



Comprehensive Plan

WILMAPCO PAC June 13, 2022



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Why We Plan



**A COMPREHENSIVE PLAN
IS THE STATE-MANDATED
FOUNDATION FOR COUNTY
DECISION-MAKING.**



- » Shapes the places in which we live, work, and play.
- » Directs the public services, infrastructure (streets, sidewalks, sewer services, and more) and capital investments that make our communities livable.
- » Guides the use, density, and design of homes and buildings, directly shaping the physical appearance of our neighborhoods while simultaneously preserving environmental, historical, and cultural assets.

Robust Public Engagement

139,873 social media impressions

2,000+ Planning Board mailings

123,070 newsletters in annual sewer bills

370 people attended 4 “Let’s Talk” virtual workshops fall 2020

40+ youth participants via the Youth Planning Board *(now recruiting for its 3rd class!)*

909 responses to multiple surveys

701 registrants for 3 virtual Public Forums (November 2020, July 2021, December 2021)

837 people attended five “Deep Dive” virtual workshop sessions in Spring 2021

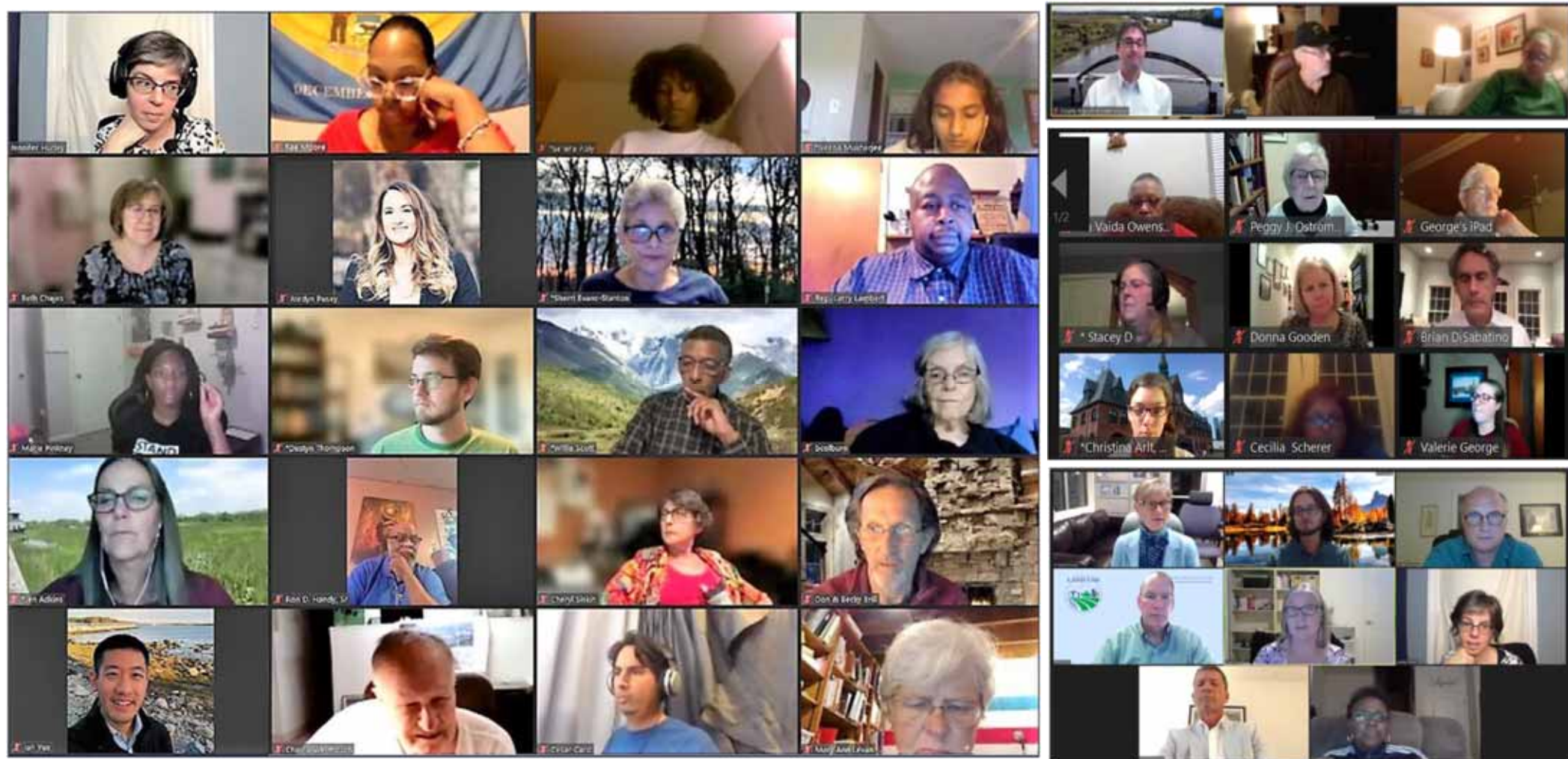
12+ community meetings held Fall 2021 - Winter 2021

88 Stakeholder Advisory Committee & Interagency Work Group members

115 written public comments received and reviewed

43,910+ visits to NCC2050 website

Connecting Virtually During Covid



Workshops, Forums, Committees, Surveys

NCC@2050 FALL FORUM
November 12, 2020
6:00PM - 8:00PM

SAVE THE DATE SUMMER FORUM
JULY 15, 2021

EVERYONE HAS AN OPINION
WHY NOT SHARE YOURS!
STAKEHOLDER ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Why should planning for the future be important to all of us?
Take our **Planning 101 Online Course** to learn why!
After completion of the course, you will receive your very own **Citizen Planner Certificate!**

Broadening the
PERSPECTIVE
A COMMUNITY CONVERSATION

WINTER FORUM
December 9 in person!
December 15 virtual!

5 Deep Dive Workshops in 2021

Let's Talk! Workshop Series
Our Transportation & Economy
September 14, 2020
6:00pm - 7:30pm

Let's Talk! Workshop Series
Our Places & Spaces
October 21, 2020
6:00pm - 7:30pm

Word cloud featuring terms like: Highway, stop, River, Park, middletown, Corridor, area, Kirkwood, route, roads, strip, school, areas, PIKO, main, lake, traffic, 202, Now, Middle, Run, 40, NCC, City, Silver, Riverside, facilities, gardens, strip, school, areas, PIKO, main, lake, traffic, 202, Now, Middle, Run, 40, NCC, City, Silver, Riverside, facilities, gardens.

Want to help shape the future of New Castle County?
Join the Youth Planning Board!

WE WANT YOUR FEEDBACK

Let's Talk! Workshop Series
Our Homes & Neighborhoods
October 7, 2020
6:00pm - 7:30pm

Let's Talk! Workshop Series
Our Environment & Nature
November 9, 2020
6:00pm - 7:30pm

Open space can have mental health benefits.

How do we address equitable access to open space? County Parks Plan looks at access to parks by acres per population

historically parks were put in the least developable part of the development (usually more wet areas), this makes it harder to maintain

Brownfields - contaminated soil & ground water tables. Solving problem can be difficult / costly. We can make these areas safe for people. Parks, shopping centers, housing.

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What We've Heard From The Public

*from over 140,000 interactions
with county residents and stakeholders*

- Agreement that more affordable housing is needed
- Broad support for preserving open space and agricultural land
- Desire for more walkable and mixed-use development, residential density, and housing type diversity – at least in some places in the County
- The need to address climate change action, environmental justice concerns, and social justice priorities
- Support for improving public infrastructure

NCC2050 Themes:



- Livable Built Environment for All
- Conservation and Preservation
- Robust Economy
- Sustainable Growth
- Thriving Places and Community Character
- Diverse Engagement

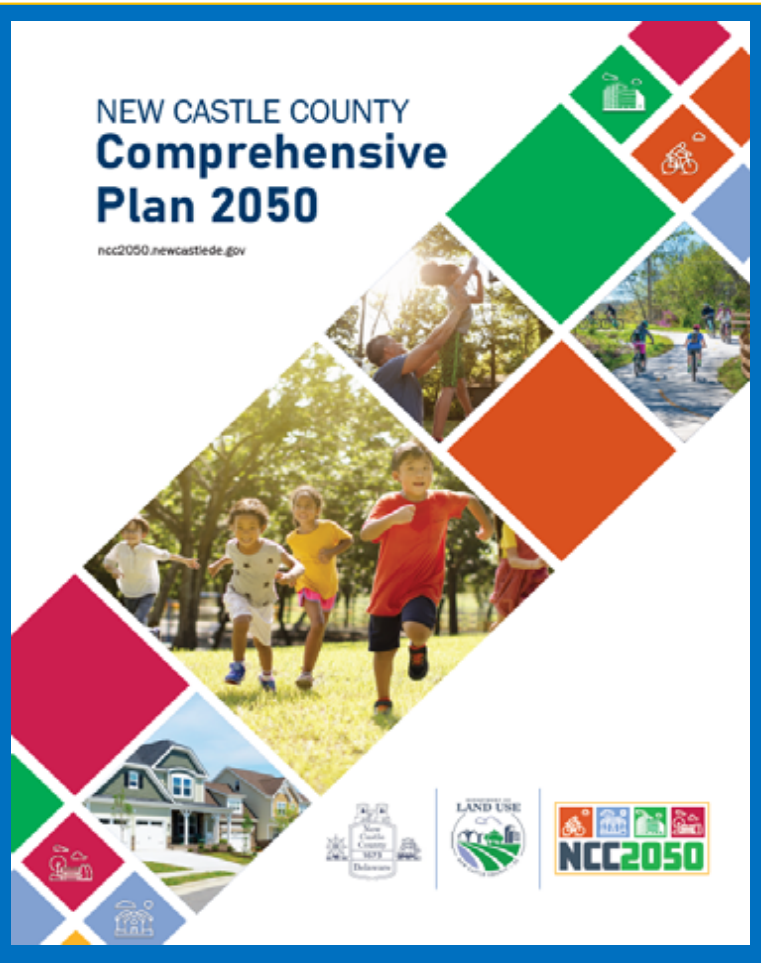
NCC2050 Elements:



- Future Land Use
- Conservation
- Recreation and Open Space
- Mobility
- Utilities
- Housing
- Historic
- Community Planning and Design
- Economic and Community Development
- Climate Change and Hazard Mitigation
- Environmental and Social Justice
- Capital Improvements
- Intergovernmental Coordination

What is the relationship between
WILMAPCO and NCC2050?

NCC2050 Elements that are Specifically Impacted by WILMAPCO Efforts



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Future Land Use

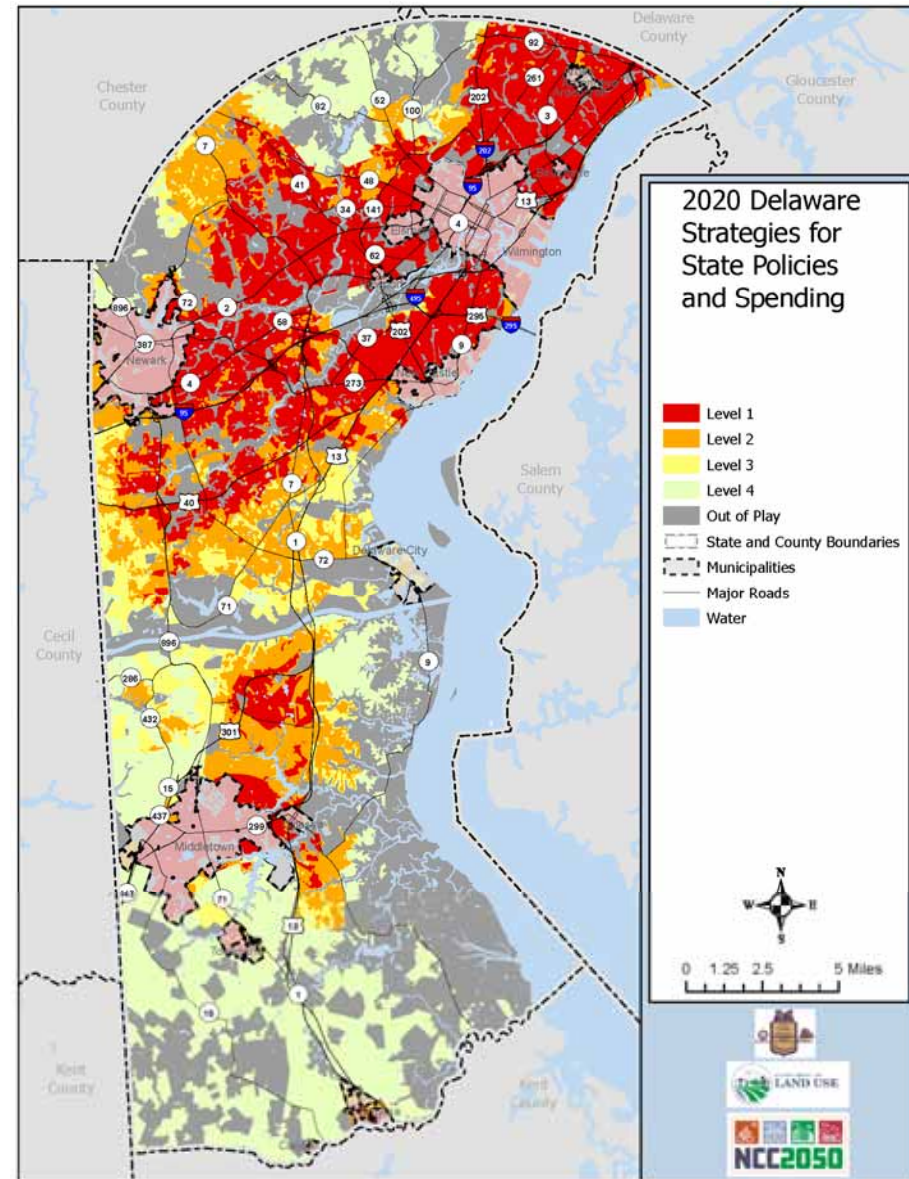
NCC2050 is guided by the State Strategies

The State Strategies provide policy guidance for state activities and serve as a framework for coordinating the plans and actions of local governments.

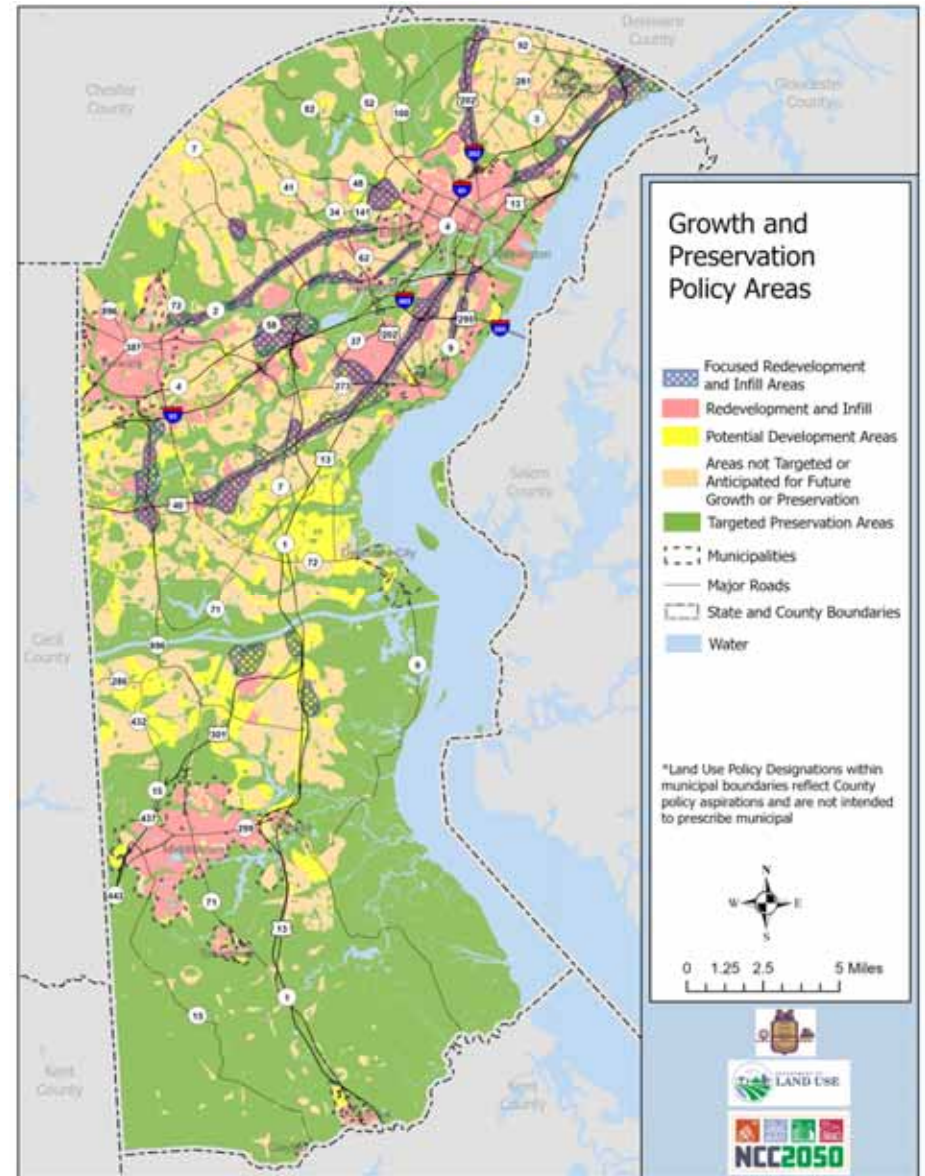
The importance of such coordination lies in the fact that land-use decisions are made at the local level, while the bulk of infrastructure and services that support land-use decisions are funded by the state.



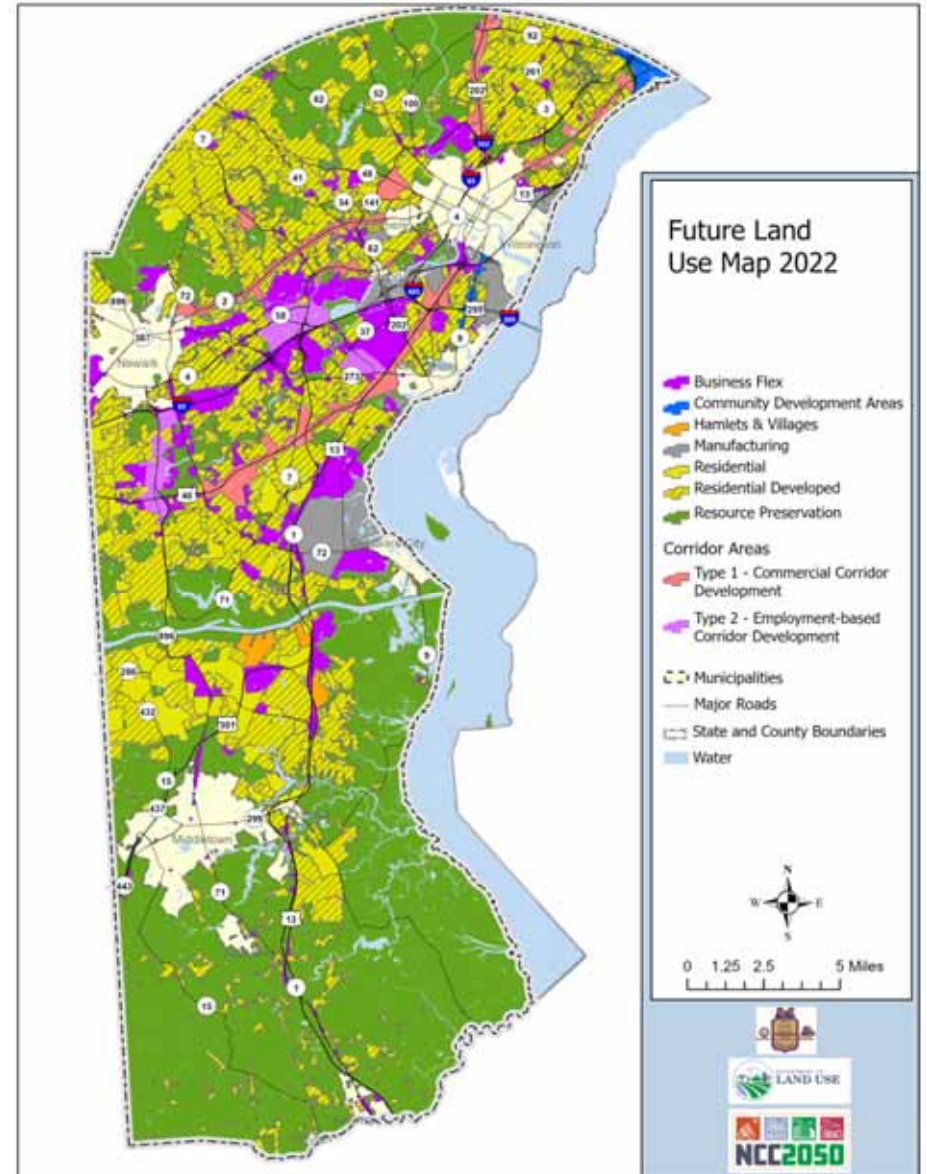
strategies.stateplanning.delaware.gov



NCC2050 Growth Policy Map



Draft Future Land Use Map



Mobility

Mobility Element



- Bicycle Plan
- Freight Plan
- All other transportation/Land and Use Plans
- RTP, LRTP etc...
- WILMAPCO TIAs

Community Planning and Design

Community Planning and Design Element



- Sub-area Plans and Special Studies
- Community Area Master Plans
 - Appendix F includes specific Goals Objectives and Strategies incorporated into the plan

Environmental and Social Justice

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- Transportation Justice
- Environmental & Social Justice
- Technology Deserts
- Medically Underserved EJ Neighborhoods



**Formal
plan
adoption
process is
underway**

- ✓ Delaware State Cabinet Committee – March 2, 2022
- ✓ New Castle County Council ordinance introduction – March 8, 2022
- ✓ New Castle County Land Use Committee – March 15, 2022
- ✓ Delaware PLUS – March 23, 2022
- ✓ New Castle County Planning Board Public Hearing– May 3, 2022
- ✓ Delaware State Cabinet Committee (Extension) – June 2, 2022
- New Castle County Planning Board Business Meeting - June 21, 2022**
- Delaware State Cabinet Committee – July 18, 2022
- New Castle County Land Use Committee – July 19, 2022 (Tentative)
- Full New County Council consideration – July 26, 2022 (Tentative)
- Governor’s Certification



Thank you!



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