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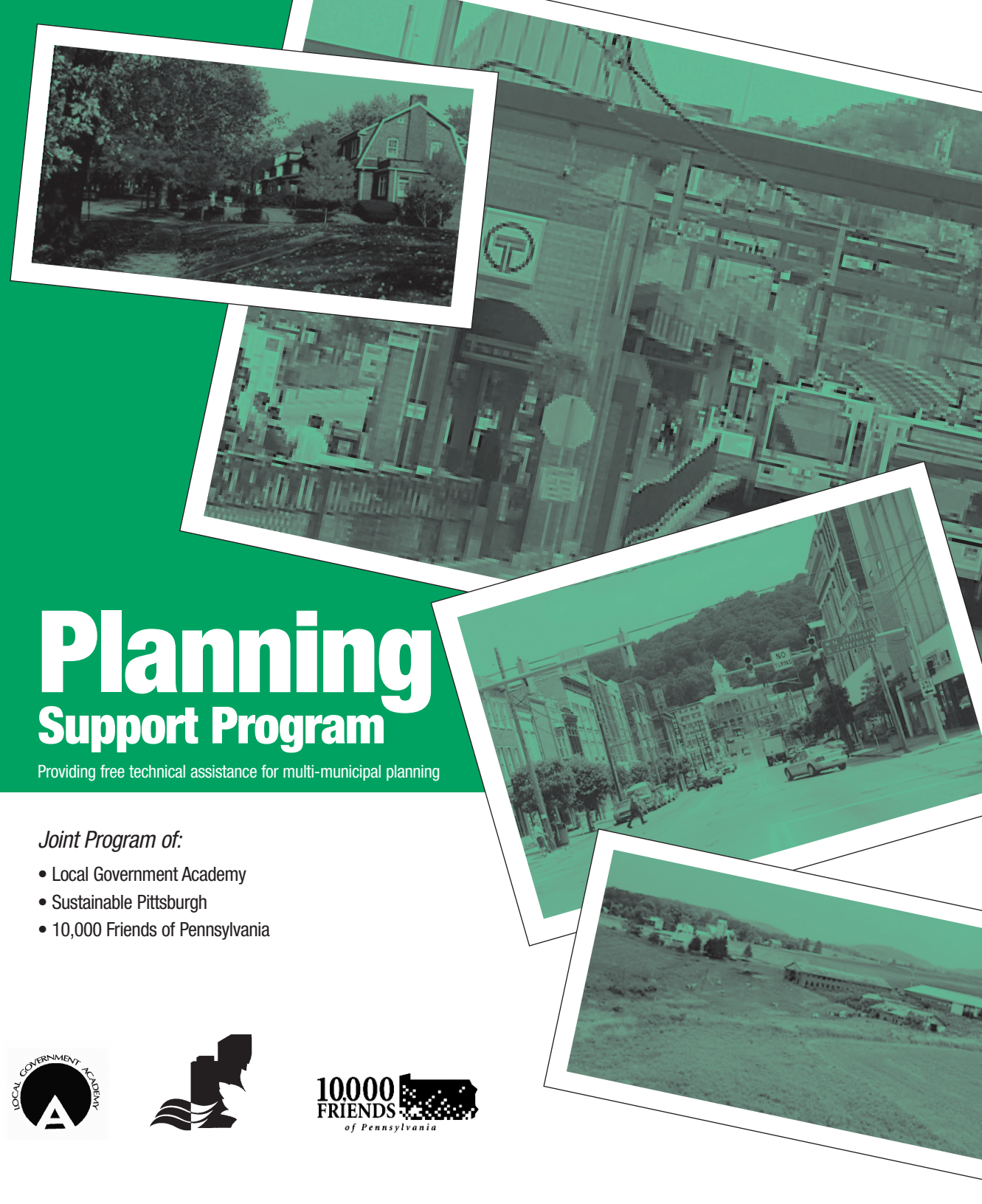
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Planning Support Program

Providing free technical assistance for multi-municipal planning

Joint Program of:

- Local Government Academy
- Sustainable Pittsburgh
- 10,000 Friends of Pennsylvania



Why **Multi-municipal** Planning?

Multi-municipal comprehensive land use plans address the whole of human needs – jobs, housing, community facilities, transportation, recreation, agriculture and rural resources, conservation of natural heritage – in a coordinated and integrated way that promotes the welfare and well-being of a community.



What are the **Benefits** of Planning?

- Permits cooperating municipalities to distribute all land uses throughout planning area
- Provides authority for municipalities to carry out their own plan, adopt own ordinances
- Enables municipalities to designate growth areas and rural resource areas
- Offers municipalities priority for some state funding
- Provides legal advantages in amendment challenges
- Makes available special land use tools for development

What is the **Program?**

Technical assistance “at no charge” to municipalities that want to develop comprehensive land use plans that reflect the “triple” bottom line: protection of natural resources and the environment; improved quality of life; and economic prosperity.

All three participating organizations have developed practical tools and resources (including funding) to assist municipalities in understanding and developing land use policies and programs that reflect sustainable criteria.

Assistance, at no charge to local governments, ranges from a single meeting to discuss the benefits and processes of multi-municipal land use planning to a full series of workshops.

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Technical **Assistance** Available

Facilitating Multi-Municipal Planning:

- Provide models for RFPs
- Meet with community members to identify outcomes, deliverables and meeting processes
- Define what organizational structure is needed
- Develop detailed agendas
- Facilitate open discussions about concerns participants may have about moving forward with a planning process
- Assist in consultant selection
- Document the results

Applied Tools and Resources:

- Funding mechanisms
- Transfer of Development Rights
- Sharing of Tax Revenue
- Specific Area Plans
- Assistance with adoption and implementation
- Additional resources and contacts

