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Lancaster County Growth Management Issues

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FYI

LANCASTER COUNTY RECOGNIZED FOR SMART GROWTH – The [United States Environmental Protection Agency \(EPA\)](#) has awarded the [Lancaster County Planning Commission \(LCPC\)](#) the [2009 National Award for Smart Growth Achievement](#). The award is in recognition of the development and implementation of [Envision Lancaster County](#), the county's comprehensive plan. One of the defining features of Envision Lancaster County is its emphasis: **a balance between protecting natural resources and farmland and encouraging growth and development in appropriate areas**. The plan **directs development to selected growth areas** and away from environmentally and agriculturally important land. **Lancaster County will serve as a model for smart growth planning nationwide**. [For more on the award](#). ***Congratulations to LCPC Executive Director James Cowhey and his staff!***

\$1.5 BILLION FOR LIVABLE COMMUNITIES – ([New Urban News](#)) The [US Department of Transportation \(DOT\)](#) is **seeking to use stimulus spending to support livable communities**. DOT has \$1.5 billion in multimodal discretionary funding from the [American Recovery and Reinvestment Act](#) - **The multimodal funds are also known as TIGER grants**. What does DOT mean by livability? **Livability means a community where you can take kids to school, go to work, see a doctor, go to the grocery store, have dinner and a movie, and play with your kids in a park, all without having to get into a car**. It is estimated that **if the US shifted just 10 percent of new housing starts to smarter growth development over the next 10 years, Americans would save about 5 billion gallons of gasoline and about \$220 billion in household transportation expenses**.

[Smart Growth America](#) QUOTE OF THE WEEK

"No longer are cities seen as a drain on our nation; instead they are viewed as the sources for inspiration and growth they've always been."

-- Kathleen M. Novak, Mayor of Northglenn, Colorado

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A NEW JOB FOR YORK MAYOR JOHN BRENNER

Mayor John Brenner will fill the newly-created position of Director of Development with the [Pennsylvania League of Cities and Municipalities \(PLCM\)](#). Brenner will be responsible for the Business Leaders Network program, fund-raising, program administration and development for the Center for Municipal Development, and serving as adjutant to the Executive Director as well as the ombudsman to League constituencies, including the National League of Cities. He will also participate in the League's policy advocacy program at the state and federal levels. Previously, the Mayor served on the board of the National League of Cities. **He definitely understands the issues facing cities and municipalities across Pennsylvania**. Mayor Brenner will assume his new position on January 5, 2010. [For more information](#).

UPCOMING EVENTS

DESIGN MATTERS - Envision Lancaster County Speaker Series – Thursday, December 10, 2009, 6:30 p.m. – Roschel Performing Arts Center at Franklin & Marshall College – Hear [Alan Greenberger, FAIA](#) nationally renowned architect, leading designer and newly appointed Executive Director of the Philadelphia City Planning Commission explain the benefits of **making good design an important part of building, housing and land plans**. To reserve a seat call Donna Hahn (717)299-8333 or Email: hahn@co.lancaster.pa.us

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Reinventing Older Communities – May 12 – May 14, 2010, Hyatt Regency Philadelphia at Penn's Landing

INTERESTING ARTICLES ■ REPORTS WEBSITES

[SOUTH SQUARE](#) - South Square is a proposed **revitalization effort to create a new neighborhood in downtown Lancaster** centered around the 100 block of South Queen Street.

[HOW TO UN-DO AUTO DEPENDENCE](#) - "Just like most American cities, the car's midcentury domination had largely forced public transportation out of Strasbourg. The once-extensive tram lines fell into disrepair, and the last one was taken out of service in 1960.

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