

YorkCounts plans to widen focus



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(York) -- A group that works to address "quality of life" issues in and around York plans to broaden its focus to include the whole county. Officials with [YorkCounts](#) say a recent strategic review process revealed a desire for the coalition to connect with "all corners of the county." Spokesman Dan Fink says a wider approach was the organization's original intent, but the priorities of members have honed in on one area. "They realized that the most serious problems generally had to do with York City and the municipalities surrounding [York City](#)," he says. "So for about the past five, seven years or so, a lot of the energy, a lot of the work of YorkCounts has been directed to that part of [York County](#) -- to the urban core." Fink says the coalition plans to start reaching out to government leaders across the county. Meantime, the group's Metro-York initiative is working to start up the York Academy Regional Charter School. It will combine students from the city and suburbs into one setting. YorkCounts is [also working to address](#) regional policing. Fink says the coalition is trying to secure funding for a \$72,000 study of possibly combining several departments just outside the city.