



**COALITION FOR SMART GROWTH  
ANNUAL MEETING 2005**

**PROGRESS TO POLICY PAPER**

- **Agriculture**
- **Community Planning**
- **Economic Development**
- **Housing**
- **Human Resources**
- **Natural and Cultural Resources**

**COUNTY WIDE PLANS COMPARED**

- G = Growth Management Plan Update
- B = Blue Ribbon Commission on Ag
- H = Housing Plan
- P = Lancaster Prospers

AGRICULTURE	G	B	H	P
The objective of farmland preservation is protection and preserving large and contiguous blocks of ag land	X	X		
Farm profitability is a keystone of farmland preservation.	X	X		
Maintaining the businesses that support farming enhances profitability.	X	X		
Zoning must allow farmers to develop auxiliary businesses.	X	X		
Funding sources should be established for farmland preservation programs.		X		
Environmental impact can be lessened via creative wastewater and runoff techniques.	X	X		

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COMMUNITY PLANNING	G	B	H	P
Regional planning is essential for smart growth to succeed.	X	X		X
Regional planning must be bolstered by regional zoning.	X			
Consistency is essential between strategic comprehensive plans and actions taken by municipalities.	X			
Infrastructure improvements are essential to smart growth and economic development.	X	X		X

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT	G	B	H	P
The County must maximize the skills of its workforce and create opportunities for economic development.				X
Aggressively market Lancaster County to outside businesses as a destination for relocation and expansion.				X
Public policy must support economic development in the 21st century.				X
Provide educational programs so that the workforce receives up-to-date training in emerging technologies.		X		X
Economic development efforts must focus on core industry clusters to anticipate demand for workers.		X		X

HUMAN RESOURCES	G	B	H	P
Workforce development is the keystone of Lancaster County's diversified economy.				X

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HOUSING	G	B	H	P
Housing affordability is a countywide responsibility impacting all income and ethnic groups.	X		X	
Issue of affordability must be addressed regionally by municipalities in partnership with the housing community.			X	
Density bonuses and fee waivers for builders who design subdivisions that contain 15% affordable housing.	X		X	
Use of employer-assisted housing programs that are sponsored by government and industry.			X	
Consistency in zoning classifications and categories.	X		X	
Consistency in municipal fee structures.			X	

NATURAL AND CULTURAL RESOURCES	G	B	H	P
Smart Growth recognizes the historic and cultural features that give Lancaster County its distinctive appeal.	X	X		X
Redevelopment of brown fields and infield development must be actively supported and encouraged.	X	X	X	