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**CITY RECEIVES GRANT FOR URBAN DESIGN PLAN**

**Chester, PA** – The City of Chester held the first of several public meetings tonight, September 2, 2009 on its plans to improve area north of the future soccer stadium.

Funded through grants totaling \$53,000 from the Pennsylvania's Department of Community and Economic Development and the Pennsylvania Coastal Zone Management Program, the Union Square Neighborhood Urban Design Plan will focus on making positive connections between Chester's waterfront development and its surrounding area.

“We are extremely grateful for this investment, which will provide a way to better connect residents to existing and future development along the Chester waterfront,” said Mayor Wendell N. Butler Jr. “The plan will further allow the City to build on a foundation for improving residential, recreational and tourism opportunities while maintaining a sense of place and community.”

The plan will create a vision with design guidelines for the area, with a particular emphasis on preserving valuable neighborhood character and connecting the area to existing and future development along the Chester waterfront. This is yet another planning effort initiated by the city to address important issues and concerns to make Chester a better place to live, work and play.

As part of the urban design plan, the City's Planning Department is holding a series of public meetings to gain input from Chester residents and the surrounding public. The next meeting is scheduled for Saturday, September 12, from 9:00 am to 12:00 pm at the Chester Senior Center, 721 Hayes Street, Chester, PA. The goal of the meetings is to present an overview of the urban design plan and an assessment of existing conditions, while also gathering information from residents relating to community needs, strengths, weaknesses and opportunities.

For more information about the meetings and the urban design plan, contact William Payne, planning director, at 610-447-7707 or [wpayne@chestercity.com](mailto:wpayne@chestercity.com).

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