



# *Institute of Community Preservation*

## **SPRAWL AND LAND USE IN PENNSYLVANIA**

**A CONFERENCE FOR CONCERNED CITIZENS**

**SATURDAY, MAY 15TH 2004 (8:30 AM - 12:30 PM)  
BUCKINGHAM TOWNSHIP BUILDING**

8:30 - 9:00      **Sign In - Coffee and Bagels**

9:00 - 10:00    **Land Use in Pennsylvania**

The Brookings Institute report, [Back to Prosperity: A Competitive Agenda for Renewing Pennsylvania](#), has spawned intense debate across the Commonwealth. Terry Kaufman, the Chairman of 10,000 Friends of Pennsylvania, will present the findings of the report and discuss their implications for our future.

10:00 - 12:00    **Breakout Sessions**

*To accommodate the differing experience level of anticipated attendees, the conference will offer several seminar options. Group I seminars are designed for those who have limited experience with land use issues and civic activism. The Group II seminar is intended for elected officials, planning commission and EAC members as well as anyone with a substantial understanding of land use.*

10:00 - 11:00    **Un-complicating the Land Use Process (Group I)**

Fighting a development for the first time and feeling a bit befuddled and confused? You are not alone. This seminar will provide an overview of the process as well as explain the differing roles of Planning Commissions, Zoning Hearing Boards and Boards of Supervisors, the controlling influence of the Municipalities Planning Code (MPC), Conditional Uses, Special Exceptions, Curative Amendments and more.

11:00 - 12:00    **Organizing To Win (Group I)**

Fighting the good fight is not good enough. The objective is to win. This seminar will focus on the organizational strategies and tactical options available to grassroots groups working in suburban/rural areas that will help them to achieve their goals.

10:00 - 12:00    **Problems and Solutions (Group II)**

We all know that there are problems with land use in Pennsylvania but there are also solutions. We will discuss specific issues that can substantially increase a community's

ability to control it's own future as well as the more global topics of regional zoning, the impact of clustering, traditional neighborhood developments (TNDs) and other "Smart Growth" options. This seminar is intended to be highly interactive and will be formatted to encourage extensive group discussion and audience input.

**12:00 - 12:30 Working Together - New Opportunities for Success (Groups I + II)**

For years, those working to preserve their own communities have done so largely in isolation from others pursuing the same end in other communities. The advantages of and the need to form coalitions and support systems will be discussed, as will options for building a strong, regional network of preservationists.

Please visit us at [www.preservationist.net](http://www.preservationist.net) or call 215-768-6963 for more information.

**Directions to the Buckingham Township Municipal Building**

4613 Hughesian Drive, Buckingham, PA 18912, Township Phone Number 215-794-8834

**From points North**

From **Interstate 78**: Take **Route 476 South** to **Quakertown Exit Route 663**. Take **Route 663 East** (which becomes **Route 313**) to **Route 202**. Turn Left onto **Route 202 North**. Follow **Route 202 North** to **Route 413**. Turn right onto **Route 413**. Cross over **Route 263** (York Road). The next right is **Hughesian Drive**. Turn right onto **Hughesian Drive**. Township building is the only building on the left.

**From points East or West**

From **Route 76/276**: Exit onto **#27 Willow Grove**. Take **Route 611 North** to Doylestown. Pick up the **Rt. 611 bypass** around Doylestown to **Route 202 North** to New Hope. Follow **Route 202 North** to **Route 413**. Turn right onto **Route 413**. Cross over **Route 263** (York Road). The next right is **Hughesian Drive**. Turn right onto **Hughesian Drive**. Township building is the only building on the left.

**From Philadelphia and points South**

From **Route 95**: Exit at the **Newtown exit (Route 413)**. Stay on Route 413 North, (be sure to follow route 413 signs, making right turn and then left when you are around Newtown). Cross RR Tracks, pass Buckingham Elementary School. Turn Left onto **Hughesian Drive** (just before traffic signal at Route 263). Township building is the only building on the left.

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