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**“VISIONARY IN HISTORIC PRESERVATION” AWARD PRESENTED TO
LANCASTER COUNTY PLANNER**

Harrisburg, PA – The Pennsylvania Historical and Museum Commission (PHMC) today presented its “Visionary in Historic Preservation” award to a proven leader in helping Pennsylvania communities develop a vision which promotes sound community development and strong preservation values.

PHMC Executive Director Barbara Franco presented the honor during a ceremony at The State Museum of Pennsylvania to Scott Standish, director for long range and heritage planning for Lancaster County.

“Over the past twenty years, Mr. Standish has generously shared his vision with others, giving numerous presentations at local, state and national conferences and workshops on heritage tourism, natural, cultural and historical preservation planning and smart growth issues,” Franco said. “He has demonstrated extraordinary effort and innovation in education and planning for the future of Pennsylvania’s cultural and historic resources.

Standish developed and implemented the award-winning Lancaster County Heritage Program which has been enhanced and expanded since its inception in the 1990s and re-launched in 2008. He was also instrumental in overseeing the feasibility study and management plan process which led to the creation of the Lancaster-York Heritage Region in 2001.

“Historic preservation revitalizes and reinvests in communities and neighborhoods, sustains economies, encourages tourism, creates jobs, preserves open space, and reuses older buildings instead of abandoning or demolishing them,” said Franco. “Preservation protects and

recognizes the social and cultural resources that define and unite Americans, ensuring that such resources will survive to enrich our communities and lives for generations.”