

Lancaster: Randy Patterson, the Director of Economic Development and Neighborhood Revitalization for the City of Lancaster, announced on Friday, October 16 that the City, the Lancaster County Workforce Investment Board, and the Thaddeus Stevens College of Technology will be collaborating to rehabilitate as many as a dozen distressed properties in the coming year using \$450,000 in stimulus funding from the City and another \$60,000 in stimulus money from the Workforce Investment Board. Scott Sheely, Executive Director of the Lancaster County Workforce Investment Board, commented that "we're leveraging our money. That's a very, very good strategy and I applaud the mayor and city administration for looking for ways to do this."

Graduates from the Construction 101 and Building Maintenance programs of the Board will be the primary workforce for the rehabilitation project with other City-based contractors providing skilled workers. Many of the trainees are persons who have been involved with the Lancaster County Adult Probation and Parole Services and who are now striving to turn their lives around. The City through the Redevelopment Authority will contract with a local general contractor who will supervise the project as it evolves. Click [here](#) to see coverage by the Central Penn Business Journal.