opportunity for improvement**. The findings have now been compiled. [Click here to review the findings](#). See how your thoughts compare to others.

WHITE HOUSE HOSTS FIRST URBAN AND METROPOLITAN POLICY

ROUNDTABLE - 'For too long, federal policy has actually encouraged sprawl and congestion and pollution, rather than quality public transportation and smart, sustainable development,' said President Obama as he

welcomed "some of the finest urban thinkers" at the White House's **first Urban and Metropolitan Policy Roundtable**, calling the subject "near and dear" to his heart, since he lived almost all his life "in urban areas" and received his "greatest education on Chicago's South Side, working at the local level to bring about change in those communities and opportunities to people's lives."

To make the White House "a partner who knows that the old ways of looking at our cities just won't do," he said, he has directed the Office of Management and Budget, the Domestic Policy Council, the National Economic Council, and the new Office of Urban Affairs "to **conduct the first comprehensive interagency review in 30 years of how the federal government approaches and funds urban and metropolitan areas so that we can start having a concentrated, focused, strategic approach to federal efforts to revitalize our metropolitan areas.**" [Click here to read more.](#)

SHOEHORNING PARKS INTO CITIES

- From Boston to Seattle, **cities are finding ways to create parks in untraditional places**. Amid new high-rises, parking lots, and shopping malls, cities are reclaiming space for parks once occupied by factories, railyards, and airports. **Parks are sharing space with schoolyards and cemeteries and being built atop roofs and reservoirs**. A [new paper](#) from Peter Harnik, director of [The Trust for Public Land](#) (TPL) TPL's Center for City Park Excellence, tells the story of these "Shoehorn Parks." Originally published in the May 2009 issue of *Landscape Architecture Magazine*, the paper previews Harnik's book on creating parks in cities, due for release in Spring 2010. [Download and read the full article here.](#)

Read the latest park-related news at cityparksblog.org, the blog chronicling trends, best practices and ideas concerning urban parks around the country and beyond.

UPCOMING EVENTS

How to Turn a PLACE Around - October 15-16, 2009 – A two-day Project for Public Spaces training course that introduces new ways of thinking about public spaces and how Placemaking can be used to bring communities together and revitalize underperforming spaces. [For more information.](#)

The Cost of Sprawl & What it means to Our Community - Tuesday, September 29, 2009, 8:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m. Farm and Home Center – Fourth Annual Smart Growth Summit sponsored by The [Coalition for Smart Growth](#). Keynote speaker Joanne Denworth, Senior Policy Manager for the PA Governor's Office and Founder of [10,000 Friends of Pennsylvania](#). The summit will address ways to manage the costs of sprawl through smart growth practices. The program content will feature industry leaders who will **focus on the positive financial implications of implementing the principles of Smart Growth** in such areas as sewer, water, transportation, mass transit, education, parks and public safety services.

INTERESTING ARTICLES / REPORTS

The States and the Stimulus – A [new report](#) from [Smart Growth America](#) examining how states are using the money from the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA).

[The Importance of Bicycle and Pedestrian Infrastructure](#) – A new piece from [Citiwire](#) - Pedestrian and bicycle infrastructure is a part of transportation, whether some elected officials like it or not.

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