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## YorkCounts **Metro-York** recommendations to be announced Thurs., Nov. 15

York, Pa., Nov. 12, 2007 – **YorkCounts**, York County's community-wide quality-of-life coalition, is set to announce forward-thinking recommendations for improving municipal prosperity and education, with the aim of a better, stronger heart of York County. Known as the Metro-York recommendations, these ideas will be the outcome of YorkCounts' ambitious Metro-York project.

YorkCounts board chair Larry Miller and Metro-York co-chairs Eric Menzer and Bill Simpson will make the presentation **Thursday, Nov. 15 at 10 a.m. at the York Jewish Community Center, 2000 Hollywood Drive, York**. If weather permits, the event will take place on the lawn in front of the building. If not, the venue will be the auditorium.

“One idea, for regional police, already has traction and made the front pages in September,” noted Metro-York co-chair Eric Menzer. “This event will be about building momentum for all of the recommendations. What’s in it for you? Good jobs, good schools, safe neighborhoods – the kind of prosperity that everyone in York County wants,” Menzer added.

YorkCounts launched Metro-York in 2006 to address core concerns in the heart of the county, including a concentration of poverty, rising crime, tax burdens and inequities, a lack of job opportunities and challenges within our schools. Members of the community participated through three committees. A strong, credible cross-section of elected officials, municipal administrators, business and nonprofit leaders and retired Yorkers took part. These panels met numerous times to discuss and debate key concerns and formulate proposals. The results were presented to the YorkCounts Board, which adopted the recommendations.

**Editors: This will be the most important YorkCounts event of 2007, touching on schools, crime, government and regional planning, all major quality-of-life issues for city, suburban and rural audiences.**

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YorkCounts is a community-based coalition working to assess, sustain and enhance York County's quality of life – building alliances, introducing partners, spotlighting issues and facilitating conversations on education, economic development, health and safety, diversity and more. Partners include Better York, the United Way of York County, Wellspan Health, York College of Pennsylvania, the York County Chamber of Commerce, the York County Commissioners and the York County Community Foundation.

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