Preservation Pennsylvania's new executive director, Patrick Foltz (right), speaks at a January 26 press conference on the steps of the organization's headquarters. Foltz is joined by neighbors and representatives of Historic Harrisburg in opposing a 500-car parking garage proposed to be built in the midst of the city's downtown historic district.

On January 3, 2000, Patrick A. Foltz joined the staff of Preservation Pennsylvania as the organization's fourth executive director. Before coming to Preservation Pennsylvania, Foltz was executive director of the Historical Society of York County and, prior to that, executive director of the Montgomery County Historical Society in Dayton, Ohio. During his tenure in Ohio he served as chairman of the Dayton Historic Architecture Review Board.

"The board of directors and the staff of Preservation Pennsylvania are delighted that Pat has become a part of our organization," said David Taylor, president of Preservation Pennsylvania. "His long association with the history community across Pennsylvania, coupled with his commitment to historic preservation, dating back twenty years to his Ohio days, made him a clear favorite in the selection process. His broad range of skills assures that his will be a strong voice for historic preservation across Pennsylvania in 2000 and beyond."

Foltz believes Preservation Pennsylvania is poised to play a key role in imple-

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STAR BARN PURCHASED BY MILLPORT CONSERVANCY AND PRESERVATION PA

Denise Illig Robison, secretary of Preservation Pennsylvania's board of directors and tireless champion of the Star Barn (listed in Pennsylvania At Risk in 1992), was joined by Robert and Carolyn Wohlsen of the Millport Conservancy at a press conference on November 16, 1999 to announce the purchase of the historic nineteenth-century agricultural complex by the two organizations.

The Wohlsens, who live in Lancaster County, approached Preservation Pennsylvania about the barn after reading an article in the October issue of Central Pennsylvania magazine which painted a bleak future for preservation efforts. Bob Wohlsen, now retired from a long and successful career in construction, shares Preservation Pennsylvania's positive vision for

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Growing Greener

On December 15, 1999 Governor Ridge signed into law an environmental funding package. Dubbed Growing Greener, the act provides nearly $647 million for acid mine drainage abatement, farmland preservation, state park maintenance, and watershed conservation. In addition to not containing funding for historic preservation and other key programs identified by the Heritage 21 Alliance, the act does not have a dedicated funding source. This means that funding will be subject to the budget proceedings each year.

Downtown Location Law (HB728)

Representative David G. Argall’s (R-Schuylkill) Downtown Location Law (HB728) passed the House with a 189-0 vote on December 6, 1999. The bill would require the Department of General Services to develop guidelines to encourage state agencies to locate their offices in downtown areas. The bill now resides in the Senate Committee on Urban Affairs and Housing where a number of Philadelphia members have expressed concerns about the bill. There was discussion of exempting Philadelphia from the legislation or drafting an amendment that will make the bill work in Philadelphia.

Historic Home and Neighborhood Preservation Bill (HB948)

Representative Thomas A. Tangretti’s (D-Westmoreland) Historic Home and Neighborhood Preservation Bill will offer a comprehensive tax incentives package to owners of historic homes that would include a 20% state income tax credit. Representative Tangretti and co-sponsor Representative David G. Argall (R-Schuylkill) are working on amendments that were requested by the chair of the House Appropriations Committee where the bill currently resides. These amendments include inserting a cap on the debt incurred by the state as well as a sunset provision. Once these amendments are complete it is likely that the bill will be amended into a tax code bill that will be considered as part of the budget process.

Statewide Building Code ($647)

On November 10, 1999 Governor Ridge signed legislation establishing a statewide Uniform Construction Code. The National BOCA code will serve as the minimum standard for construction, alteration, and repair of commercial and residential properties. Preservation Pennsylvania board members Samuel Y. Harris, AIA, PE, Esq. (Philadelphia) and Robert Pfaffmann, AIA (Pittsburgh) will serve as Preservation Pennsylvania’s representatives in stakeholders meetings as regulations to implement the code are developed. Harris and Pfaffmann bring concerns regarding how the new code will be applied to older and historic structures.

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Preservation & Passion

Over the last twenty years, historic preservation has become a profession, a tool for economic and community development and a topic in discussions of land use and sprawl. However, despite these academic and technical trappings, historic preservation, at its most fundamental level, remains an activity driven by the passion of people who care about old buildings.

The purchase of the Star Barn, and the protest against the proposed North Street Parking Garage would never have happened without the intervention of people who refused to stand quietly by and let pieces of the past fall to pieces or be bulldozed in the name of profit or progress. Since coming to Preservation Pennsylvania, I’ve had the privilege of working with some of these individuals.

Bob and Carolyn Wohlsen of the Millport Conservancy and Denise Illg Robison of Preservation Pennsylvania have labored through a set of negotiations that would have driven a typical real estate developer from the table in search of easier projects. Their persistence, patience, and commitment have taken the Star Barn off the endangered list and given it a new future.

Closer to home, the North Street Neighborhood Group has put together a remarkably effective coalition to protest the demolition of neighborhood residences for a proposed 500-car parking garage. Under the leadership of Tom Leonard and Ted Martin, the group has used candlelight vigils, front step news conferences, and letter writing campaigns to fight the project to a standstill. While it's still uncertain if and where the garage will be built, the commitment, creativity, and tenacity of this group has made it a force to be reckoned with.

I can think of no better way for Preservation Pennsylvania to begin a new century than to return to the roots of the movement by working with people whose hearts are in historic places.

Patrick A. Foltz, Executive Director

PRESERVATION PA AT WORK

Preservation Pennsylvania President David Taylor and Secretary Denise Illg Robison (left) are joined by Robert and Carolyn Wohlsen of the Millport Conservancy (Lancaster County) at the Star Barn, Dauphin County, on November 16, 1999 to announce the purchase of the property by Preservation Pennsylvania and the Millport Conservancy.

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the barn. “The Star Barn is an icon. As a builder and tradesman, it goes against my nature and integrity to see this magnificent structure fall to decay,” he said.

Robison, who spearheaded Preservation Pennsylvania’s acquiring of a one-year option on the property in December of 1998, is ecstatic about the Wohlsens’ involvement in the project, which has already led to repair of the spire, cupola, and exterior wooden siding in preparation for painting of the entire complex later this spring. “The Star Barn will no longer be a silhouette of a glorious past. We said we’d find a preservation-minded buyer in one year and we did! The stars on this barn will shine again next year...this is the promise of the Millport Conservancy and Preservation Pennsylvania...with help from lots of other people who will join us,” said Robison, noting that Preservation Pennsylvania’s contribution toward the purchase and restoration is made possible through the Preservation Fund of Pennsylvania.

In the coming months, the partnership of the Millport Conservancy and Preservation Pennsylvania plan to complete exterior restoration and stabilization of the barn and its outbuildings. A study of reuse possibilities will be undertaken and public input will be sought as a plan is developed to insure the long-term preservation of the property. An art exhibit featuring many of the artists who have painted images of the Star Barn is planned this May at the Millport Conservancy, located near Lititz in Lancaster County.

The Preservation Fund of Pennsylvania, created in 1982 by the Pennsylvania General Assembly and recently recapitalized with funding from the Pennsylvania Historical and Museum Commission, is administered by Preservation Pennsylvania and makes low-interest loans/grants to nonprofit organizations and public agencies to preserve historic properties in Pennsylvania. For more information on the Fund, please contact Preservation Pennsylvania.

May 5-21, 2000

An Exhibit of Artists’ Depictions of the Historic Star Barn

Millport Conservancy
737 East Millport Road
Lititz, PA
717-628-0414
PHMC UNVEILS HISTORIC PRESERVATION PLAN

Preservation leaders from across Pennsylvania came together in Harrisburg on December 14, 1999 to celebrate the release of the state’s new historic preservation plan. The plan, which was developed by PHMC in partnership with Preservation Pennsylvania, is the result of a ten month process to gather public input on the historic resources Pennsylvanians want to protect, on the kinds of threats that are impacting these resources, and on how PHMC and Preservation Pennsylvania can help communities in their preservation efforts.

Specifically the plan identifies three areas for increased efforts and new initiatives as part of an action agenda.

- Educate Pennsylvanians about Our Heritage and Its Value
- Build Better Communities Through Preservation
- Provide Strong Leadership at the State Level

Over the coming months PHMC and Preservation Pennsylvania will use the plan as a guide in developing our programs. We will also be continuing the dialogue with citizens from across the Commonwealth on how to implement the plan.

For a copy of the plan, call the Bureau for Historic Preservation at 717-787-4363.

For more on how you can become involved in implementing the plan, you are encouraged to attend the Historic Preservation and Heritage Partnerships Conference in Reading, April 12-14. A track of sessions will address each of the three areas identified in the plan. We encourage conference registrants to participate in these hands-on working sessions to help put the plan into action. For more information on the conference, contact:

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717-234-2310
or visit our website at
www.preservationpa.org

Brenda Barrett (left), Director of the Bureau for Historic Preservation, is joined by students from St. Stephen’s School in the rotunda of the State Capitol in Harrisburg to unveil the Pennsylvania Historic Preservation Plan.

Sites Added to National Register and National Landmarks

Between October 1, 1998 and December 31, 1999, the following Pennsylvania properties were added to the National Register of Historic Places or to the listing of National Historic Landmarks. Listing provides recognition of historical significance of a property and mandates review of any effect on the property from projects using federal funds or having other federal involvement.

For more information on these and other state and federal preservation programs, contact: Bureau for Historic Preservation, Pennsylvania Historical & Museum Commission, P.O. Box 1026, Harrisburg, PA 17108-1026; phone 717-783-8946; email bhp@phmc.pa.state.us

National Register of Historic Places
Allegheny County
Chatham Village Historic District, Pittsburgh
Whitehill-Gleason Motors, Pittsburgh

Bradford County
Ellen and Charles F. Welles House, Wyalusing Township

Bucks County
Longland (Margaret Mead Farm), Buckingham Township

Cambria County
Moxham Historic District, Johnstown

Centre County
Bellefonte Forge House, Spring Township
Philipsburg Historic District, Philipsburg

Clearfield County
Coalport Historic District, Coalport

Cumberland County
Dykeman’s Spring, Shippensburg

National Historic Landmarks
Bost Building, 621-623 E. Eighth Ave., Homestead, Allegheny County
John Coltrane House, 1511 N. 33rd Street, Philadelphia
Friends Hospital, 4641 Roosevelt Boulevard, Philadelphia
Weona Park Carousel, located on Route 512 in Pen Argyl, Northampton County, was installed in 1923 and has operated every summer since its opening. The work of the Donnel Company of Philadelphia, the three rows of hand-carved and painted wooden animals date from the 1890s through 1917. Pictured are the leaping reindeer, which have real antlers. Other animals include running goats, giraffes, horses and a zebra.

**Delaware County**
Pennsylvania Railroad Station at Wayne, Radnor Township

**Elk County**
Decker’s Chapel, St. Marys
Johnsonburg Commercial Historic District, Johnsonburg
St. Marys Historic District, St. Marys

**Fayette County**
Oak Hill Estate, North Union Township

**Franklin County**
Rock Hill Farm, Montgomery Township

**Greene County**
Ernest Thralls House, Wayne Township

**Huntingdon County**
Hugh D. and Martha S. Seeds Farm, Eden Hill, Spruce Creek Township

**Lackawanna County**
North Scranton Junior High School, Scranton

**Lancaster County**
Greist Building, Lancaster
Watt and Shand Building, Penn Square, Lancaster

**Lehigh County**
Helfrich’s Spring Grist Mill (Boundary Increase), Whitehall Township
Rodale Organic Gardening Experimental Farm, Lower Macungie Township

**Luzerne County**
Bear Creek Village Historic District, Bear Creek Township

**Luzerne/Monroe Counties**
Stoddartsville Historic District, Buck and Tobyhanna Townships

**Mercer County**
Mercer County Courthouse, Mercer

**Montgomery County**
Fetter’s Mill, Bryn Athyn, Lower Moreland Township
Isaac Kulp Farm, Upper Gwynned Township

**Northampton County**
Weona Park Carousel, Pen Argyl

**Perry County**
Newport Historic District, Newport and Oliver Townships

**Philadelphia County**
Cobbs Creek Automobile Suburb Historic District
Germantown Junction Station, 2900 N. Broad Street
Lower North Philadelphia Speculative Housing Historic District
Pennsylvania Railroad Freight Building, 3118-3119 Chestnut Street
Philadelphia Naval Shipyard Historic District, S. Broad Street
Steamship (S.S.) United States, Pier 82

**Somerset County**
Hite House, Stoystown (nominated as part of Lincoln Highway Heritage Corridor Historic Resources Multiple Property Submission)

**Venango County**
Oil City North Side Historic District, Oil City (Historic Resources of the Oil Industry in Western Pennsylvania, 1859-1945, Multiple Property Submission)

**Warren County**
Warren Historic District, Warren

**Washington County**
Philip Friend House, North Bethlehem and West Bethlehem Townships
John White House, Chartiers Township

**Wayne County**
Equinunk Historic District, Village of Equinunk, Buckingham and Manchester Townships (Historic and Architectural Resources of the Upper Delaware Valley, New York and Pennsylvania, Multiple Property Listing)

**Westmoreland County**
Academy Hill Historic District, Greensburg

**York County**
Consumers Cigar Box Company, Red Lion
East York Historic District, Springettsbury Township
Fairmount Historic District, York United Cigar Manufacturing Company, York
IN THE NEWS

PEOPLE
- Caroline Boyce, former executive director of Preservation Pennsylvania and most recently director of Statewide Partnerships at the National Trust for Historic Preservation, has returned to Pennsylvania to join the staff of 10,000 Friends of Pennsylvania and 10,000 Friends/Advocates as director of their Harrisburg office. She will coordinate legislative and advocacy work and contribute to education and policy efforts for the two related organizations. In other staff changes, Janet Lussenhop, formerly program director for 10,000 Friends, has been appointed executive director of the organization. Joanne Denworth will continue to serve as president.

- Terry Kauffman, chairman of 10,000 Friends and a Lancaster County Commissioner from 1992 to 1999, is now director of land-use planning for the Berks County Conservancy.

- Adrian Scott Fine has been hired as Senior Program Associate for the National Trust for Historic Preservation’s Northeast Field Office serving Pennsylvania, Delaware, and New Jersey. Fine comes from the Historic Landmarks Foundation of Indiana, where he provided preservation planning and advocacy assistance for a 21-county region and was local government liaison for preservation commissions. He also coordinated the Indiana Alliance of Historic District Commissions. Fine replaces Patrick Hauck, who left the Trust in August 1999 to become main street manager for the Mount Airy neighborhood of Philadelphia.

- Tim Dempsey has resigned his position as executive director of the Pennsylvania Downtown Center to return to Michigan. Christina Ortwein has been appointed acting director while the organization conducts a search for Dempsey’s replacement.

- In news from the Pennsylvania Heritage Parks Program, Allen Sachse has been named executive director of the Delaware and Lehigh National Heritage Corridor. For the past thirty years, Sachse has worked for the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, most recently as Eastern Pennsylvania Heritage Parks and Recreation Supervisor with the Department of Conservation and Natural Resources (DCNR). John Cosgrove, previously executive director of Neighborhood Housing of Scranton, is now executive director of the Lackawanna Heritage Valley Authority.

PROGRAMS
- Pennsylvania Federation of Museums and Historical Organizations (PFMHO) announces the creation of the Community Heritage Tourism Development Program. This fee-for-service program provides technical assistance in strategic planning, preservation, interpretation development and marketing to communities, organizations, and institutions across the Commonwealth. The program is designed to assist communities in developing partnerships to promote cooperation and collaboration between heritage attractions, tourism promotion agencies, and the travel industry. For more information contact PFMHO at 717-787-3253, fax 717-772-4698, email heritagetourism@pamuseums.org, website www.pamuseums.org

- Technical Preservation Services, a division of the National Park Service, announces a new website devoted to all aspects of caring for historic buildings, from choosing an appropriate treatment to actually doing the work in a way that meets historic preservation standards. www2.cr.nps.gov/tps/care includes the popular Preservation Briefs and preservation Standards and Guidelines.

PUBLICATIONS
- The Costs of Sprawl in Pennsylvania, a study conducted by Clarion Associates, was released in January by 10,000 Friends of Pennsylvania. The study, which was undertaken as part of the Public Policy Pilot Project being conducted by Preservation Pennsylvania, 10,000 Friends, and
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the National Trust for Historic Preservation, attempts to answer the questions: what are the hidden costs of sprawl in Pennsylvania, how big are they and who pays for them? The study documents that sprawl increases costs of roads, housing, schools, and utilities; increases the costs of transportation; consumes agricultural lands, natural areas, and open spaces; concentrates poverty and accelerates socioeconomic decline in cities, towns, and older suburbs, including increasing disinvestment and demolition of older, historic urban properties; and increases pollution and stress. For a copy of the executive summary or the full study, contact 10,000 Friends at 877-568-2225; fax 215-563-2204; email info@10000friends.org. The study is also available online at www.10000friends.org

**How to Prepare National Historic Landmark Nominations** has recently been published by the National Register of Historic Places. With more demanding criteria than the National Register and the requirement of exceptional national significance, the National Historic Landmark program has a substantially different process for listing. To obtain a copy of the publication contact: National Register, History and Education, National Park Service, 1849 C Street, NW (NC400), Washington, DC 20240; email nr_reference@nps.gov

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menting the recently-released Pennsylvania Historic Preservation Plan and he is excited by the opportunity to take up this challenge. "I see Preservation Pennsylvania taking the lead in developing and expanding education initiatives and partnerships. The preservation community clearly needs to do a better job of educating Pennsylvanians about our heritage and its value. This was overwhelmingly identified as our greatest imperative during last year's planning process," said Foltz. "We will be reaching out to the education community and to our traditional partners in the history and preservation communities to work together on new initiatives."

In addition to these longer term efforts, Foltz is also involved in finalizing the purchase of the Star Barn, in monitoring the Harrisburg Parking Authority's plans for a parking garage in Preservation Pennsylvania's headquarters neighborhood, and in furthering the heritage community's advocacy agenda in the Pennsylvania General Assembly.

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**Land-use Legislation (HB 13, 14, and 15 and S.300)**

Governor Ridge's release of three land-use reports prepared for him by the Center for Local Government Services has sparked renewed interest in the debate on sound land-use planning. Representative David Steil's (R-Bucks) House Bills 13 and 14 and Senator James Gerlach's (R-Chester) SB300 have been thrust into the spotlight. SB300 passed the Senate on December 7, 1999 and now resides in the House Local Government Committee along with HB 13 and 14. In mid-February there was a lively debate in the local government committee where it was evident that a number of representatives have concerns about the House bills. At that meeting there was an amendment to remove concurrency language from HB13. The amendment did not pass with a vote of 13-12, but there was an understanding that the language still needs to be discussed. Concurrency means that infrastructure upgrades required for a new development will be done concurrent to the development project. The debate and final language of land-use legislation is still ongoing. Preservation Pennsylvania will continue to support 10,000 Friends/Advocates for Pennsylvania in their efforts to pass meaningful land-use legislation.

### New Chair for Urban Affairs

In January, 2000, Representative David G. Argall was named as the new chair of the House Committee on Urban Affairs. Preservation Pennsylvania would like to congratulate a great friend to preservation on his new position.

*Please be sure to look for an update on federal legislation in our next newsletter.*

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**CALENDAR**

**March 10-19**  

**March 16**  
**Managing a Preservation Crisis: Generating Positive Media Coverage.** Workshop, 9 a.m.-2 p.m. Down Town Club, Philadelphia. Contact: Preservation Pennsylvania, 717-234-2310; PPA@preservationpa.org; www.preservationpa.org.

**March 24-26**  
**Beyond Preservation: Managing Change.** Penn Stater Conference Center Hotel, State College. Conference keynote address by Ada Louise Huxtable, Friday, March 24. For conference registration info contact: Melissa Beidler, 814-863-5100; ConferenceInfo@csd.psu.edu.

**March-June**  
**Lower Merion Conservancy Historic Preservation Lecture Series.** For program schedule of the six lectures/tours contact: 610-645-9031; lmc@op.net.

**April 1**  
**Bucks County Community College Preservation Forum Lecture: Tour of Bryn Athyn.** Contact: 215-968-8286.

**April 5-8**  
**Pennsylvania Federation of Museums and Historical Organizations annual conference.** State College. Contact: PFMHO, 717-787-3253.

**April 6-9**  
**Preserving the Historic Road in America:** Second national conference on historic roads. Morristown, NJ. Contact: Dan Marriott, National Trust for Historic Preservation, 202-588-6279; Dan_Marriott@nhp.org.

**April 8**  

**April 8**  
**Tour of Interior Spaces of Downtown Pittsburgh Landmarks.** 9:30 a.m.-1 p.m. Contact: Pitz’s Informal Program, 412-648-2560.

**April 10 & 11**  

**April 12-14**  

**May 3-7**  

**May 21**  
**Art of the Star Barn Exhibit.** Millport Conservancy, Lititz. Contact: 717-626-0414.

**May 5-6**  
**Outdoor Heritage 2000/Discovery Fair.** Huntingdon County Fairgrounds. 9 a.m.-6 p.m. Contact: Allegheny Heritage Development Corp., 1-800-898-3636.

**May 13**  
**Historic Fallsington Opening Day Celebration.** 10 a.m.-4 p.m., no admission fee. 5-8 p.m. Twilight At Fallsington, $25, by reservation only.

**May 14-20**  
**National Historic Preservation Week.** Theme: Taking America’s Past Into the Future. For National Trust kit with poster, press release, and other information, contact: 202-588-6141; pr@nhp.org; www.nationaltrust.org.

**May 19-21**  
**3rd National Conference on Women and Historic Preservation.** Mount Vernon College, Washington, DC. Contact: Gail Dubrow, Preservation & Design Program, University of Washington, Box 355740, 410 Gould Hall, Seattle, WA 98195-5470; 206-685-4170; dubrow@u.washington.edu.

**June 5-7**  
**Pennsylvania Downtown Center annual conference.** York. Contact: PDC, 412 N. Second St., Harrisburg 17101; 717-233-4675; fax 717-233-4690.

**August 4-6**  
**National Alliance of Preservation Commissions Training Workshop: Pittsburgh Forum 2000.** Contact: 706-342-4731; napcc@uga.edu; www.arches.uga.edu/~napcc.

**October 11-13**  

**October 27-29**  
**Conference on Victorian Architecture and its Preservation, Franklin.** Contact: Marilyn Black, Oil Heritage Region, 1-800-483-6264, ext. 17; oilheritage@usachoice.net.

**November 13-15**  
LANCASTER CITY CREATES HERITAGE CONSERVATION DISTRICT

by Paula Jackson, Chief Planner, City of Lancaster

The City of Lancaster entered the 21st century with a new law to protect the historic architecture of the 18th, 19th, and 20th centuries. On November 9, 1999, Lancaster’s city council adopted and Mayor Charles Smithgall signed a new Heritage Conservation Ordinance, granting city council the authority to appoint a historical commission and to review and approve all demolition and new construction activity impacting streetscapes within a new Heritage Conservation District encompassing at least three-fourths of the city’s historic four-square mile area. Along with buildings and structures, demolition of character-defining porches and balconies and construction of new porches, balconies and decks impacting streetscapes are subject to city council review and approval. However, minor alterations are exempt from review. The new ordinance has no impact on the city’s existing historic district, which is overseen by a Historical Architectural Review Board (HARB).

Lancaster City’s history reaches back to 1730, when a 500-acre tract of land was laid out as Lancaster Townstead. With its boundaries set at one mile in each direction from center square, Lancaster was incorporated as a borough in 1743 and as a city in 1818. As the city grew and flourished, its dwellings changed from the predominant modest, one-story Germanic house to later, more substantial Georgian, Federal, Victorian, and 20th century styles. Much of Lancaster’s history, including its long period as the economic, social, governmental, and cultural hub of Lancaster County, is reflected in its predominately late 19th century architecture. Similar to other American communities, Lancaster experienced the post World War II housing boom. Fortunately, most new construction at that time occurred on vacant parcels and did not have a negative impact on the existing building stock. With the exception of the period of federal urban renewal in the 1960s and early 1970s, most of Lancaster’s historic architecture remains intact.

When the City of Lancaster embarked on the development of a new comprehensive plan in the early 1990s, results of extensive citizen input clearly indicated that appreciation of and concern for Lancaster’s architecture were a broad community concern, not just the focus of a small preservation interest group. Because of comments expressed at neighborhood and town meetings, one chapter of the comprehensive plan, adopted in November 1993, is devoted to the protection of Lancaster’s architectural character. Since 1993, the city has moved forward in the implementation of its comprehensive plan, creating the position of full-time historic preservation specialist in 1998 and beginning a community-wide National Register historic district nomination at the same time.

The new heritage conservation district ordinance is viewed as a significant action to implement the following major policy goal of the city’s comprehensive plan: “To protect and enhance Lancaster City’s physical attractiveness and historic quality while allowing for reasonable change and development.” The district is created under the authority granted by the Act of June 13, 1961, P.L. 282, as amended, and known within the preservation community as Act 167. As stated in the enabling legislation, Act 167 is “An Act authorizing counties, cities, boroughs, incorporated towns and townships to create historic districts within their geographic boundaries; providing for the appointment of Boards of Historical Architectural Review; empowering governing bodies of political subdivisions to protect the distinctive historical character of these districts and to regulate the erection, reconstruction, alteration, restoration, demolition or razing of buildings within the historic districts.”

Two citizen advisory committees worked with city staff in 1997 and 1998, the 1997 committee setting broad objectives for a new law and the 1998 committee recommending specific ordinance provisions. Preservation Pennsylvania’s own Susan Shearer served on the 1998 committee and provided valuable input and support.

During public hearings before city council, city staff made clear to the public and council that the new law was not an “anti-demolition” ordinance; rather the new ordinance is meant to serve as a tool whereby the city’s top elected officials with input from interested citizens, can guide future development and protect the community character that so many citizens have identified as essential to Lancaster’s quality of life.

To view the full ordinance, visit Preservation Pennsylvania’s website at www.preservationpa.org. If you have questions about the ordinance, please call Paula Jackson, Lancaster’s Chief Planner, at 717-291-4754.

Lancaster City Councilman Craig Lehman, who was instrumental in the passage of the ordinance, will be a speaker at the Historic Preservation and Heritage Partnerships Conference on Friday, April 14 in a session from 10:30 a.m. to noon titled “Helping Public Officials Do Their Job.” The session will focus on how citizens and organizations interested in protecting their community’s heritage can work effectively with their public officials. Lehman will talk about the effectiveness of citizen input in helping to make the Lancaster ordinance a reality.
**Pennsylvania At Risk 2000**

*Pennsylvania At Risk* is the Preservation Pennsylvania’s annual listing of endangered historic properties. We are accepting nominations for the 2000 listing which will be published in early summer.

Please submit all nomination information by MARCH 31, 2000 to:

**Preservation Pennsylvania**  
257 North Street  
Harrisburg, PA 17101  
717-234-2310 (phone) • 717-234-2522 (fax) • sshearer@preservationpa.org (email)  
www.preservationpa.org (internet)

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Please attach answers to the following questions. All questions must be answered for the nomination to be considered. Attach any supporting materials, including photographs, news articles, correspondence, etc.

1. Name, address and telephone number(s) of the individual(s) or group(s) nominating the site.
2. Physical description of the site.
3. Historical significance of the site.
4. How extensively is the site known? Is it open to the public?
5. What is the threat to the site? (e.g. natural disaster, deferred maintenance, proposed demolition)
6. How imminent is the threat?
7. What would eliminate the threat? (e.g. more money, change of ownership)
8. Who are the major players trying to preserve the site? (Provide names and phone numbers)
9. Is there opposition to preservation of the site? If so, by whom? (Provide names and phone numbers)
10. How would listing in *Pennsylvania At Risk* help alleviate the threat?
11. Has Preservation Pennsylvania been involved with this site in the past? If so, how?
12. Other than listing in *Pennsylvania At Risk*, what else can Preservation Pennsylvania do to help?
13. Additional comments or recommendations.