

The Southeast Pennsylvania First Suburbs Project  
Invites you to an advance screening of:

# *The New Metropolis*



America's "first" suburbs, those suburban communities built next to America's urban centers, were once the birthplace of the American Dream. Driven by a desire to escape the smokestacks of the central cities, and a housing shortage following World War II, thousands of suburban homes were rapidly constructed and middle class families flocked to them.

*The New Metropolis*, which will be aired on public television in the fall, illustrates how many of these original suburbs are now facing a crisis: a dwindling tax base, population and business loss, decaying infrastructure, increased racial tensions and white flight. Lacking policies to help reverse these trends, many towns are looking for strategies for revitalization.

The Southeast Pennsylvania First Suburbs Project invites you to an advance screening and discussion of our agenda for change.

Thursday, July 23, 7:00 p.m.

Widener University, Latham Hall  
13<sup>th</sup> and Potter Streets, Chester, PA

Register by emailing [firstsuburbsproject@gmail.com](mailto:firstsuburbsproject@gmail.com) ■

Seating is limited. Donation suggested.

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