

# the official newsletter of the LANCASTER COUNTY PLANNING COMMISSION

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## Lancaster County's Smart Growth Initiative

Who has the power to implement the Lancaster County Comprehensive Plan? The Lancaster County Planning Commission (LCPC) recognizes that the real power to implement the vision of the county comprehensive plan lies at the local level. The LCPC has long been recognized as a respected partner and catalyst when it comes to working with local government, organizations, businesses, and individuals.

The vision of the county lies within six key focus areas. The focus areas are:

1. Protecting our natural and cultural heritage
2. Revitalizing our urban communities
3. Developing livable communities
4. Creating a sustainable economy
5. Celebrating, investing in, and

mobilizing the talents of our human resources

6. Promoting strong leadership, awareness, responsibility, and involvement in community issues

The creation of a broad-based coalition of people from non-profit public organizations, profit businesses, and individual citizens is currently underway. It will be the task of the coalition to make the vision of the county comprehensive plan a reality.

The Lancaster County Planning Commission, along with other agencies and organizations, will sponsor a Smart Growth Series of Events over the next several months. These events will cover, but are not limited to the six key focus areas of the Lancaster County Policy Plan. These events are intended to educate,

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stimulate, and encourage every stakeholder from non-profit public organizations, profit businesses, and individual citizens. These smart growth initiatives include:

- Smart Growth Speaker Series
- Smart Growth Conference
- Zoning Lexicon
- Consistency
- Updated Lancaster County Comprehensive Plan
- Updated Lancaster County Housing Plan
- Lancaster County Preservation Plan
- Long-Term Smart Growth Funding Mechanism
- Smart Growth Communities Designation
- Rural Smart Growth Program
- Smart Growth Pilot Projects
- Master Plan for an Urban Growth Area

**Smart Growth Events**

The following is a current schedule of events. This information will be posted and continually updated on the Envision Lancaster County website [www.envisionlancastercounty.com](http://www.envisionlancastercounty.com).

**Why Special Places make Sense for the Future**

When: March 18, 2002 (6:30 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.)  
Where: Bolger Conference Center, Millersville University  
Featured Speaker: Donovan Rypkema, Principal, Place Economics, Washington, DC  
Presented by the Lancaster County Planning Commission

Mr. Rypkema has lectured widely on economic and preservation issues relating to rehabilitation, community development, and commercial revitalization. Mr. Rypkema's short courses and

workshops have been delivered to architects, bankers, developers, preservationists, planners, and downtown including Community Initiated Development, the Economics of Rehabilitation, the Downtown Real Estate Development Series and others.

Contact: Lancaster County Planning Commission, (717) 299-8333

**Lancaster County Zoning Lexicon**

When: April 29, 2002 (8:00 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.)  
Where: Bolger Conference Center, Millersville University

This program will be a pre-conference event and will precede the Lancaster County Smart Growth Conference scheduled for the afternoon and evening of April 29<sup>th</sup>.

The Zoning Lexicon uses regional planning goals as a bases for developing common zoning districts, that will assist local officials in addressing their local and regional planning objectives.

Presented by the Lancaster County Planning Commission

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**Lancaster County Smart Growth Conference**

When: April 29, 2002 (11:30 a.m. - 9:00 p.m.)  
Where: Bolger Conference Center, Millersville University

Along with nationally recognized Smart Growth speakers, this conference will include sessions on Smart Growth - What's in It for Me and My Kids? Pattern of Smart Growth; Liveable Communities; Smart Growth Communities Designation Program; and How Can We Measure the Consistency of Our Plans and Ordinances.

Presented by the Lancaster County Planning Commission

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# Envision Smart Growth Update

## Go Slow to Go Fast

Around the country successful communities are developing new ways to deal with decision-making on critical issues. Citizens want to be involved in determining the future of their communities and governments and are responding by developing more inclusive democratic processes. This was the message delivered by Christopher Gates, President of the National Civic League in a speech delivered at Liberty Place on October 25, 2001.

The National Civic League knows this subject well. The league is the oldest government reform advocacy organization in the nation. It was founded by reformers, including Teddy Roosevelt and Louis Brandeis, in 1894. Its mission continues to be an advocacy for improved government process and citizen democracy.

The Civic League has found that people are not apathetic as is commonly said, but rather they feel that democracy has been taken away from them, and that they cannot find ways to influence democratic processes. The challenge for government is to reconnect citizens to democracy through processes that allow people access to information and decisions. The relationship between citizens and government needs to be re-formed as the dismal turnouts at national elections is so clearly pointing out.

Gates mentioned several features of the changes taking place in our democracy. Power is no longer held by community elite, but is now more distributed across the entire community. The challenge is to continue to bring members of the community to the table. Every community in the nation is dealing with the issue of diversity and how to accommodate various groups and interests in democracy. Citizens no longer trust elected officials to be their only and primary representatives to government. They want access to the decision-making process so they can present their views first hand. Citizens now have access to more and better information on issues. Information empowers people. Finally, government is no longer looked upon as the only problem-solver. If given the opportunity, citizens will partner with government, business and the non-profit sectors to find local solutions to local problems.

Gates indicated that the process of planning might take more time now because it allows more participation, but implementation is usually faster and better. In the non-participative processes, elite made the plans and then delivered them to the general citizenry for implementation. Since the plan was not developed by the citizens for citizens, the public often resisted implementation. With participative processes, the citizens that are active in the process become the advocates for the plan's implementation. Gates reminded the audience that process is not a bad thing, although people often get impatient with it. Process is the way things get done and it is the means to allow participation by a wide range of citizens. Participative process allow citizens to decide the scope of the issues at hand and to determine the best solutions for the community. He said the motto of the new processes is "Go slow to go fast." This means it takes time in the process to hear from the community when designing solutions so that implementation is accepted and completed quickly and efficiently.

Gates called on the Lancaster County community to continue to design collaborative processes that have vision, are value driven, evaluate options, and that **retain the uniqueness of the county**. Planning is an important community process and should be based in strong democratic principles. Finally, Gates charged the audience with not just returning our democracy to normalcy after September's attacks, but to make our democracy better; as a lasting response to those that would say democracy is irrelevant.

For more information about Christopher Gates' Envision Lancaster Kick Off Speak, please contact James Cowhey, Lancaster County Planning Commission Deputy Director for Community Planning at (717) 299-8333 or e-mail [Cowhey@co.lancaster.pa.us](mailto:Cowhey@co.lancaster.pa.us).

## Master Planner Summer/Fall 2001 Class Graduates

On November 8, 2001, community leaders from a wide mix of professional backgrounds were recognized as "Master Planners" by the Lancaster County Board of Commissioners during a graduation banquet held at the Hamilton Club. Guest speaker that evening was Ms. Joanne R. Denworth, President, 10,000 Friends of Pennsylvania.

To be recognized and certified as a Master Planner, candidates are required to 1) attend all sessions, 2) participate in homework assignments, and 3) complete an independent study. Graduates who have met all the requirements and were awarded a Master Planner Certificate are designated with an asterisk, (\*).

The Lancaster County Planning Commission is proud to introduce the Master Planner Summer/Fall 2001 Class:

1. **Jose A. Diaz**, Resident  
Mt. Joy Township\*
2. **Mary Gattis**, Senior Planner  
Lancaster County Planning Department\*
3. **Julia A. F. Goodman**, Planner  
C. S. Davidson, Inc.
4. **Jennifer M. Hendricks**, Community  
Development Director, Mt. Joy Borough\*
5. **Matthew Knepper**, Farmland Preservation  
Specialist, Lancaster County  
Agricultural Preserve Board
6. **Patricia Stockard**, Project Administrator  
Lake Roeder Hillard & Associates\*
7. **Michael Weiding**, Resident  
Millersville Borough

Master Planner is offered twice a year -- spring and fall. For information, contact Sandra Monck, AICP, Land Use Education Specialist, (717) 299-8333 or visit our web site at [www.planning.co.lancaster.pa.us](http://www.planning.co.lancaster.pa.us).

### Smart Growth Events Continued

#### Development Design Workshop



When: May 3, 2002

Where: Willow Valley Resort & Conference Center, Lancaster

Presented by the Building Industry Association of Lancaster County

Contact: Frank Christoffel, (717) 569-2674

#### Preserving Community Retail

When: May 22, 2002

Where: Lancaster County Courthouse, Lancaster

The community's retail provides not only valuable services, but it anchors the community's downtown, neighborhood shopping areas, retail corridors, and provides economic stability. Learn what communities can do to preserve or attract new retail and explore new options such as ethnically oriented businesses. Find out how to help new

entrepreneurs and sustain mature businesses. Presented by the Lancaster County Planning Commission

*This program is produced by the American Planning Association*

Contact : Lancaster County Planning Commission, (717) 299-8333

#### Economic Impacts of Sprawl - Regional Workshop

When: October 15, 2002

Where: Lebanon Valley College, Lebanon

Presented by the South Central Assembly for Effective Governance

Contact: Craig Zumbrun, (717) 948-6464

Please call Mary Frey, Senior Planner for the Lancaster County Planning Commission at (717) 299-8333, or see [www.envisionlancastercounty.com](http://www.envisionlancastercounty.com) for more information.



# Envision Smart Growth Update

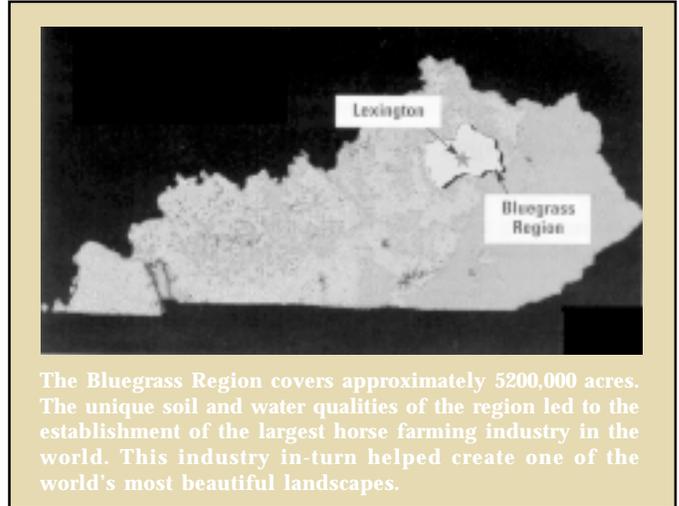
## Bluegrass Tomorrow

*Imagine a place. World famous for its quality of life. Envied across the globe for its economic success. Loved by its citizens, sought by tourists. A place where children grow up, healthy and well educated, and never leave. A place where the natural environment is respected, where the historical character is preserved and enhanced. A dynamic place, embracing a diverse population, that offers exciting choices in where to live, work, and play. A place where local governments, citizens, and business continually strive to build the best communities on earth.*

Sounds good, doesn't it? This is Central Kentucky in 2025. Or at least the vision of what Central Kentucky can be.

As part of the Envision Lancaster County Smart Growth Series, Steve Austin, President and CEO of Bluegrass Tomorrow, discussed this vision and Bluegrass Tomorrow's efforts to make it a reality at Millersville University on December 5<sup>th</sup>. Bluegrass Tomorrow is a non-profit community-based organization made up of citizens from the Bluegrass Region of Central Kentucky. Mr. Austin talked about the formation of Bluegrass Tomorrow and its commitment to providing the vision and leadership necessary to ensure that the Bluegrass Region's extraordinary resources are soundly managed in order to sustain the region's economic prosperity and quality of life into the 21<sup>st</sup> Century.

Unlike most growing metropolitan areas, though, the region's unique rural heritage and landscape remain intact. This landscape is characterized by gently rolling farmland and historic homes, open fields bounded by white fences, scenic country roads lined by rock fences, and sharp boundaries between town and country. It is sustained by a strong agricultural economy and a legacy of containing growth in and near small towns and cities. The landscape and distinct identity of each of the region's cities and towns, however, is not secure from changing patterns of growth as development moves farther into the countryside. This pattern threatens the very landscape



that defines the region, blurring the edge between town and country and placing economic strains on local governments.

As Mr. Austin discussed, Bluegrass Tomorrow seeks to unite the efforts of public, private and corporate citizens of the seven counties of central Kentucky – one metropolitan area – to achieve regional solutions that enable the central Bluegrass to build a strong and efficient economy which respects the tradition of livable and distinct communities, surrounded by beautiful greenbelts of productive farmland and rich natural areas.

The Bluegrass Region is rather similar to Lancaster County, isn't it? The Bluegrass Region covers approximately 520,000 acres and has a population of 450,000 people. Lancaster County covers 600,000 acres and has a population of 420,000 people. The land use patterns are similar, growth boundaries were pioneered there and are being implemented here, and the agricultural focus and diverse economy are comparable.

Is there anything that we can learn from Bluegrass Tomorrow that can help us in Growing Smart together in Lancaster County? See [www.bluegrasstomorrow.org](http://www.bluegrasstomorrow.org) to find out for yourself.



# Contest Winners

Last fall we asked our readers to send in photographs they felt did not depict the future vision of Lancaster County. We took two photographs and made a few alterations with the aid of computer technology.



Photo 1 - Before

**Photo 1** shows a roadway with numerous commercial establishments, overhead utility lines, and signs of different heights and sizes. Cars, not people, belong here. Walking or riding a bicycle is unsafe. Landscaping is minimal at best. But what if we made a few alternations?



Photo 1A - Smarter

**Photo 1A** is the same roadway. We've added sidewalks on both sides of the road. Overhead utility lines were buried or relocated to the rear of the buildings. A center traffic turning lane was added. Signs were lowered. Landscaping was added. Where the automobile was the dominant design theme before, we have designed the site to reflect the human element of walkability.



Photo 2 - Before

**Photo 2** depicts a typical townhouse development. The front of the townhouses face a parking lot. No sidewalks. What green space is available is not designed for people. Key elements promoting sense of community are lacking. But what if we make a few alternations?



Photo 2A - Smarter

**Photo 2A** is the same townhouse site. The existing green space is turned into a neighborhood park setting with sidewalks, benches, trash receptacles, and lighting. Sidewalks are placed in front of the townhouses. The street is narrower, parking is in the front of the townhouses. Additional parking can be found in garages at the rear. The site is transformed into a pedestrian friendly and community minded neighborhood.

# The Center for Sustainable Communities at Temple University Ambler

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*The Center for Sustainable Communities at Temple University Ambler is committed to promoting an effective, holistic approach to land use planning and management, sustainable development, ecological restoration, and community revitalization.*

The Center for Sustainable Communities has hosted public forums on livability, smart growth, and water conservation issues, and has conducted environmental citizenship seminars for high school students. Beginning in Spring 2002, training and continuing education workshops for planners, local government officials, and community leaders will be offered. The Center will also conduct annual public policy or interdisciplinary research symposia focusing on topics of regional and national interest impacting the development of sustainable communities.

The Center is developing its capacity to serve as a resource for municipal government officials, community organizations, and citizens by providing objective information and services to improve decision making relative to land use planning and management. Future plans include an interactive website that will provide technical and public policy information, research data, best practices, and model laws and ordinances.

The Center for Sustainable Communities will facilitate collaborative planning, encourage community partnerships, and disseminate information on the development and management of sustainable communities.

Please visit the CSC website [www.csc.temple.edu](http://www.csc.temple.edu) to learn more about our programs, events, and faculty associates and their research interests.

## New Master's Degree Program

The Temple University Board of Trustees approved a new master's degree program in Community and Regional Planning (CRP). The program is the first master's degree to be offered exclusively at Temple University Ambler and the first offered through Ambler College — a new academic division established on the campus in 2000, which also includes the Department of Landscape Architecture and Horticulture degree programs. Students successfully completing the program will receive a Master of Science (M.S.) degree.

The M.S. degree in Community and Regional Planning, coupled with an undergraduate program approved in June, is designed to give students the necessary skills to enter the front lines in the struggle to ensure sustainable communities.

According to Temple University Ambler Dean Dr. Sophia T. Wisniewska, students in the program will learn how to create and evaluate plans that make the best use of a community's land and resources for commercial, institutional, residential, and recreational purposes. "Students will have to know about the roles of local and state politics, how local ordinances work, about site planning, transportation, regional

cooperation and even conflict management, when competing interests can't agree."

The graduate degree program is designed for both traditional-aged students and adults interested in pursuing a degree in Community and Regional Planning or furthering their careers within the field. "The program is designed for working people. Individuals can continue to go to their jobs during the day while taking CRP courses in the evening," Dr. Featherstone said. "With the master's degree, you will have individuals trained to help municipalities and developers plan options to the standard, cookie-cutter approach to development that is land intensive, not walkable, and results in an over-reliance on automobiles."

The 36-credit-hour program also provides students with a great deal of flexibility to develop a course of study that suits their specific areas of interest, said Associate Dean Dr. Philip Yannella. Students must take 15 credit hours of required courses, leaving 12 credit hours open for electives. The remaining nine credit hours are spent completing a required internship and thesis/project work.

To learn about the new Community and Regional Planning program or other degree programs offered through Temple University Ambler such as business, education, communications, and liberal arts, call 215-283-1500 or visit [www.ambler.temple.edu](http://www.ambler.temple.edu).

## Erratum to a “Short History of Townships”

Sometimes, as every newspaper or journal publisher knows, words do not always appear in print exactly as they were intended. Whenever, this happened to Benjamin Franklin, and an article in his newspaper became garbled, he always attributed it to a visit by the “White Chapel Ghost”.

This was a reference to the fact that the King’s business was originally published in the White Chapel of London.

Well, it appears the White Chapel Ghost has haunted the Planning Commission.

In our last edition we had an article on the origin of township government. When we proofed the copy we noticed that a sentence in the second paragraph about William Penn had become garbled

during typesetting. We marked it for correction. But, thanks, apparently, to the Ghost, it didn’t get corrected.

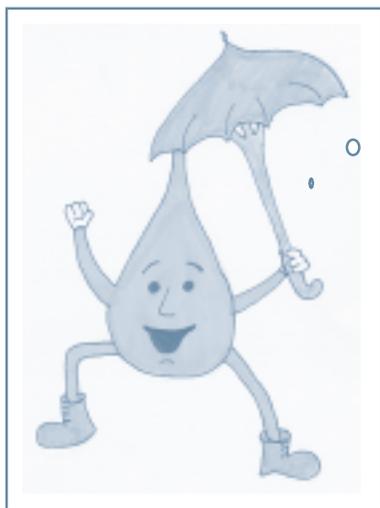
Of greater importance, however, was that somehow the words “second” and “third” got reversed in one of the paragraphs on page 10. For the record, ALL townships in Lancaster County, except Manheim Township (which is a first class township), are second class townships. There are no third class townships in Lancaster County! Lancaster City is a third class city and Lancaster County is a third class county, but all townships are first or second class townships.

We are still amazed at how the White Chapel Ghost managed to get us on this one!

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## The Adventures of Wally Waterdrop and Friends



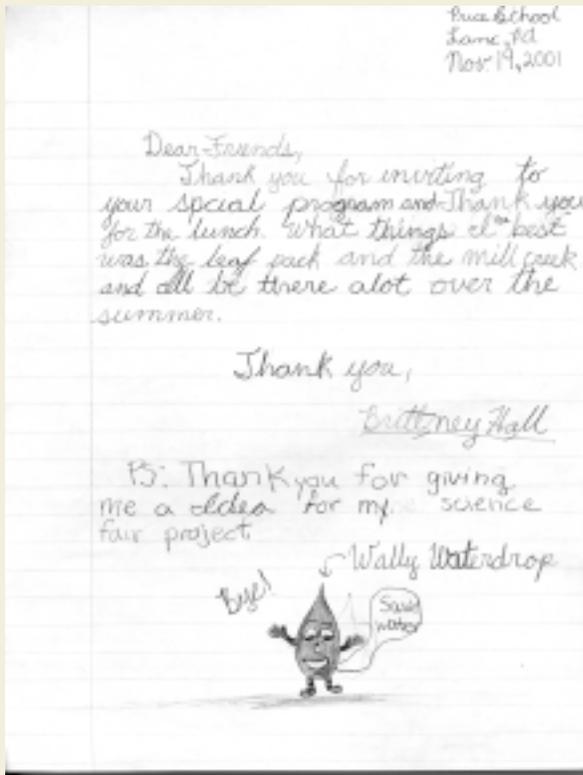
Hi, there! I'm Wally.  
Wally Waterdrop!

Wally Waterdrop made his ‘Big Screen’ debut recently to a group of Price Elementary School students at the Lancaster County Environmental Center. Wally took Mrs. Marko’s 5<sup>th</sup> grade students on a journey through the Lancaster City Water Treatment Plant. Here they saw the intake where water is pumped from the Conestoga River, the mixing chambers, and the chemicals that are added to the water to treat it. They saw the lab where the water is tested, and the clarifiers, sedimentation basins, and filter beds where the water is made to look clear and smell good.

As a special treat, County Commissioner Ron Ford talked to the students about the importance of water and related experiences from his school past. Clyde MacMillan-Gamber led them on a Wally’s Waterdrop Walk to Mill Creek to see a wetland, find bugs and other small creatures found in the stream.

The Adventures of Wally Waterdrop is a multimedia, interactive exhibit housed at the Lancaster County Central Park’s Environmental Center. The exhibit includes a three dimensional map of the county showing waterways, hills, and well-known landmarks. The exhibit illustrates the water cycle, watersheds, the water uses, groundwater, a well, local geology, native fish, and the Chesapeake Bay. The Adventures of Wally Waterdrop is shown on a television monitor incorporated into the exhibit. Wally is looking forward to his friends Wendell and Winona joining him on the big screen in the future.

Jeanne Sonnatag, chairperson of the Lancaster County Water Resources Task Force, led the effort to have this exhibit built. Other agencies involved in the completion of the project were the Lancaster County Water Resources Task Force, the Lancaster County Planning Commission, Lancaster County Parks Department, the Lancaster County Conservation District, the Penn State Cooperative Extension, and the Chesapeake Bay Foundation. Contributing untold hours of work on the exhibit at no charge to the



County were Mr. Irvin Lichty, a local professional design consultant, and Mr. Ernie Stuedler, of Ernie's TV, Sound, and Musical, were the project consultants. This project was funded by the Lancaster County Board of Commissioners, the League of Women Voters of Pennsylvania Citizens Education fund, Chesapeake Bay Foundation, Alcoa Foundation, and the Hourglass Foundation. You can find more information about the Adventures of Wally Waterdrop and Friends at [www.co.lancaster.pa.us](http://www.co.lancaster.pa.us).



*This is the final article in a four part series, introducing different divisions of the Lancaster County Planning Commission. We'll explain the primary functions of each section and provide names of the staff within the section.*

## The LCPC Long-Range Division

The Long-Range Planning Division specializes in projects that are county-wide in nature. Major activities include the management, coordination, and preparation of the Lancaster County Comprehensive Plan, including the Policy Plan and the Growth Management Plan. The division is also involved in all county-wide issues relating to: sewer and water resources; parks and open space; natural resource protection; cultural and historic preservation; and tourism planning and development. Additionally, the section is responsible for administering the Board of County Commissioners' Community Parks Initiative Grant Program, the Lancaster Community Indicators Project, the Lancaster County Heritage Program, and the Lancaster-York Heritage Region.

A major goal of this section is to provide support to planning efforts, using the *County Geographic Information System (GIS)*. The GIS includes highly accurate data on a range of topics such as zoning, built/vacant land, environmentally sensitive areas, and Urban Growth Boundaries. Other major projects include presenting "A Planning Education Program for Municipal Officials," offering the "Master Planner" course, and special topical programs for municipal officials and schools.

### Deputy Director for Long-Range Planning

**Scott W. Standish** joined the Planning Commission staff in 1981, and has served as the Deputy Director for Long-Range Planning since 1988. Scott oversees development and implementation of the County's Comprehensive Plan, in addition to all issues of Countywide and regional concern. Scott has also been serving as the coordinator for Lancaster County Heritage Partnership since its inception in 1994. Additionally, Scott is the project coordinator for the Lancaster-York Heritage Region – a recently designated Heritage Park in both Lancaster and York Counties. Scott serves as the Vice-President of the PA Heritage Parks Association; Secretary for the PA Downtown Center, Chairman of the Susquehanna Greenway Partnership, and a current board member of the Pennsylvania Dutch Convention and Visitors Bureau.

### Principal Planner

**Michael A. Domin**, AICP, provides assistance in park and open space planning, environmental planning, comprehensive planning, and heritage development.

### Principal Planner Smart Growth Planner

**Patricia Lang**, AICP, is developing revisions to the County's Comprehensive plan and a national model for smart growth planning in Lancaster County.

### Senior Planner GIS Specialist

**Glenn L. Mohler** provides Geographic Information Systems services including ArcInfo and ArcView application development and technical support, growth tracking technical development, and planning analysis.

### Senior Planner

**Patricia J. Kadel** administers the Community Parks Initiative Grants Program, and provides support to the Healthy Communities Initiative and Community Indicators Project.

**Senior Planner**

Historic & Cultural Specialist

**Carole Wilson**, 36CFR61 certified, provides assistance in historic and cultural resource identification, interpretation, and preservation planning support.

**Senior Planner**

Information & Education Specialist

**Sandra I. Monck**, AICP, provides conventional and E-Learning education programs and information services through the Master Planner course and Workshops for Municipal Officials.

**Senior Planner**

**Mary L. Frey**, AICP, coordinates the Smart Growth Initiative, Growth Tracking Reports, Growth Management Plan update, water resources planning, and county-wide natural resources and environmental planning issues.

**Planner**

**Andrew Helm** works on historic preservation projects, the preservation plan, and related heritage projects.

**Scholastic Consultant**

**Cary G. Shaner** presents programs to elementary schools throughout the county, teaching children about comprehensive planning.

**Planning Technician**

**Richard D. Campanelli** provides photography, general graphic support, mylar and planning module assistance to Community Planning Division and customer service.

**Graphic Technician**

**Lynn M. Stiles** provides graphic design, web site design and site administration, general graphic support, printer coordination, map production, and customer service.

**GIS Technician**

**Jaime Hemphill** provides Geographic Information Systems services including planning analysis, map production, data production, and maintenance.

**GIS Technician**

**Serena L. London** provides Geographic Information Systems services including planning analysis, ArcView technical support, map production, and data production.

**Principal Secretary**

**Donna J. Hahn** provides secretarial supports for Comprehensive Planning, heritage tourism planning, water resources planning, parks and open space planning, and Lancaster-York Heritage Region planning.

**Secretary**

**Mari Rich** provides secretarial support for Geographic Information System, and education and information services.

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## Up Coming Smart Growth Events

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## Coming Soon:

# Lancaster County Preliminary Population Projections

### What are Preliminary Population Projections?

- ◆ Using data from the United States 2000 Census, the Pennsylvania State Department of Health and the United States Internal Revenue Service, the Lancaster County Planning Commission (LCPC) is in the process of developing preliminary population figures through the year 2030 for each municipality in the county.
- ◆ Multiple components of population change will be examined to determine projections.
- ◆ In order to ensure accuracy, the LCPC will be contacting those officials from throughout the county who are charged with making policy decisions in critical service areas so that they may review and comment upon the preliminary projections.

### Why Develop Projections?

- ◆ Having sound projections of future population change is an essential part in planning future service needs by the county, each local municipality and any public or private agency.
- ◆ Population projections play an important role in determining current and long-range demands for services such as transportation, utilities and schools.
- ◆ A prudent mix of quantitative techniques and good judgement provides organizations with the foundation to make important decisions effectively.

### Components of Population Change

- ◆ Population change has six major components; births, deaths, domestic in-migration, domestic out-migration, international immigration, and changes in group quarters populations.
- ◆ Preliminary projections for Lancaster County will be derived from both the cohort survival concept (aging individuals from one group to the next as well as vital statistic data about death and birth rates) and a modified Markov Model (an established methodology that accounts for net migration).

### Who Will Use This Data?

- ◆ Almost every service provider in the community, both private and public.
- ◆ Once developed these figures will be an integral part of any study or planning activity by the County.
- ◆ Businesses use the numbers to determine future demands for products, services and employment.
- ◆ The Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) will use the data to determine future transportation needs.
- ◆ Projections will become an integral part of the planning process of the Route 23 Study as well as similar projects throughout Lancaster County.
- ◆ Utility providers, housing authorities, school officials, and others will use this data to predict future needs and ensure they are met.
- ◆ Municipal officials will use the data to develop plans and policies to address long-term needs.

### Coming Soon?

- ◆ The Lancaster County Planning Commission will be asking for feedback on the assumptions used to generate the preliminary population projections for the years 2010, 2020, and 2030.
- ◆ Once these assumptions have been fine-tuned they will be distributed to officials throughout the county for review.
- ◆ After comments are submitted, the figures may be re-examined. A preliminary report will be issued in the late Spring/early Summer 2002.
- ◆ Many individuals and organizations are awaiting the report and the LCPC asks the cooperation of all local officials in ensuring accuracy and release in a timely manner.
- ◆ Should your organization be asked for input, please respond in a timely manner.
- ◆ Final population projections will be developed in the Fall of 2002 when detailed Census 2002 information is released.

*Please see table on next page.*

## Lancaster County Pennsylvania Population 1990-2000

	<i>1990</i>	<i>2000</i>		<i>1990</i>	<i>2000</i>
<b>Pennsylvania</b>	11,882,842	12,281,054	<b>Lancaster County</b>	422,822	470,658
<b>Adamstown Boro</b>	1,108	1,201	<b>Lititz Boro</b>	8,280	9,029
<b>Akron Boro</b>	3,869	4,046	<b>Little Britain Twp</b>	2,701	3,514
<b>Bart Twp</b>	2,774	3,003	<b>Manheim Boro</b>	5,011	4,784
<b>Brecknock Twp</b>	5,197	6,699	<b>Manheim Twp</b>	28,880	33,697
<b>Caernarvon Twp</b>	3,946	4,278	<b>Manor Twp</b>	14,130	16,498
<b>Christiana Boro</b>	1,045	1,124	<b>Marietta Boro</b>	2,778	2,689
<b>Clay Twp</b>	5,050	5,173	<b>Martic Twp</b>	4,362	4,990
<b>Colerain Twp</b>	2,867	3,261	<b>Millersville Boro</b>	8,099	7,774
<b>Columbia Boro</b>	10,701	10,311	<b>Mount Joy Boro</b>	6,398	6,765
<b>Conestego Twp</b>	3,470	3,749	<b>Mount Joy Twp</b>	6,227	7,944
<b>Conoy Twp</b>	2,687	3,067	<b>Mountville Boro</b>	1,977	2,444
<b>Denver Boro</b>	2,861	3,332	<b>New Holland Boro</b>	4,484	5,092
<b>Drumore Twp</b>	2,114	2,243	<b>Paradise Twp</b>	4,430	4,698
<b>Earl Twp</b>	5,515	6,183	<b>Penn Twp</b>	6,760	7,312
<b>East Cocalico Twp</b>	7,809	9,954	<b>Pequea Twp</b>	4,512	4,358
<b>East Donegal Twp</b>	4,484	5,405	<b>Providence Twp</b>	6,071	6,651
<b>East Drumore Twp</b>	3,225	3,535	<b>Quarryville Boro</b>	1,642	1,994
<b>East Earl Twp</b>	5,491	5,723	<b>Rapho Twp</b>	8,211	8,578
<b>East Hempfield Twp</b>	18,597	21,399	<b>Sadsbury Twp</b>	2,712	3,025
<b>East Lampeter Twp</b>	11,999	13,556	<b>Salisbury Twp</b>	8,527	10,012
<b>East Petersburg Boro</b>	4,197	4,450	<b>Strasburg Boro</b>	2,568	2,800
<b>Eden Twp</b>	1,857	1,856	<b>Strasburg Twp</b>	3,688	4,021
<b>Elizabeth Twp</b>	3,691	3,833	<b>Terre Hill Boro</b>	1,282	1,237
<b>Elizabethtown Boro</b>	9,952	11,887	<b>Upper Leacock Twp</b>	7,254	8,229
<b>Ephrata Boro</b>	12,133	13,213	<b>Warwick Twp</b>	11,622	15,475
<b>Ephrata Twp</b>	7,116	8,026	<b>West Cocalico Twp</b>	5,521	6,967
<b>Fulton Twp</b>	2,688	2,826	<b>West Donegal Twp</b>	5,605	6,539
<b>Lancaster Twp</b>	55,551	56,348	<b>West Earl Twp</b>	6,434	6,766
<b>Lancaster City</b>	13,187	13,944	<b>West Hempfield Twp</b>	12,942	15,128
<b>Leacock Twp</b>	4,668	4,878	<b>West Lampeter Twp</b>	9,865	13,145

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