



# County Applies for TIGER Grant

Part of the federal stimulus legislation enacted on Feb. 17, 2009, includes \$1.5 billion in Transportation Investment Generating Economic Recovery grants or “TIGER” Discretionary Grants to be awarded by the U.S. Department of Transportation for transportation capital projects.

The grants will be awarded on a competitive basis for projects that have a significant impact on the nation, a region or a metropolitan area and can create jobs and benefit areas most affected by the economic downturn. Applications must be submitted by September 15, 2009.

The TIGER grant represents a unique opportunity for Lancaster County to  
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*If awarded, the TIGER Discretionary Grant will provide funding needed to implement transportation projects vital to the future prosperity of Lancaster County.*

## Model Subdivision and Land Development Ordinance Featured in *ENVISION* Smart Growth Toolbox

The Lancaster County Planning Commission’s Model Subdivision and Land Development Ordinance is the new featured tool this month in LCPC’s Smart Growth Toolbox. A Subdivision and Land Development Ordinance is an ordinance adopted by a municipality that regulates the subdivision of lots and the design of land uses on a lot.

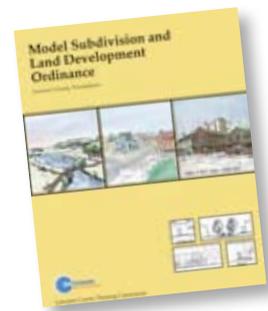
The granting of this power occurs under Article V of the Pennsylvania Municipalities Planning Code. Similar to municipal zoning ordinances, adoption of a Subdivision and Land Development Ordinance should provide regulations

that implement the goals and objectives found in the municipal comprehensive plan.

Currently the LCPC enforces Subdivision and Land Development regulations for 19 municipalities who do not have their own Ordinance. A municipality that is subject to the Lancaster County Subdivision and Land Development Ordinance may adopt its own Ordinance. Once this occurs, the county’s Subdivision and Land Development regulations are then repealed within the municipality. The  
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## Lancaster County Smart Growth Toolbox

### FEATURED TOOL



**Model Subdivision and Land  
Development Ordinance**  
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implement the roadway and multimodal transportation projects that were recommended by the “Moving Smarter: Harrisburg Pike Transportation and Land Use Study,” that received two awards. At its June 22 meeting, the Lancaster County Transportation Coordinating Committee (LCTCC) took formal action and directed the LCPC staff to develop a TIGER grant application for the Harrisburg Pike improvements.

To assist with preparation of the grant application, LCPC staff has assembled a Stakeholder Committee of businesses, institutions and municipalities along the corridor that were part of the study Steering Committee. Resolutions of support for the study and transportation recommendations from the municipalities along the corridor, including Lancaster City, Lancaster Township, East Hempfield Township and Manheim Township, will be included in the application. Letters of support from Lancaster County’s state Senators and Representatives along the corridor as well as from the Lancaster County Board of Commissioners have been received by LCPC and will be part of the application, as will let-

ters of support from major businesses in the county.

The Harrisburg Pike transportation improvements are critical to assuring the reliability and efficiency of this major corridor in the county.

The projects include: reconstruction of two major interchanges, intersection improvements along the corridor, reconnection of existing roads around the vacated Dillerville Yard site that will be redeveloped as a mixed use development and construction of new sidewalks along Harrisburg Pike, bicycle facilities, two park-and-ride lots and installation of new transit shelters and benches.

Work on the transportation projects will provide an immediate source of construction jobs for Lancaster County workers and, when completed, will support the establishment of long-term jobs in new developments that are planned or underway along Harrisburg Pike. The TIGER Discretionary Grant, if awarded, will provide the final funding needed to implement these transportation projects that are vital to the future economic prosperity of Lancaster County. ❖

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model Subdivision and Land Development Ordinance was designed to help the municipality adopt their own Subdivision and Land Development regulations.

The model is designed to be modified by the municipality. Modification of the model Subdivision and Land Development Ordinance will help the municipality implement their own comprehensive plan. There are also no storm water management regulations as part of this model. Act 167 requires municipalities to adopt a separate Storm Water Management Ordinance, and the county does not want to add to the confusion with additional storm water regulations within the Subdivision and Land Development Ordinance. Design regulations are broken down into three different regulatory chapters: infill/redevelopment, urban and rural. While different, all three design sections include concepts such as Context Sensitive Street Designs, Dark Skies lighting standards and many others.

Check out [www.co.lancaster.pa.us/toolbox](http://www.co.lancaster.pa.us/toolbox). Click on *Featured Tool*. To learn more, contact Gwen Newell, Community Planner, LCPC, at 717-299-8333 or via e-mail at [newell@co.lancaster.pa.us](mailto:newell@co.lancaster.pa.us) ❖



# 2009 Leadership Awards

## *Submit Your Entry Today!*

Make plans to apply for a 2009 ENVISION Lancaster County Leadership Award. The awards program is intended to raise design and planning awareness in our community, while encouraging the support of planning activities and projects that foster smart growth. By recognizing the actions of municipalities, developers, architects, consultants and/

or others who embrace smart growth concepts, this awards program highlights the advantages of good planning.

A brochure explaining the program along and an interactive entry are available at [www.co.lancaster.pa.us/planning](http://www.co.lancaster.pa.us/planning). Please click on Educational Opportunities on the left of your screen.

For additional information,

contact Liz Smith, Education and Communications Leader, LCPC, at [smithe@co.lancaster.pa.us](mailto:smithe@co.lancaster.pa.us) or Mary Frey, Principal Long Range and Heritage Planner, LCPC, at [frey@co.lancaster.pa.us](mailto:frey@co.lancaster.pa.us) or call 717-299-8333.

Entries must be postmarked by Friday, October 2, 2009 ❖

# Register Today for the Fall 2009 MASTER PLANNER PROGRAM

**FALL SESSION BEGINS THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 17**



## Recipient of the Pennsylvania Planning Association's Education Award

Register today for the Lancaster County Planning Commission's (LCPC) 11-week Master Planner Program. The program assists municipal officials, planning and zoning commission members, business leaders and other Lancastrians enhance their knowledge of good planning principles, techniques and "best practices." The goal of the course, which is also open to nonresidents, is to encourage students to apply the knowledge they gain to promote and sustain "smart growth" communities.

The Fall 2009 program begins Thursday, Sept. 17, the week after Labor Day and ends on Dec. 3. There will be no class on Thanksgiving Day. Graduation is planned the evening of Dec. 3.

The 11-week course will be held Thursday evenings from 6:30 p.m. to 9 p.m. at the Lancaster County Public Safety Training Center.

Full participation in the 11-week

program results in recognition and certification as a "Master Planner" by LCPC. To achieve Master Planner Certification, candidates must meet the following requirements: class attendance, participation, completion of homework assignment, independent study paper and presentation.

A \$285 registration fee covers basic expenses (resource materials, speaker fees, travel, etc.). Enrollment is limited. For a registration form and directions to Lancaster County Public Safety Training Center, visit [www.co.lancaster.pa.us/planning](http://www.co.lancaster.pa.us/planning) and click on Education on the right of the screen for a registration form. Please complete the registration form to reserve your place.

The curriculum for the Fall 2009 Master Planner Program includes economic development; housing issues; comprehensive, municipal, multi-municipal, transportation and heritage

planning; agriculture preservation; and an independent study project. Each class will feature a variety of speakers with expertise in the subject area. The framework of the course encourages sharing experiences, recognition of problems and solutions, and an increased awareness of the value gained from smart land use planning.

Students will visit several local examples of smart land use planning. Some classes may begin and end earlier. Students will be notified Sept. 17 about the starting times of these classes. One class will be a daytrip to a local venue and to Eagleview and Weatherstone in the Exton, PA area.

The Master Planner Course is offered twice a year in the spring and the fall.

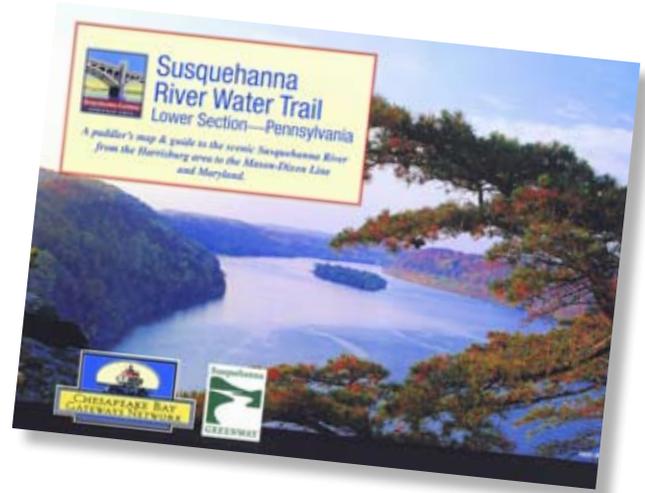
For additional information, please contact Liz Smith, LCPC Education and Communications Leader, at [smithe@co.lancaster.pa.us](mailto:smithe@co.lancaster.pa.us) or call (717) 299-8333.



*Spring 2009 Master Planner students enjoy the field trip at Eagleview in Exton, PA, a smart growth community.*

# New Water Trail Map and Guide Released

## New map series now available for the Lower Section of the Susquehanna River



Wrightsville, PA – Paddlers now have the opportunity to purchase an updated waterproof, tear-resistant series of three maps to guide them down the Susquehanna River. The folding maps, which come in a waterproof vinyl sleeve, are full of information about the sights and sounds along the river corridor from river potholes near Falmouth to Marietta’s unique architecture to the world’s first bald eagle sanctuary on Mt. Johnson Island below Muddy Run.

“We are pleased to offer this fully updated guide,” said Mark Platts, President of the Susquehanna Gateway Heritage Area. “This 53-mile-long Water Trail showcases the best of our region’s rich heritage and it helps residents and visitors by enhancing the Susquehanna River experience.” Also included in the Map and Guide are locations of scenic vistas, outfitters, picnic areas, parks, nature

preserves, and trails. Key navigational aids and services are shown, such as portage routes around dams, rapids, mileposts, drinking water and food sources, rest rooms and camping areas. The water trail begins below Dock Street Dam at the New Market access near Harrisburg and ends in Maryland at the Broad Creek access. Last summer the Susquehanna River Water Trail was designated a National Recreational Trail.

The Maps and Guide package costs \$15 and is available by calling the Susquehanna Gateway Heritage Area at 717-252-0229 or online at [www.SusquehannaHeritage.org](http://www.SusquehannaHeritage.org). Wholesale inquiries are also invited.

Publication of the map and guide for the Susquehanna River Water Trail—Lower Section (Pennsylvania) was made possible by a grant from the Pennsylvania Department of Conservation and Natural Resources, Bureau of Recreation and

Conservation, Heritage Areas Program and the proceeds from sales of the original 2003 edition of the Map and Guide.

The Susquehanna Gateway Heritage Area raises awareness and appreciation of the cultural and economic value of the Susquehanna Gateway region, and preserves, enhances and celebrates its most significant heritage assets as economically vital attractions for residents and visitors alike. Originally designated as the Lancaster-York Heritage Region in 2001, the Susquehanna Gateway Heritage Area is managed by the Susquehanna Heritage Corporation as part of Pennsylvania’s network of officially designated Heritage Areas. For more information about our mission and programs please visit [www.SusquehannaHeritage.org](http://www.SusquehannaHeritage.org) ❖



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