

## ***Ag Innovations Land Use Committee An Adams County Collaboration***

### ***Where We've Been***

The Ag Innovations Land Use Committee is an outgrowth of the Adams County Ag Innovations Initiative, a group of community and agricultural leaders concerned about local agriculture's challenges and opportunities. Since it was formed in 2005, the Land Use Committee has accomplished the following:

- Provides a forum for exchange of ideas and issues on a regular basis, including participation by representatives of state and federal legislators.
- Helped create the ad hoc Keep Adams Green citizen coalition, which has successfully partnered with the Adams County Commissioners to develop a bond-funded program for agricultural and open space preservation.
- Advocated funding of a Penn State Extension Educator position in community development and land use. Penn State hired a land use educator in April 2006.

### ***Where Shall We Go?***

Some of the ideas under discussion for the Land Use Committee:

- host a public forum on the current state of the housing market and regional economy – is development really slowing down?
- invite regional developers to a roundtable discussion on their issues and opportunities for collaboration
- help RAYAC (the realtors association) create a smart growth coalition for York and Adams County
- share best practices in storm water management, open space conservation etc with local officials and developers
- work on legislative issues, such as Clean and Green and impact fees
- explore the feasibility of training/certification program for municipal planning officials
- *add your idea here* \_\_\_\_\_

### ***Who Are We?***

The Land Use Committee is open to all interested parties. Our current roster includes representatives from the Adams County Office of Planning, Land Conservancy, Watershed Alliance, Adams County Ag Preservation, Penn State Extension, Congressman Platts' office, Representatives Maitland and Nickol's offices and the newly-created Adams County Green Space Advisory Committee.

### ***How to get involved:***

We meet monthly on the 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday from 3 – 4:30 pm at the Ag Center. Our next meeting will be October 24<sup>th</sup>. Please join us. For more information, call Ellen Dayhoff [edayhoff@adamscounty.us](mailto:edayhoff@adamscounty.us) or Mark Clowney [mclowney@adamscounty.us](mailto:mclowney@adamscounty.us) at 337-5859 or Judy Chambers [jrc355@psu.edu](mailto:jrc355@psu.edu) at 334-6271.