

## Hourglass Initiatives - 2017

### Education

#### Quality Improvement and Cost Efficiency -

We provide elected officials, educators, and citizens with information and ideas on a variety of issues affecting the quality and cost of education in the county, including pensions, mandate reform, school consolidation, fair funding, and best practices that are effective elsewhere.

#### Innovations -

Improving the quality of education has a profound impact on college and technical school admissions, job readiness, economic growth, and the ravages of poverty. We champion innovative and technology-driven initiatives like flipped classrooms, open campuses, and early childhood education.

### Growth and Prosperity

#### Land Use and Planning -

We support Lancaster County's Comprehensive Plan – which includes preserving farmland, adherence to urban growth boundaries, high-density housing, increased investment in urban centers, upper-floor redevelopment and other smart growth initiatives.

#### Protecting the Environment -

Our natural environments are among the County's most important assets. We work with government, businesses, and organizations to find innovative solutions to the challenges of growth on the environment, including water quality, stormwater management, and Chesapeake Bay cleanup.

### Community Character

#### Sustainable Tourism -

Tourism not only brings dollars, it attracts jobs, investments, and residents. We are distributing downtown Lancaster visitor brochures we created, and are enriching our visitor website that presents the history, arts, architecture, restaurants, and shops in Lancaster.

#### Protecting Our Unique Character -

Effective growth management requires insightful planning to protect our farmland and historic places. By enabling informed decisions we can have growth and prosperity without sacrificing our unique character and enviable quality of life.

*"Hourglass brings together thought leadership in multiple sectors resulting in shared learning, helping propel prosperity for the whole county."*

**Dr. Robert Hollister**  
Superintendent  
ELANCO School District

*"The Hourglass is a source of fresh ideas and discussion. They provide great services to the City of Lancaster, both as a source of information and best practices."*

**J. Richard Gray**  
Mayor  
City of Lancaster, PA

*"The Hourglass adds value to the community. I enjoy being informed by people who are real thinkers and care about the community."*

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