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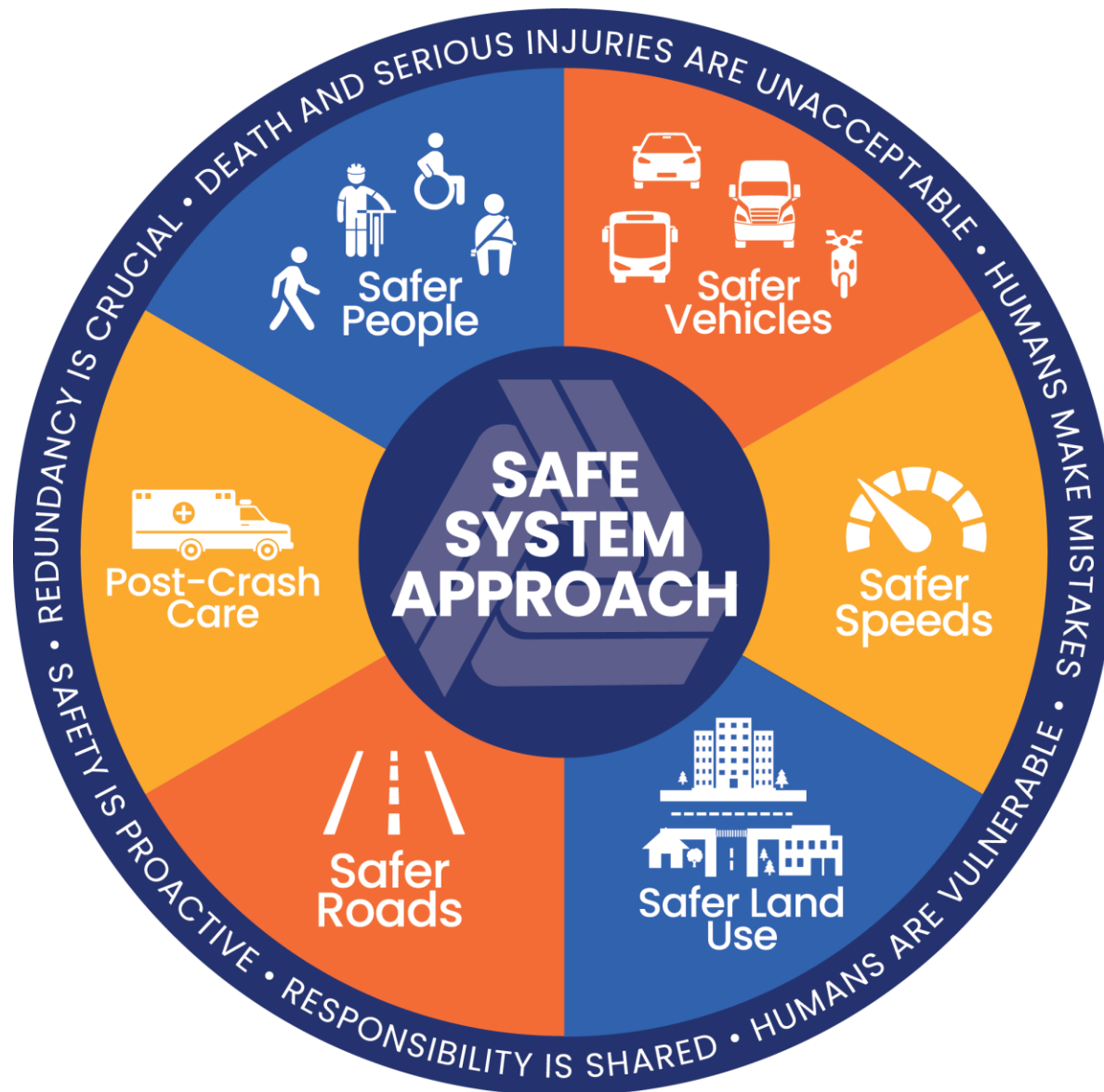
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Pedestrian Council

April 23, 2026

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2026 Delaware Total Fatalities as of 04/23/26									
	2026	2025				2024			
	Year-to-date	Year-to-Date		Total		Year-to-Date		Total	
Fatalities	28	23	↑	+22%	117	36	↓	-22%	130
Delaware Residents	26	17	↑	+53%	90	32	↓	-19%	110
Person Types									
Vehicle Occupant	17	13	↑	+31%	67	22	↓	-23%	65
Pedestrian	7	8	↓	-12%	27	9	↓	-22%	34
Bicyclist	2	1	↑	+100%	4	2		0%	5
Motorcyclist	2	0	↑	+100%	17	2		0%	21
Other Person Type	0	1	↓	-100%	2	1	↓	-100%	5
Crash Types									
Curve Related	4	2	↑	+100%	15	4		0%	23
Roadway Departure	9	9		0%	50	13	↓	-31%	42
Intersection Related	6	5	↑	+20%	37	11	↓	-45%	48
Median Crossover	1	0	↑	+100%	2	0	↑	+100%	0
Wrong Way	0	2	↓	-100%	4	1	↓	-100%	4
Work Zone	1	1		0%	7	2	↓	-50%	5

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Today's Agenda

1. Roll Call and Approval of Previous Minutes
2. Public Comment
3. Review Fatal Pedestrian Crashes in Previous Quarter
4. Guest Speaker: Office of State Planning Coordination
5. Public Outreach Calendar Overview
6. Subcommittee Updates
7. Agency Updates
8. Everyone Gets Home Summit
9. Safe Streets for All Grants
10. Next Meeting Date

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1. Roll Call and Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes



Roll Call

Please say here when your name is announced.

2. Public Comment



Public Comment

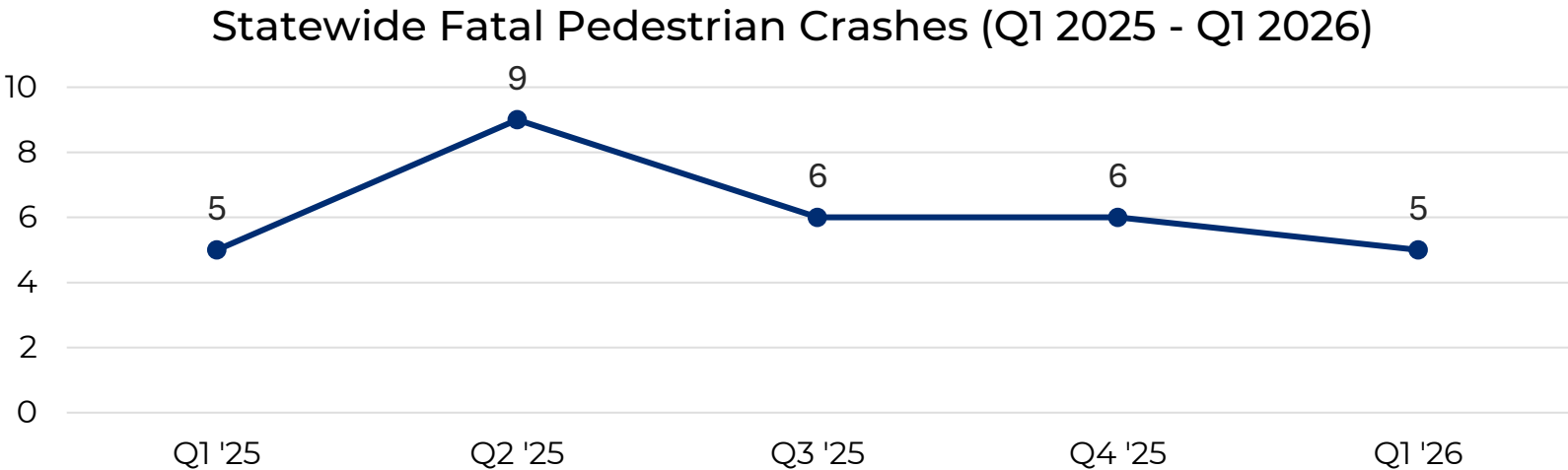
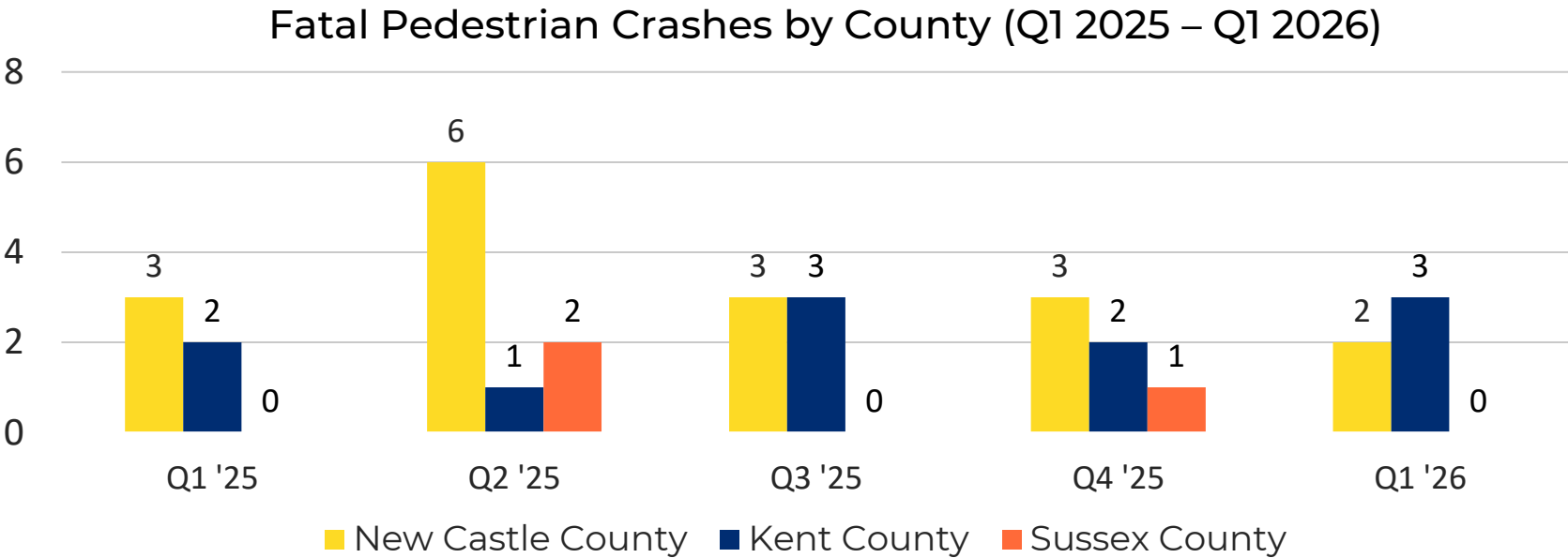
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3. Fatal Pedestrian Crashes - Quarter 1 of 2026

Fatal Pedestrian Crashes January – March 2026

Date	Day	Time	County	Full Location	Functional Class.	# Ped
01/19/26	Monday	6:32 AM	Kent	SR 1 BUS N Rehoboth Blvd, north of SR 14 NE Front St; Milford	Major Collector	1
01/23/26	Friday	6:12 PM	New Castle	US 13 US 40 S DuPont Hwy SB, south of Quigley Blvd	Other Principal Arterial	1
03/08/26	Sunday	7:09 AM	New Castle	SR 9 W 4th St & N Jackson St; Wilmington	Minor Arterial	1
03/09/26	Monday	4:09 AM	Kent	US 13 N DuPont Hwy NB, north of Kings Hwy NE/White Oak Rd; Dover	Other Principal Arterial	1
03/23/26	Monday	8:08 PM	Kent	SR 14 Milford Harrington Hwy, east of Church Hill Rd	Minor Arterial	1

3. Fatal Pedestrian Crashes - Quarter 1 of 2026





State Strategies, Land Use and Planning for Safer Communities

Pedestrian Council Meeting

April 23, 2026

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Principal Planners
Delaware Office of State Planning Coordination



Communication, Coordination, Collaboration

OSPC Mission: The Office of State Planning Coordination's mission is the continuous improvement of the coordination and effectiveness of land use decisions made by state, county, and municipal governments while building and maintaining a high quality of life in the State of Delaware.

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First State Planning

Welcome to First State Planning, the official newsletter of Delaware's Office of State Planning Coordination (OSPC). Our mission is to improve the coordination and effectiveness of land use decisions across Delaware, ensuring a high quality of life for all residents. Through our newsletter, we aim to keep you informed about the latest developments in state, county, and municipal planning efforts, while also providing insights into important land use changes and planning initiatives. Join us as we share updates on projects, policies, and the tools that shape Delaware's future.

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What we will touch on...

- Delaware Strategies for State Policies and Spending (State Strategies)
- How that relates to Land Use
- How good land use practices tie into Complete Streets design principles
- Other programs helping to focus growth and preservation where it matters



DELAWARE STATE STRATEGIES

Smart Growth:

Efficient Spending.

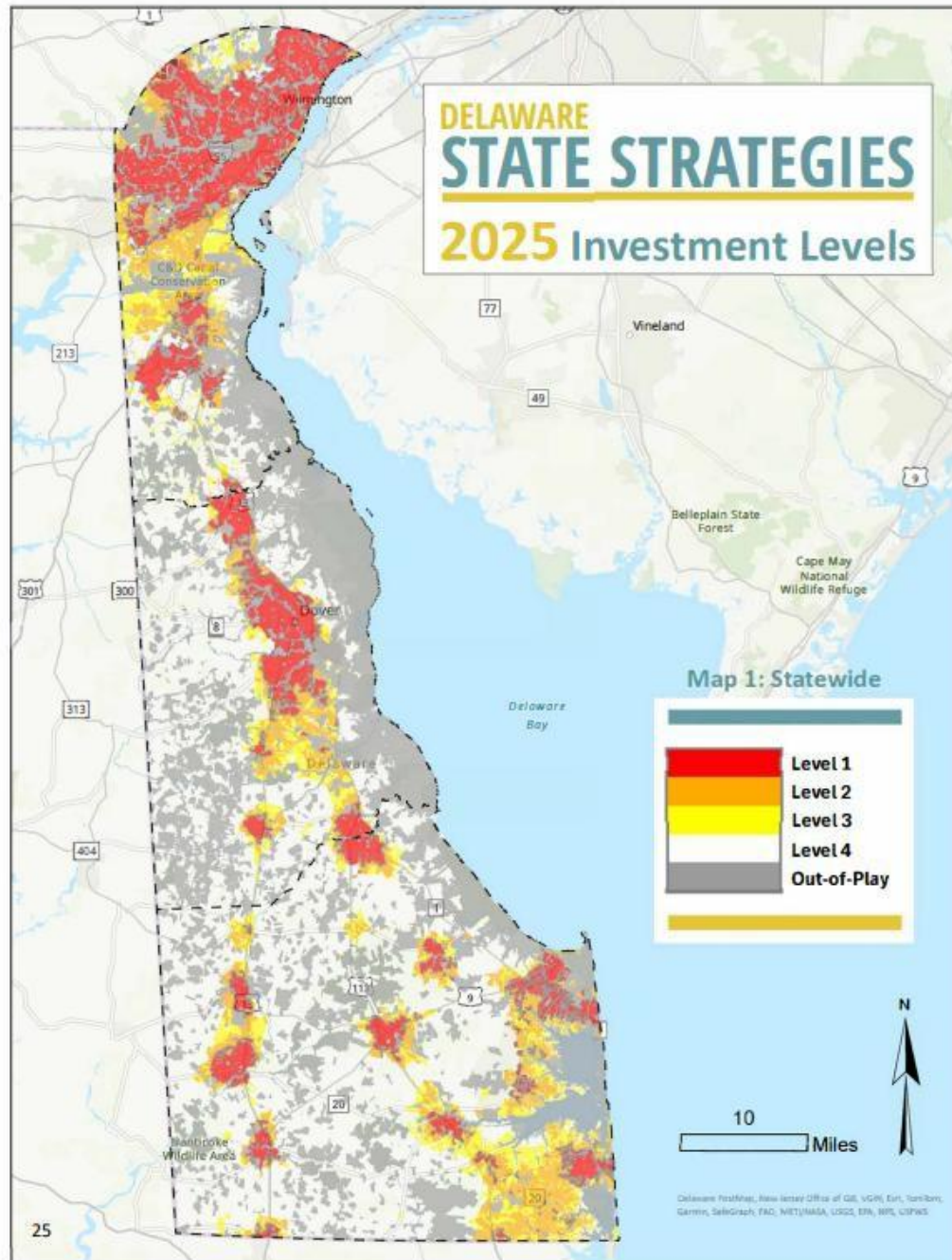
Affordable Housing.

Climate Resiliency.

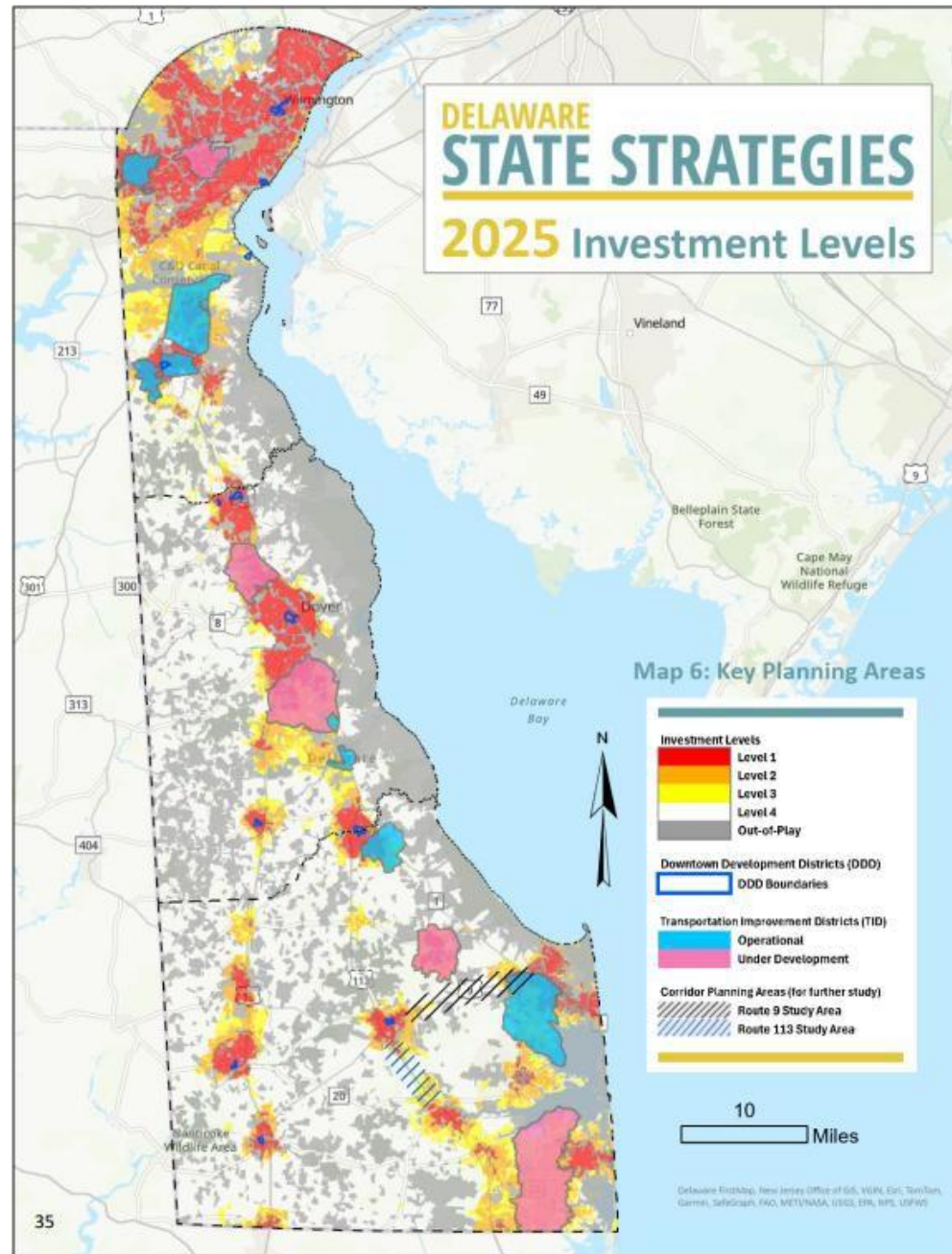
Land Conservation.

Economic Development.

DELAWARE STATE STRATEGIES 2025 Investment Levels



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2025 Delaware Strategies for State Policies and Spending

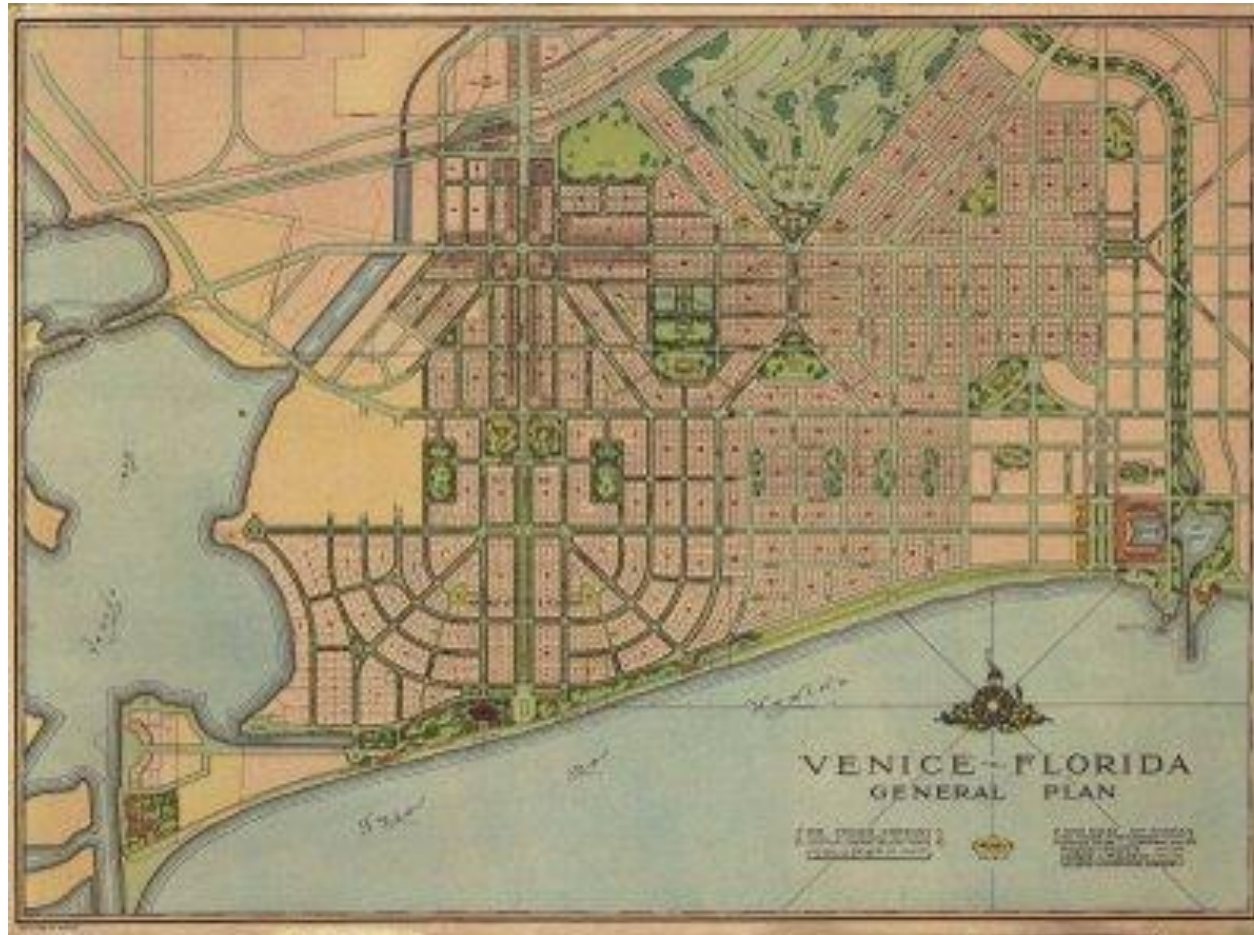


Policy Table 10: Delaware Department of Transportation (DelDOT)

Law or Regulation	Citation	Current Policy and/or Action	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	Level 4	Out-of-Play
☐		Safety is a primary goal at DelDOT. It is often necessary to make transportation infrastructure improvements in Strategy Levels where growth is not the priority. Therefore, DelDOT may make investments in all levels, to meet the safety needs of the transportation system.	☒	☒	☒	☒	☒
☐		Focus on transit system enhancements, Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) accessibility, and pedestrian and bicycle system improvements.	☒	☒	☒	☐	☐
☒	2 DE Admin. Code 2307	Safe Routes to School projects are the highest priority in Levels 1 and 2.	☒	☒	☐	☐	☐
☐		Complete Community Enterprise Districts are appropriate to locate in Levels 1 and 2.	☒	☒	☐	☐	☐
☒	2 DE Admin. Code 2309 Subsection 3.5.4.2	Projects requesting an Entrance Plan Approval (EPA) within Investment Level 1 and 2 areas need to provide for Shared-Use Path (SUP) and/or Sidewalk (SW) construction, or related contributions.	☒	☒	☐	☐	☐
☐		Interconnectivity of neighborhoods, public facilities, and commercial centers is crucial.	☒	☒	☒	☐	☐
☐		Engage in more master planning with local governments to improve growth forecasts.	☒	☒	☒	☐	☐
☒	2 DE Admin. Code 2309 Section 2.4	Transportation Improvement Districts (TIDs) are a solution to implement master plans and coordinate transportation investments with land-use.	☒	☒	☒	☐	☐
☒	29 Del.C. §8419	DelDOT is required to use a criteria-based prioritization process to assist development of its Capital Transportation Program (CTP). The State Strategies criterion is 3%. Potential projects in Level 4 or Out-of-Play receive 0% to encourage development in Levels 1-3.	☒	☒	☒	☐	☐

Policy Table 10: Delaware Department of Transportation (DelDOT) - cont.							
Law or Regulation	Citation	Current Policy and/or Action	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	Level 4	Out-of-Play
☐		Off-alignment shared-use pathways are more appropriate in Levels 2 & 3.	☐	☒	☒	☐	☐
☐		Focus on regional movements between municipalities and other population centers and preserve and maintain existing facilities in safe working order.	☐	☐	☒	☒	☐
☒	17 Del.C. §145	Corridor Capacity Preservation Program (CCPP) implementation strategies are a high priority.	☐	☐	☒	☒	☐
☐		Transportation capacity improvements and fixed-route transit-system enhancements are a lower priority in Level 4.	☐	☐	☐	☒	☐
☐		Microtransit and community-based transit solutions may be a feasible alternative to fixed-route services in Levels 1-3.	☒	☒	☒	☐	☐
☒	2 DE Admin. Code 2309 Subsection 3.5.4.2	Projects requesting an Entrance Plan Approval (EPA) within Investment Level 3 and 4 areas will be evaluated on the basis of the surrounding conditions, such as traffic volumes and whether the project abuts an existing Shared-Use Path (SUP) and/or Sidewalk (SW) facility. DelDOT may require projects to provide for SUP/SW construction, where deemed applicable.	☐	☐	☒	☒	☐
☐		System enhancements in rural areas should support and complement the needs of the agricultural industry.	☐	☐	☐	☒	☐
☐		Maintain efficient operations through signal system improvements.	☒	☒	☒	☒	☐
☒	2 DE Admin. Code 2312	Continue providing economic development incentives through the Transportation Infrastructure Investment Fund (TIIF).	☒	☒	☒	☒	☐
☐		Maintain the current transportation system in a state of good repair.	☒	☒	☒	☒	☒

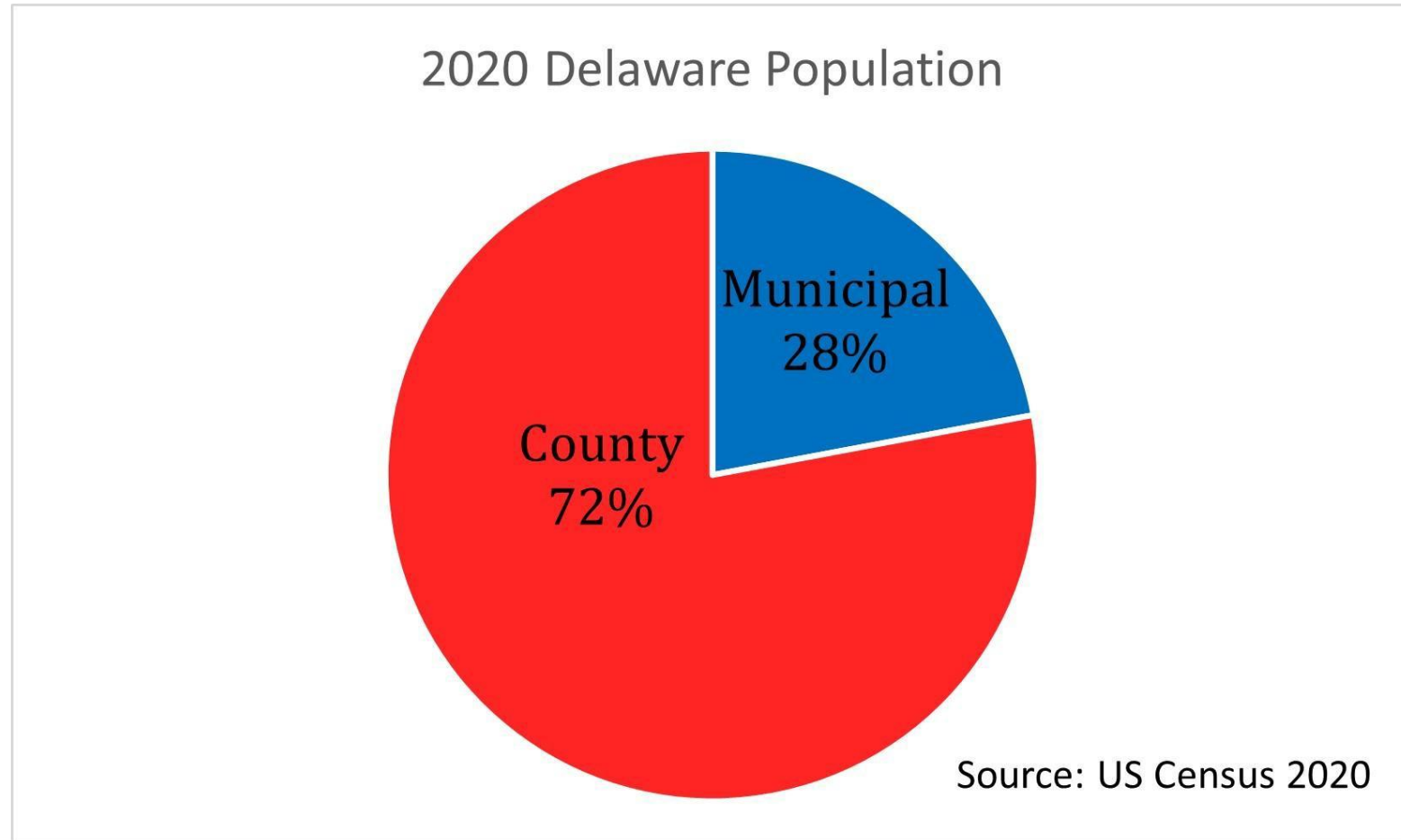
Traditional Town Design



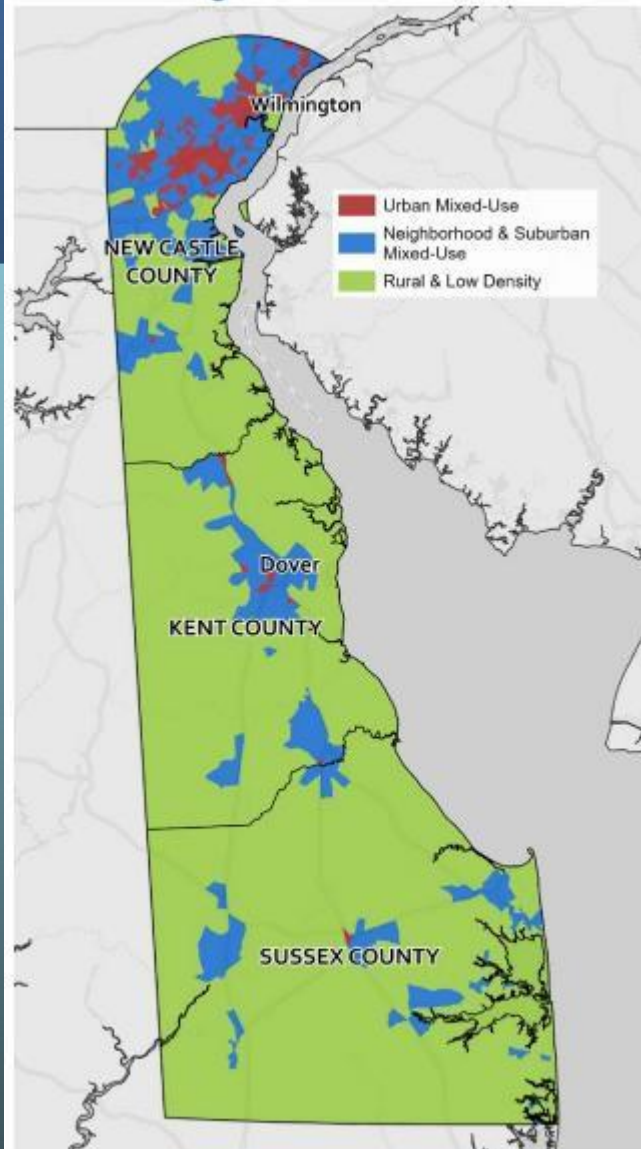
Suburban Design: post WWII



And most people live in the suburbs



Land Use Designations



MOST TRANSIT-SUPPORTIVE



Urban Mixed-Use

Neighborhood
& Suburban Mixed-Use

Rural & Low Density

LEAST TRANSIT-SUPPORTIVE

DATA REPORT

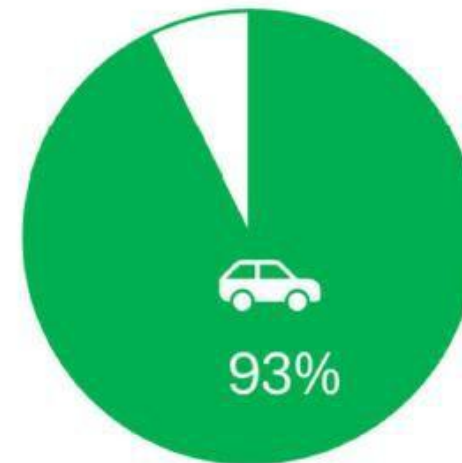
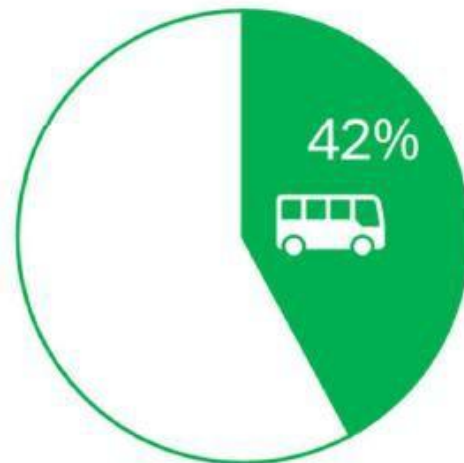
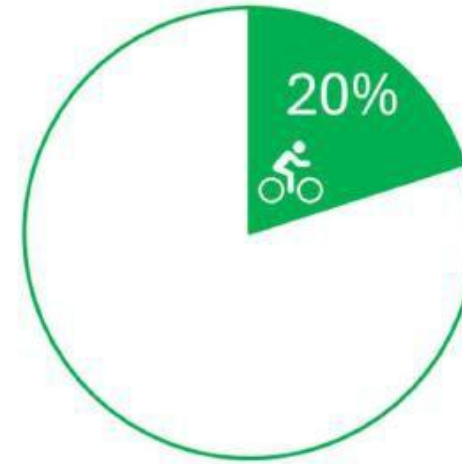
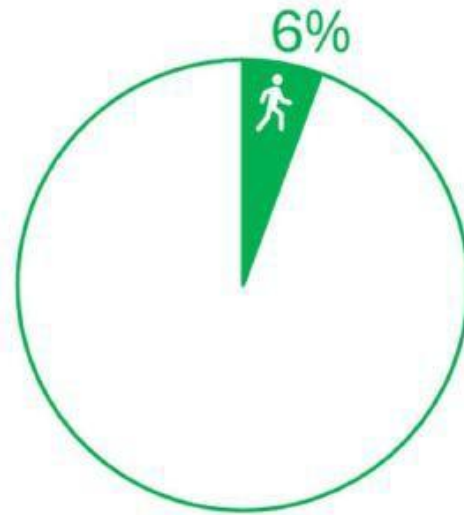
Connectivity Analysis

June 2025

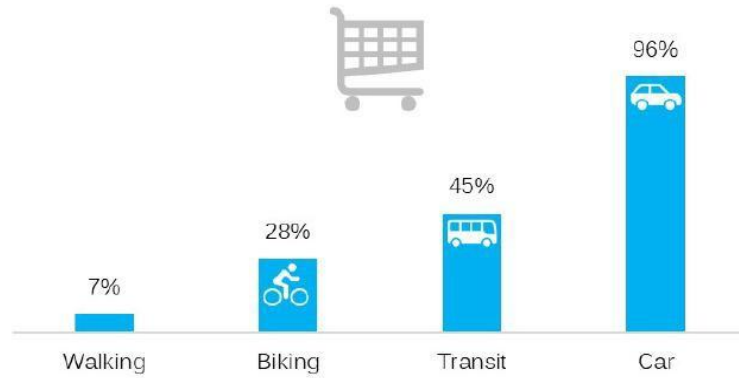
Introduction

Working with the University of Delaware's Center for Applied Demography and Survey Research (CADSR), we analyzed transportation connectivity¹ within the WILMAPCO region, which includes New Castle County, Delaware and Cecil County, Maryland. Connectivity to nine destination types from every housing unit in the region was determined for walking, bicycling, transit, and car trips. Housing unit-based connectivity statistics were aggregated to Census blocks, which becomes the resolution of the analysis. Census blocks are classed based on the collective level of housing unit connectivity *to at least one destination within these destination types*². The analysis provides a rich survey of regional connectivity—or, as it more commonly turned out, dis-connectivity.

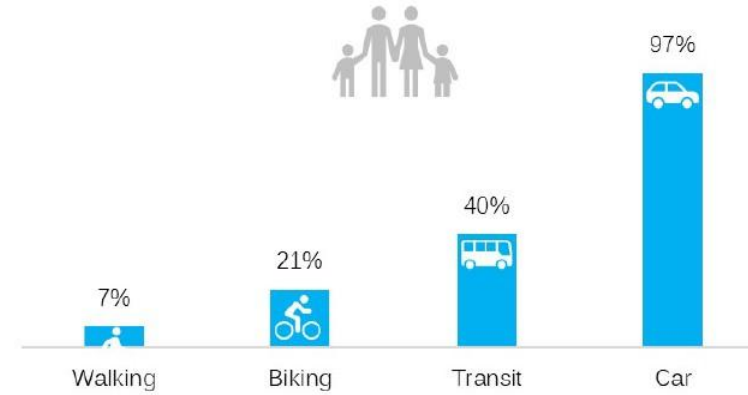
Average Percentage of Households Connected to Destinations (Combined), by Mode
WILMAPCO Region, 2024



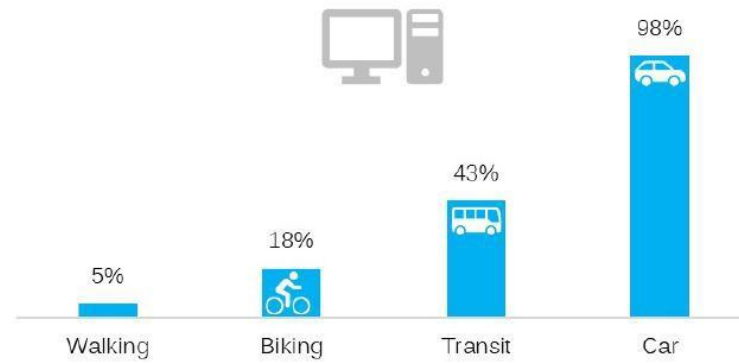
Supermarket Connectivity



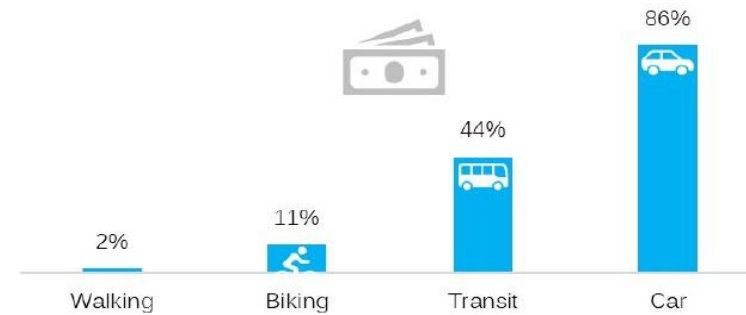
Community Center Connectivity



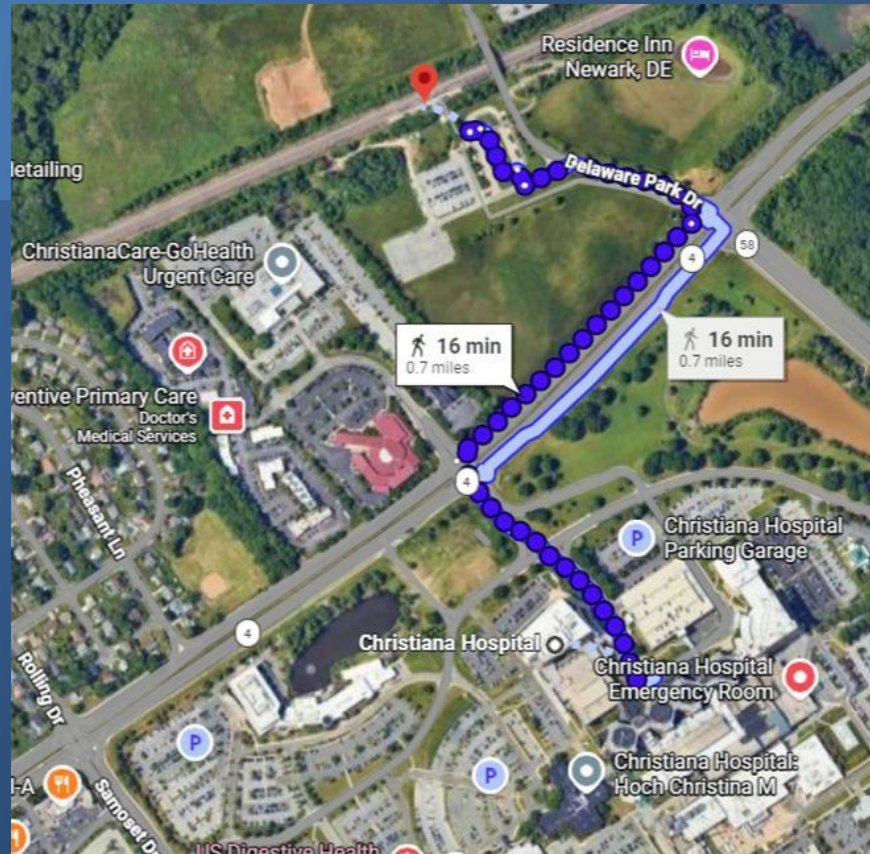
Library Connectivity



Low-Wage Employment Center Connectivity

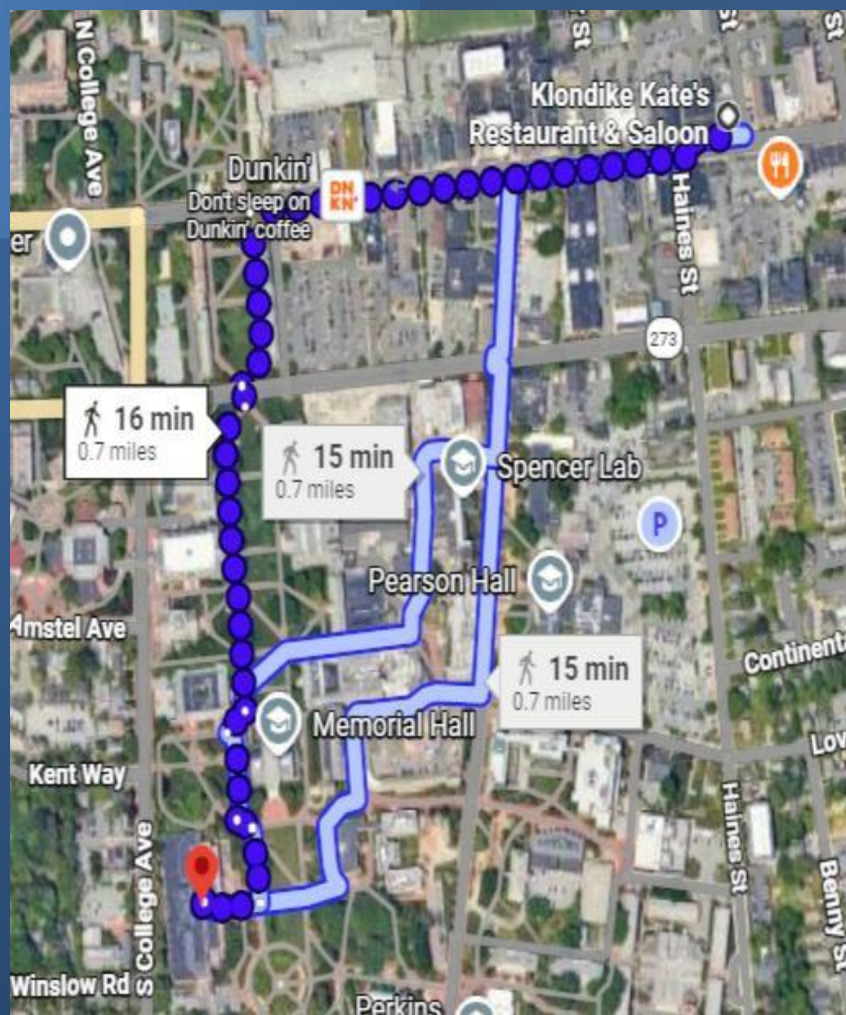


Churchman's Crossing Rail Station to Christiana Hospital (16 min. walk)



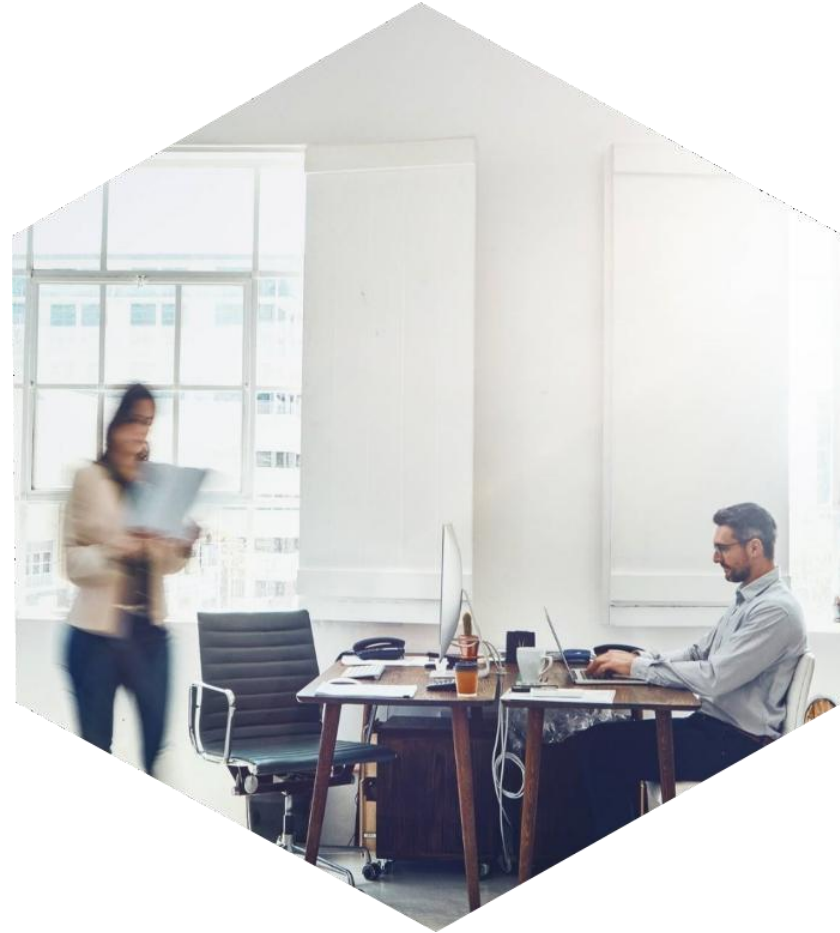
Must cross 7 traffic lanes

Morris Library to Klondike Kate's, Newark (16 min. walk)



Where do
think people
want to live?

Creating Place



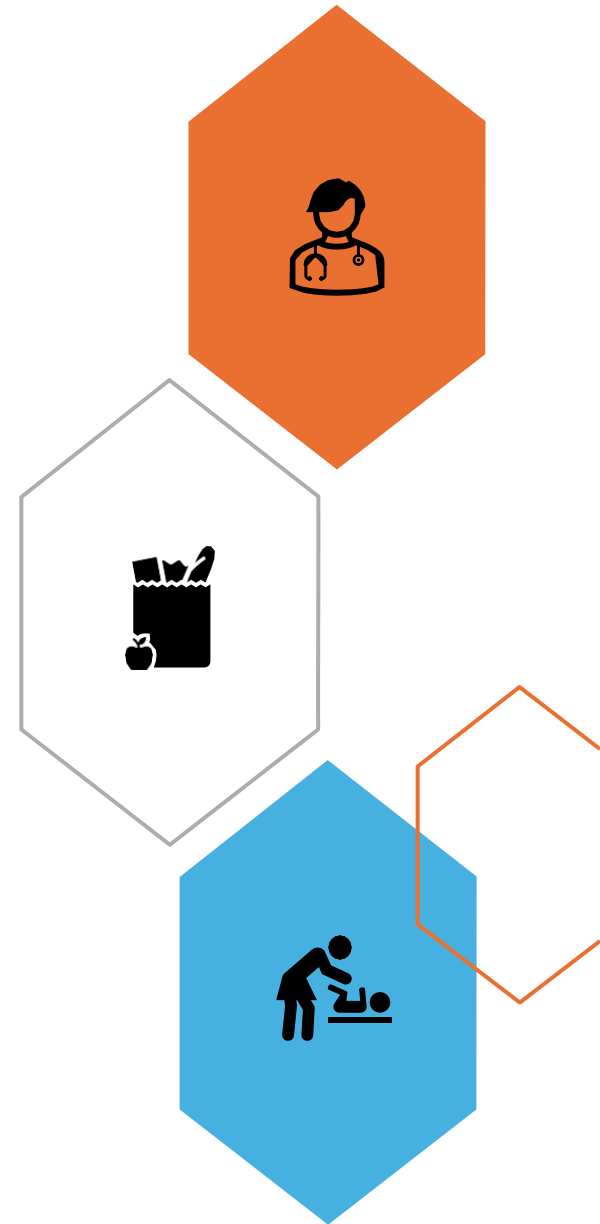
Diverse Housing Options

- Ownership vs. Rental
- Size matters
- Attached vs. Detached



Amenities and Services

- Near doctors and hospitals
- Grocery stores
- Restaurants
- Salons
- Daycares
- Library



Education

- Before and After Care options
- Public and private
- Extracurricular activities
- High test scores
- Graduation rates



Entertainment and Recreation

- Parks and playgrounds
- Movie theaters
- Museums
- Creative outlets
- Restaurants



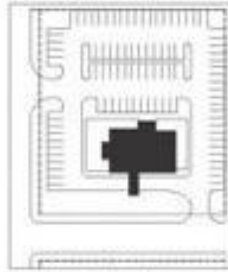
Transportation

- Walkable
- Bikeable
- Pedestrian connectivity
- Bus routes
- Traffic



Re-Thinking Suburban Design

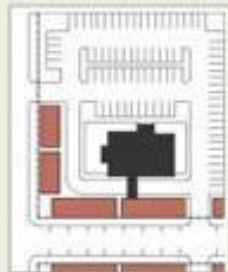
BEFORE



Existing Suburban Restaurant Pad



AFTER



Proposed Liners



What is preventing our Town from becoming a place people want to live?

Ideas for Removing Barriers



Take a close look at Zoning

Are the zoning districts lining up with the type of development you want to see in certain areas?



Are the types of development you want allowed “by right”?



Are your bulk standards too restrictive or not restrictive enough?

Access to Funding



What funding opportunities are available to small business?



What funding opportunities are available for affordable housing?



Are you able to create further incentive programs to tack on to these funds and create opportunities for the types of businesses and housing that will attract a workforce?

Not in My Back Yard (NIMBY)

- How do you get your communities involved in creating a vision for the future?
- Buy in from the community from the beginning is important for the success of projects that could make your town more attractive to a new workforce.

Programs in
place to
create an
attractive
place to live,
work & play



1. Start with a strong Comprehensive Plan

- Your Comprehensive Plan is a guiding document and sets up a vision for how you want your town to grow and prosper.
- The activity of updating a Comprehensive Plan is where you can begin to gather ideas from the community and build support for future projects.



2. Strategies for State Policies and Spending

- State Strategies helps focus statewide spending to support growth in areas where denser development is encouraged.
- State Strategies aligns State infrastructure and services with local government Comprehensive Plans.



3. Master Plans

- Detailed planning for land use, infrastructure, and services in sub county/municipal areas.
- Goal is shovel ready, with detailed timing and phasing. Ex: Kent County master plans; new Sussex Corridor Plans

4. Downtown Development Districts

- Attract small business
- Create affordable housing
- Make improvements to the central business district where people want to live/work/play



5. Support for Zoning Reform

- SJR8 is a pilot program supported by the Delaware State Housing Authority to assist municipalities by providing technical assistance for zoning reform with the goal of increasing affordable housing.



6. State Permitting Accelerator

- EO18 hopes to address challenges including housing affordability pressures, urgent energy needs, smart growth imperatives, and economic competitiveness concerns by coordinating agency reviews, prioritizing high-impact projects, accelerating timelines where legally permissible, and improving transparency - without expanding agency authority or weakening environmental, health, or safety protections.



7. Division of Small Business/Delaware Prosperity Partnership

- Statewide efforts to promote economic development
- Resources for business development
- Assistance for existing businesses wishing to locate in the state



8. Site Readiness Fund/ Transportation Infrastructure Investment Fund (TIIF)

- Site Readiness Fund offered by the Division of Small Business promotes development or improvements of commercial and industrial sites to attract job-creating businesses.
- The TIIF is a grant program administered by DelDOT in cooperation of DSB to help build infrastructure that supports new or growing businesses in Delaware.



9. Agricultural Preservation / Open Space

- Department of Agriculture has programs to assist in the preservation of farmland through Agricultural Preservation Districts and Agricultural Conservation Easements
- Department of Ag also has programs to assist young farmers interested in purchasing farmland.
- Department of Natural Resources and Environmental control has programs for landowners interested in land conservation and preserving open space.



10. Climate Resiliency, Climate Action Plan – new land use section

- Senate Bill 237 requires that all Counties and municipalities over 2,000 include ways to increase community resiliency and address the impacts of climate change within their Comprehensive Plans. Effective 11/15/2026
- DNREC has recently updated the Climate Action Plan which includes many resources to help municipalities think about ways to address climate change.



Conclusion

- In healthy communities, the built environment matters!
 - Multimodal transportation
 - Active recreation
 - Access to healthy food and services
- Demographic shifts, consumer preferences, and affordability favor creation of more healthy communities.



Thank You

Questions and Answers

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5. Public Meeting Calendar Overview

How to Use This Tool

- The State of Delaware Government Information Center (GIC) maintains the online Public Meeting Calendar.
- The calendar displays public meetings, hearings and workshops of state agencies and local government bodies in Delaware.
- [Public Meeting Calendar: State of Delaware](#)

The screenshot shows the Delaware.gov website's Public Meeting Calendar. The header includes the Delaware.gov logo and navigation links for Agencies, News, Topics, and Contact. Below the header, the 'PUBLIC Meeting Calendar' section is displayed, with a note that it contains information from March 2004. There are links for 'SUBSCRIPTIONS' and 'SYNC'. A search bar is present with fields for 'Search for:', 'Agency:' (set to 'Transportation'), 'BETWEEN:' (set to '3/28/2004'), and 'AND:' (set to '4/13/2027'). A 'Search' button is located to the right of the date range. Below the search bar, a 'Search Results' section is shown, with a note that 'Only the top 250 search results are displayed.' The first result is titled 'Delaware Task Force on Sustainable Transportation Funding Meeting #9' and includes details about Governor Meyer's Executive Order No. 14, the task force's purpose, and the meeting date and time: 'July 30, 2026 02:30 PM' at the 'Department of Transportation'.

5. Project Portal

How to Use This Tool

- DeIDOT maintains a 'Projects Portal' on their website to help share the status and information regarding all of their projects.
- The portal displays projects in various stages of development throughout Delaware.
- [DeIDOT Projects Portal - Delaware Department of Transportation](#)

DeIDOT Projects Portal

Search to filter by Project Name, Project Number

Studies

Planning & Design

Advertising / Bid / Award

Under Construction

☐ US 40, Salem Church Road to Walther Road

☐ BR 1-110 on N239 Pyles Ford Road, NE of Mount Cuba

☐ US 113 @ SR 18/SR 404 (Georgetown) Grade Separated Intersection

☐ HEP Sussex County, SR 1 and SR 16 Grade Separated Intersection

☐ SR9 Delaware Street (N-055) Railroad Crossing Safety Improvements

☐ Replacement of Bridge 1-185 on Oak Ridge Road

☐ I-95 and SR 896 Interchange

☐ SR 1, Minos Conaway Road Grade Separated Intersection

☐ Realignment of Old Orchard Road at Wescoats Corner

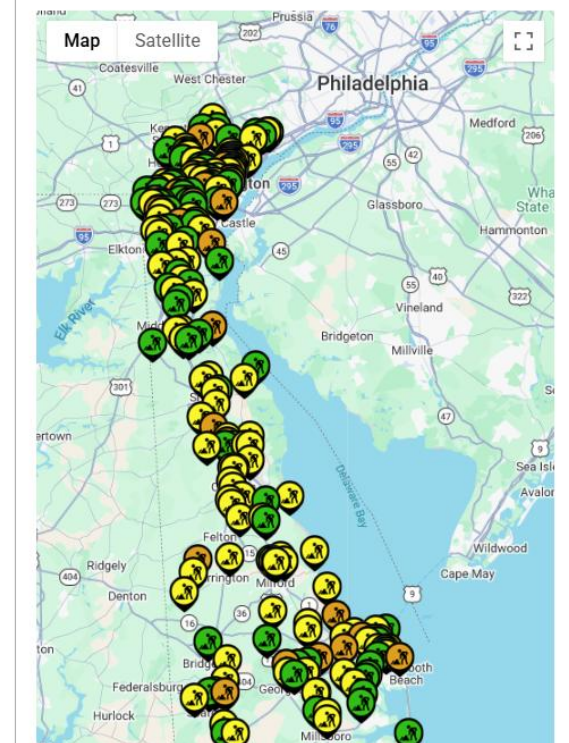
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Design Planning

Bid / Award / Adv

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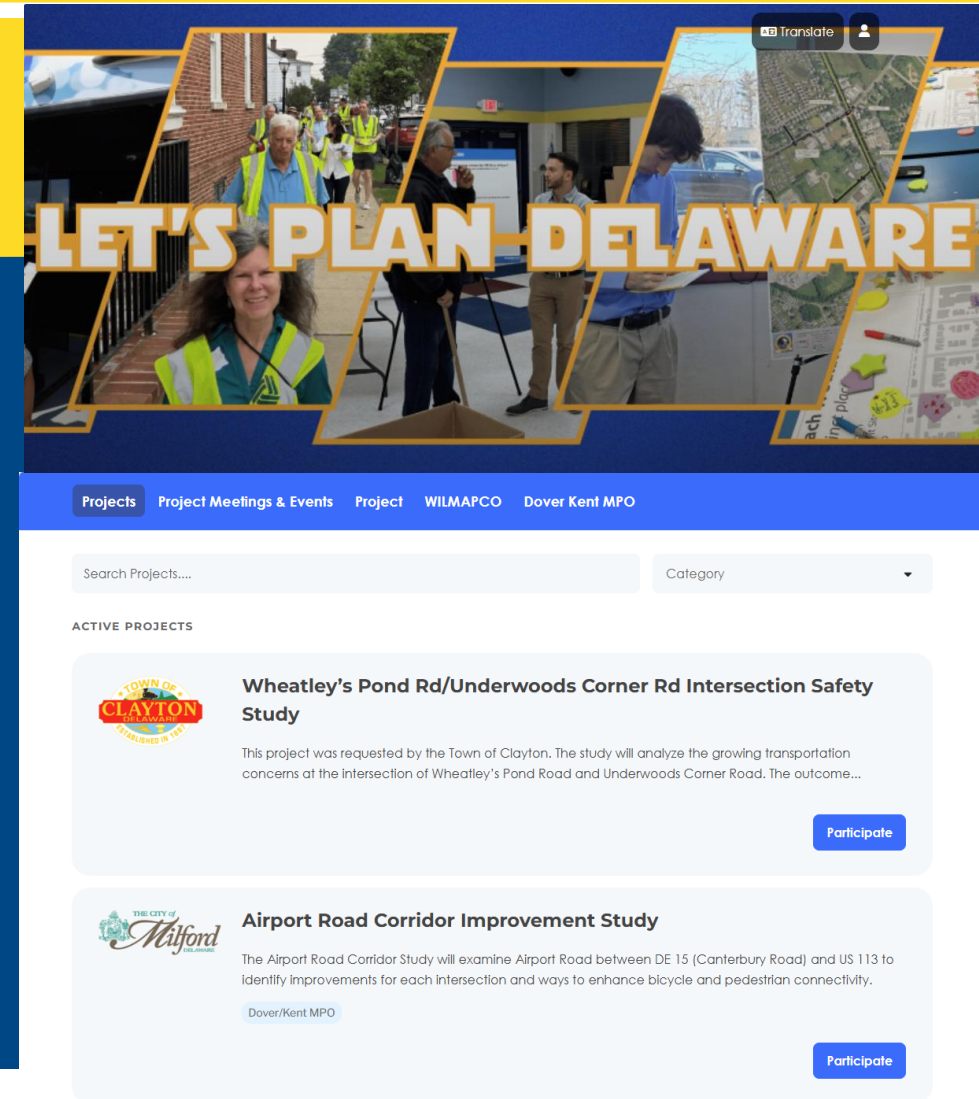
Completed



5. Public Input – DeIDOT Interact

How to Use This Tool

- DeIDOT's planning section also uses a website called DeIDOT Interact to share updates and additional information regarding active projects.
- This website helps interested members of the public participate by sharing their feedback and receiving project updates.
- [DeIDOT Interact- Delaware DOT](#)



6. Subcommittee Updates

Land Use Coordination Subcommittee

The Land Use Coordination Committee last met on April 20th.

The next meeting will be held on May 18th.

Recent Discussion Items:

- Office of State Planning Coordination – possible Land Use Subcommittee involvement with Route 9 corridor study and the Livable Delaware plan
- Everyone Gets Home Summit
- Strong Towns Guest Speaker
- House Bill 247 – Everyone Gets Home Act

6. Subcommittee Updates

Pedestrian Safety Outreach and Education Subcommittee

The Pedestrian Safety Outreach and Education Committee last met on April 9th.

The next meeting will be held on May 14th from 11:00 am - 12:00 pm.

Recent Discussion Items:

- Pedestrian safety and awareness messaging discussion
- Safety materials to be purchased from FY-2026
- New subcommittee members from OHS
- 2026 Everyone Gets Home Summit

7. Agency Updates

Updates from Council Members Representing Agencies

Round-robin updates from the following agencies.

- Department of Safety and Homeland Security
- State Council for Persons with Disabilities
- ADA Title II Coordinators
- DTC
- Department of Land Use and Planning for the City of Wilmington
- Department of Planning Services for Kent County
- Sussex County Planning & Zoning
- League of Local Governments

8. Everyone Gets Home Summit

Sponsorship Details

Feature	Exhibiting Sponsor
Cost	\$750
Remarks to Summit audience	
Ad in printed Summit program	½ page
Banner display at Summit	
Podium recognition at Summit	
Social media recognition	
Exhibition/Display/Table	✓
Logo on Summit program	✓
Web site logo (with web link)	✓



8. Everyone Gets Home Summit Ad

Delaware Pedestrian Council



About Us

The Council advises DelDOT by identifying gaps in the pedestrian system, suggesting ideas for improvements, developing strategies for pedestrian safety education and awareness, assisting outreach events, and more.

Interested in getting involved or sharing ideas for improving pedestrian safety? Scan the QR code above for more information.



8. Everyone Gets Home Summit

Date, Time, and Registration Logistics

Date: Thursday, May 7, 2026

Time: 8:30 am to 3:30 pm

Location: The Green at Legislative Hall in Dover, DE

Cost: The event is free for anyone who wishes to attend; however, registration is required. Lunch is included in the registration.

Registration: Please register if you plan to attend using this link:

[Summit - Bike Delaware](#)



8. Everyone Gets Home Summit

Pedestrian Council Volunteers?

Any volunteers to represent the Council?

- Full day or half day (morning or afternoon)
- Someone to man the booth, hand out giveaways, and share information about the Pedestrian Council.



9. Safe Streets for All (SS4A) Grants

What is Safe Streets for All?

- A competitive grant program which funds regional, local, and Tribal initiatives to **prevent roadway fatalities and serious injuries**.
- Established in 2022 with \$5 billion in funds to be provided over 5 years, from 2022-2026.
- Has provided \$3.9 billion in Federal funding to over 2,000 communities in all 50 States and Puerto Rico.
- Approximately \$1 billion is still available for the next funding round, which is **open until May 26**.

9. Safe Streets for All (SS4A) Grants

Who is eligible?

- Metropolitan planning organizations (MPOs).
- Political subdivisions of a State or territory (e.g., counties, cities, towns, special districts, certain transit agencies, and similar units of local government).
- Federally recognized Tribal governments.



9. Safe Streets for All (SS4A) Grants

How do you apply?

SS4A provides two main types of grants: **Planning and Demonstration Grants** for Action Plans, including supplemental safety planning and/or safety demonstration activities, and **Implementation Grants**.

- **Planning and Demonstration Grants** are used to develop, complete, or supplement an Action Plan.
- **Implementation Grants** are used to implement projects or strategies that are consistent with an **existing Action Plan** to address a roadway safety problem.

9. Safe Streets for All (SS4A) Grants

How do you apply?

Applicants must have an eligible **Action Plan** to apply for an Implementation Grant.

- WILMAPCO published the **New Castle County Safety Action Plan** in 2023, and Dover Kent MPO published the **Kent County Safety Action Plan** in 2025.
- Cities and towns with identified priorities within the Action Plan may use the plan to apply for implementation grants.



10. Next Meeting Date

Dates for Upcoming Meetings:

Outreach & Edu. Subcommittee Meeting:

- 1:00 PM – 3:00 PM Thursday, May 14

Land Use Subcommittee Meeting:

- 1:00 PM – 3:00 PM Monday, May 18

Third Council Meeting of 2026:

- 1:00 PM – 3:00 PM Thursday, July 23

Fourth Council Meeting of 2026:

- 1:00 PM – 3:00 PM Thursday, October 22

Thank you!

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