



# TCA Newsletter

## *30th Anniversary Edition*

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Tom (MLA:1973) attends the 75th Anniversary of the Harvard Graduate School of Design.

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### **DID YOU KNOW?**

TCA's services include Design Review of Neighborhoods, Sites, Landscapes, Buildings, etc.!

### Happy 30th Anniversary TCA!

On January 2, 2011 TCA began our 30th year of providing town planning, land planning, and landscape architecture services to our clients.

We thank the 100+ municipalities and many private sector clients that we have served since 1981. Over the past 30 years, we have found common threads in our clients' pattern of decision-making, including:

- planning for sustainability;
- fiscal stability; and
- design integrity.

We will address each of these common threads in our 2012 Newsletters. In the meantime, we look forward to continuing our collaborations with you. We truly appreciate the opportunity to serve you, to improve your world, and to enhance your natural and built environments!!

Happy Holidays!

Sincerely,

Ask us how TCA can help with your Design Review Committee (DRG)!

*Tom*

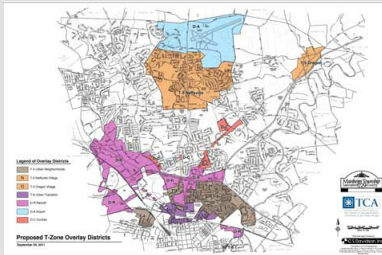
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## PROJECT UPDATES

### Penn Township- Lancaster County:

The Penn Township Board of Supervisors adopted their new Form-based code infused Zoning Ordinance on May 9, 2011 and Subdivision & Land Development Ordinance Amendments on June 27, 2011.

### Manheim Township-Lancaster County:



TCA assisted Manheim Township with innovations such as a new Transect -based Overlay Map, expanded Design Guidelines, Form-based Code provisions, and revisions to the PRD regulations, as well as renewable energy sources. The Board of Commissioners adopted the Amendments on November 28th.



Heather at a Marcellus Shale Workshop in Williamsport, PA.

## 2011 HIGHLIGHTS

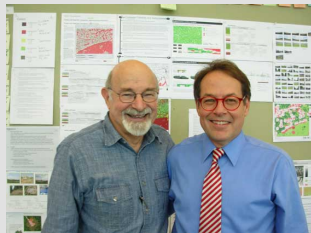


Several notable items for our 30th Anniversary Year include:

- Tom (MLA 1973) participated in the 75th Anniversary celebration of the Harvard Graduate School of Design on October 14th and 15th.
- Jen served as the principal author of the Penn Township, Manheim Township, and Windsor Township (York County, PA) Ordinance Amendments;
- Dan has assumed a leadership role on Plan Reviews, with emphasis on the Franklin Mint Redevelopment in Media, PA;
- Megan at our Lancaster Branch Office has continued plan preparation for the City of Lancaster Parks and Streetscape projects;
- Tom joined Professor Carl Steinitz at Penn State University on September 23rd to present ideas pertaining to regional planning in the Marcellus Shale region of Pennsylvania;
- Heather received her certification as a PA Registered Landscape Architect and has produced several reports using 3-D modelling software;
- Chris Reitz, AIA, has joined TCA as an Architectural Consultant; and
- Tom has served as an Expert Witness on 12 Zoning Cases.



Cranberry Township emerging  
Recreation & Open Space Plan



Tom with visiting Harvard GSD  
Professor Carl Steinitz at PSU.

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## Comprehensive Parks, Recreation & Open Space Plans

TCA has been retained to assist three PA townships with Updates to their "green infrastructure" plans:

- Cranberry Township, Butler Co. (northwest of Pittsburgh) is updating its 1995 Plan. Guided by a DCNR grant, and a grant from Butler County Parks and Recreation, this effort is focused on a 2030 Plan. Adoption is scheduled for May 2012.
- In Edgmont Township, Delaware Co. (west of Philadelphia), TCA is updating the 1998 Plan and the Recreation -Fee-in-Lieu program through 2016. Adoption is scheduled for January 2012.
- In Charlestown Township, Chester Co. (northwest of Philadelphia), TCA is updating the 1993 and 2001 Plans with a focus on Conceptual Master Plans for several park and recreation sites. Adoption is schedule for May 2012.

### TCA BY THE NUMBERS

*In our 30 years of service, TCA has completed:*

52 Zoning Ordinances;  
21 SLD Ordinances;  
31 Comprehensive Plans;  
42 Parks & Recreation Plans;  
12 Downtown Revitalization Plans;  
23 Traditional Neighborhood Development (TND) Codes;  
14 Form-Based Codes;  
330 Expert Witness Testimony Cases;  
and  
over 5,000 Plan Reviews and Evaluations.

We look forward to assisting you  
in creating a more functional, sustainable, and attractive future!



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