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YORK COUNTY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT PLAN NOTICE OF 45 DAY REVIEW PERIOD AND PUBLIC MEETING

The York County Planning Commission and the York County Economic Development Corporation recognizing the importance of working together on land use and economic development issues and spurred by the availability of funding related to the Federal Base Realignment and Closure (BRAC) Commission's decision to shift several thousand of jobs from Fort Monmouth, New Jersey to Aberdeen Proving Ground (APG) in Harford County, Maryland, joined forces to develop a ten-year *Economic Development Plan* to serve as a component of the York County Comprehensive Plan. The purpose of the Plan is to assess the local and regional economic setting, including the potential impact of BRAC, determine types of economic growth and target industries suitable for the County and its unique five planning regions, and delineate strategies to pursue such economic growth and industries. Essentially, the Plan is meant to combine strategies for both comprehensive economic development and growth management.

Given the current state of the economy, the Plan should be of interest to all County residents, those currently involved in or seeking to do business in York County, and all of York County's 72 municipalities. The Plan begins by providing a snapshot of the current economic conditions in the County. It then assesses York County's industries as they relate to current strengths, high priority retention targets, and emerging strengths. The outlook for those industries, their work force and site needs, and the County's competitive position regarding the different industries is then addressed. This is followed by a market analysis of the projected demand for office, industrial, and retail sites and the availability of sites in York County to meet the projected demand. The Plan also identifies critical issues that need to be addressed and highlights current resources and economic development efforts that make York County competitive. Finally, the Plan provides a coordinated plan of action to enhance the County's competitive position for attracting top businesses and industries, while addressing the needs of the diverse planning regions located within the County. The strategies presented highlight the opportunities for the YCPC, YCEDC, and other entities involved in economic development and growth management to work with municipalities and the business community to further strengthen and grow York County's economy throughout the next ten years.

In accordance with the requirements of Article III of the Pennsylvania Municipalities Planning Code (PA MPC), the YCPC has scheduled a Public Meeting to be held prior to the regular monthly meeting of the York County Planning Commission to provide an overview of the Plan and receive comment as follows:

Date: Tuesday, June 2, 2009
Time: 6:30 p.m.
Place: York County Administrative Center
Commissioners Meeting Room - 2nd Floor
28 East Market Street, York, PA 17401

The PA MPC also requires a forty-five (45) day public comment period prior to the County Commissioners holding a public hearing on the amendment, thus public comment will be accepted May 8th through June 22nd. Finally, as required by the PA MPC, copies of the proposed amendment were forwarded to York County municipalities and school districts; adjacent counties, municipalities, and school districts in Pennsylvania; and adjacent counties in Maryland to solicit their comments during the forty-five (45) day public comment period. A Public Hearing for adoption of the Plan by the County Commissioners is anticipated for July 8th at their regularly scheduled meeting.

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