



# TCA Newsletter

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## **Awards**

### Honor Award

TCA received an Honor Award on March 6th from the Pennsylvania/Delaware Chapter of ASLA for our Urban Parks, Recreation and Open Space Plan in Lancaster, PA.

Leadership Award

## **Welcome!**

TCA is thrilled to be launching our new Newsletter! This Spring has brought many exciting events our way. For starters, our work has recently been recognized through several awards and publications. Major projects are moving ahead- and we are also hosting an exciting participatory workshop on Marcellus Shale on April 7th in Williamsport, PA.

TCA is also pleased to announce that we have a new Website and Blog. On our new Website you can view Featured Projects and learn more about our Services. Our Blog provides updates on company news, offers educational information on planning and design issues, and lets you know about upcoming events.

While the development industry has slowed due to recent economic factors, TCA is proud to have attracted additional municipal clients, expanded our Expert Witness Testimony services, and sustained the high-quality design and consulting services that we provide our long-time clients. TCA has always been focused on issues of preservation, sustainability, and smart growth. We will continue to advocate for these increasingly important concepts through our projects, our educational presentations, and now also through our new Blog.

We welcome you to join us in keeping up to date with our latest projects, celebrating achievements, and participating in upcoming events. Thank you for supporting us, and we hope you enjoy our Newsletter!

Sincerely,

TCA contributed its planning expertise to the West Lampeter Village Renewal project, which won a Leadership Award in February 2010 for exemplifying the principles of Smart Growth.

*Tom*

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## News

### New Urban News

Our Pine Hall project was featured in the March 2010 Issue of New Urban News. Click [here](#) to see the article.

### Fig Magazine

TCA Branch Office Manager John Hershey is featured in the Spring Edition of Fig Magazine. Click [here](#) to see the feature.

## Green Energy

### Tyrone Township

TCA assisted Tyrone Township, Adams County, in adopting Zoning Amendments to permit clean Nutrient Recovery and Biofuel Production.

## New Clients

### Lower Providence Township

TCA welcomes Lower Providence Township, Montgomery County, as our newest municipal client. TCA now serves 36 municipalities.

## Check us out Online!

TCA is pleased to announce our new presence on the web. You can now follow us on:

[Our Blog](#)

## Marcellus Shale Workshop



TCA is partnering with Advanced Geoservices, Inc. to host a participatory workshop called [Balancing Marcellus Shale Interests in Pennsylvania: What's Missing?](#)

The workshop will be held on Wednesday **April 7, 2010** at the Best Western Inn in

Williamsport, PA.

The development of Marcellus Shale is having widespread economic, land use, aesthetic and environmental impacts on communities in Pennsylvania. The purpose of this Workshop is to engage both public-sector and private-sector stakeholders to develop strategies for how Community Development and Planning Tools can be utilized to maximize the benefits of Marcellus Shale and mitigate adverse impacts.

Tom Comitta will give an overview of the presentation and discuss least impact corridors for development. He will be followed by guest speakers **Kurt Hausammann, Jr.**, AICP, Director of the Lycoming County Department of Planning and Community Development; **George Asimos, Esq.**; and **Tim Kelsey, Ph.D.**, State Program Leader of Economic and Community Development at Penn State Cooperative Extension. A wide range of topics will be discussed in a series of small group Breakout Sessions.

For more information, visit our website. Click [here](#) to register. Registration will be limited to 120 people.

## Pine Hall General Master Plan

TCA's Pine Hall Traditional Town Development received unanimous General Master Plan approval on February 1, 2010.



Both Ferguson Township and the Pine Hall Development Company envision traditional neighborhoods and a vibrant retail core interconnected with ample open spaces on 150 acres located adjacent to the Pennsylvania State University, and near the Borough of State College, PA.

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TCA created its Master Plan and a Design Manual to successfully guide phased development of varied housing types located in close proximity to parks, greenways, and a retail core serving future Pine Hall residents and the greater State College area. Responding to existing site features, our plans depict a hotel, neighborhood businesses and shops, offices, and nearly 700 homes inspired by traditional community development patterns. Click [here](#) for more project images.

## Manayunk Tour

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In association with the Philadelphia and Pennsylvania Chapters of the Congress for the New Urbanism (CNU), Tom Comitta, a native of Manayunk, will be leading a tour of one of the great neighborhoods of Philadelphia.

Manayunk is a compact, mixed-use, diverse, walkable, and transit-oriented community that inspires New Urbanism. Highlights of the tour will include the Main Street Renaissance; the Manayunk Canal; Pretzel Park; the Wall; the North Light Community Center; the neighborhoods around 5 churches/parishes; and the SEPTA Train Station.

The tour will take place on Saturday, April 10th from 10:00 am to 2:00 pm. The Tour and lunch will be free to the first 25 persons who RSVP to Kelly at TCA 610-696-3896 Ext. 110.



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