

## **York County Economic Development Plan**

With funding assistance from the Chesapeake Science and Security Corridor, York County Economic Development Corporation (YCEDC) and York County Planning Commission (YCPC) jointly undertook the creation of a 10 year countywide economic development plan with the following goal:

To identify economic development opportunities for the County that are related to BRAC and those that are related to the York County Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDS) and to integrate those opportunities within the growth management approach of the County of York as outlined in the York County Comprehensive Plan.

Essentially, the Plan is meant to combine strategies for both comprehensive economic development and growth management. The Countywide vision includes description of overarching goals for economic development, identification of where such economic growth is desired to occur, and delineation of what type of economic development is envisioned. Over 120 strategies to accomplish those goals were recommended in five areas of focus:

- Workforce Development
- Growth Area Strategies
- Rural Area Strategies
- Downtown Revitalization
- Incentives & Economic Development

### **Initial Results:**

Creation of a municipal outreach program – through the municipal outreach program YCEDC and YCPC are meeting collaboratively with townships and boroughs to help plan and implement specific economic development strategies. Nearly 10 jurisdictions have requested assistance. Communities in the south central and south eastern areas of the county have been guided to consider development of commercial development, with focus on personal and medical services, and senior housing in light of current and proposed residential growth.

### **BRAC Impacts:**

YCEDC and YCPC have not seen evidence of increased population growth in York County attributable to BRAC. As identified in the initial demographic studies less than 5 percent of the relocating workers were expected to move to York County. This appears to be accurate.

YCEDC and YCPC continue to advise municipalities and school districts that a significant influx of population is not expected in the near future. Although staff does recommend that planners keep in mind as BRAC relocated individuals have initially rented in the northern MD area, eventually there may be a wave of MD residents selling their homes and moving into PA for benefits of retirement income preservation.