Coatesville, PA
Five Stages of Municipal Fiscal Decline

1. Low taxes with prosperity
2. Gradually increasing tax rates with increasing demand for services
3. Taxes increase; reductions in non-core services
4. Tax revenues or tax base begins to decrease; reductions in core services
5. Loss of tax base, population, and increasing fiscal distress
Factors for a Municipal Opportunity Index

- Good jobs
- Good schools
- Good tax base
- Good neighborhoods
Southeastern PA is divided into:

- 23 maximum opportunity towns
- 37 high opportunity towns
- 43 medium opportunity towns
- 59 low opportunity towns
- 75 minimum opportunity towns
- 1 central city (Philadelphia)

238 cities, boroughs, and township
PHILADELPHIA, PENNSYLVANIA REGION:
Southeastern Pennsylvania First Suburbs
Municipal Opportunity Index

Legend
- Red: Central City (1)
- Orange: Minimum Opportunity (53)
- Yellow: Low Opportunity (41)
- Green: Medium Opportunity (39)
- Blue: High Opportunity (37)
- Dark Green: Maximum Opportunity (23)
- Gray: Rural Towns (44)

(9) = borough
(1) = township
White House Forum
July 18, 2011
Statewide Public Meeting
Thursday, October 27th
11:30-1:00
Brightside Baptist Church Lancaster, PA
www.BuildOnePa.org
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