

## County to conduct drive-by housing survey

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Beginning Oct. 23, two interns working with the Division of Housing and Neighborhood Revitalization of York County Community Services will begin conducting surveys of the local housing stock.

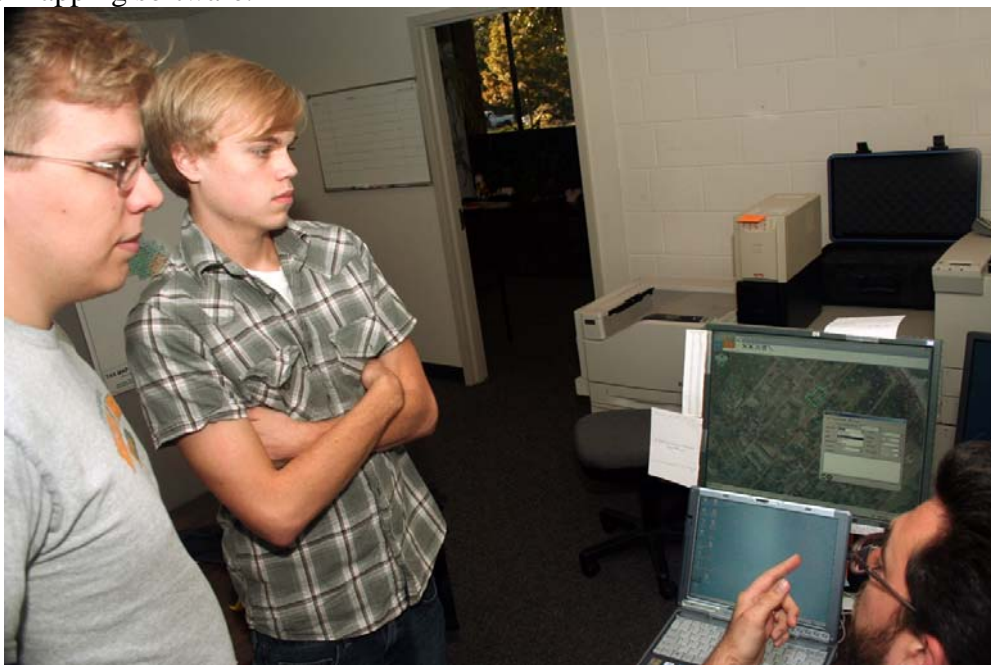
This is intended to note the overall condition and characteristics of homes and neighborhoods. The information will be used to identify housing and community needs in York County.

The interns will observe housing conditions as they travel in county vehicles. The data will be collected using ArcPad which is a handheld device that integrates with geographic information system (GIS) technology. ArcPad gives field-based personnel the ability to capture, edit, analyze, and display geographic information easily and efficiently. Using this technology will not only improve accuracy of data but will result in time and cost savings for the county.

Once gathered and analyzed, the information can be used as the basis to apply for funds to maintain and improve the housing stock of low and moderate income residents in the county.

For more information on the data collection effort, please call the Division of Housing and Neighborhood Revitalization, Department of Community Services, at 890-3885.

In the attached picture, York GIS Analyst Claiborn Phillips, far right, shows William and Mary Intern John Oien and Cooperative Office in Education (COE) student Jacob Loeb how to use the GIS mapping software.



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