### 1. Quality of Life/Health

Residents of Southern New Castle County have access to the amenities and services that help them to maintain a high quality of life.

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|          |                                                                                                                                                                                                             | Recreation for all ages: indoor and outdoor                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         | - New growth centers might call for new recreation facilities near those areas (NCC has some say in that)  
- Potential measure: Percentage of households within walking distance of a park (percentage will be greater if growth centers are close to existing parks or include new parks) | Scenario I  
Scenario II  
Scenario III |
|          |                                                                                                                                                                                                             | Access to quality healthcare                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       | - More/better access to healthcare possible within growth centers                                                                                                                                                                       | Scenario I  
Scenario II  
Scenario III |
|          |                                                                                                                                                                                                             | Graduated care for aging population, including transportation                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      | - More/better access to graduated care possible within growth centers  
- Better potential for transit with concentrated growth centers                                                                                                                                                                        | Scenario I  
Scenario II  
Scenario III |
|          |                                                                                                                                                                                                             | Continued improvement of emergency services; types of equipment and response times                                                                                                                                                      | - Emergency services must serve everyone but may be easier to serve a greater proportion of population if located in centers. All EMS now located in Middletown.  
- Will require input and coordination from police/fire/ambulance services to further assess potential impacts.                                                            | Scenario I  
Scenario II  
Scenario III |
|          |                                                                                                                                                                                                             | More locally grown food                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          | At this point, the land use scenarios do not provide the level of detail needed to differentiate between scenario impacts. ("locally grown"/locally consumed is more informed by policy/zoning)                                       | Scenario I  
Scenario II  
Scenario III |

### 2. Environment

Environmental protection and farmland preservation are considered a priority in Southern New Castle County, and residents and visitors alike have access to trails, parks, and other natural spaces.

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|          |                                                                                                                                                                                                             | Air/water quality and environmental protection                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         | - Fewer impacts to priority protection areas with targeted growth (Scenarios II, III)  
- Sewer extension in Scenarios II & III allows for less development on septic, which has greater long-term environmental impacts  
- Possible reductions in Vehicle Miles Traveled and air pollution with growth centers (Scenarios II, III)  
- Scenarios II & III will place less development pressure on the east wing, which reduces exposure to sea level rise impacts. | Scenario I  
Scenario II  
Scenario III |
|          |                                                                                                                                                                                                             | Farmland preservation/ support for local farmers/ tax incentives                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       | - Potential measures: Number of acres of farmland protected (higher is better), prime agricultural soils preserved, farm size  
- support for farmers and tax incentives are not directly tied to land use                                                                                                                                                          | Scenario I  
Scenario II  
Scenario III |
|          |                                                                                                                                                                                                             | Large-scale protected open space for wildlife                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         | - Number of acres of protected open space (higher is better)  
- Priority protection areas – fewer impacts with targeted growth  
- Biodiversity corridors measurement                                                                                                                                                                                             | Scenario I  
Scenario II  
Scenario III |
|          |                                                                                                                                                                                                             | Enhanced landscape: "greening", street trees, recreation, reforestation                                                                                                                                                                     | At this point, the land use scenarios do not provide the level of detail needed to address this, but future measures may include the number of street trees planted and increased acreage in parkland | Scenario I  
Scenario II  
Scenario III |

Legend:
- **Neutral**
- **Possible positive effect**
- **Positive effect**
- **Possible negative effect**
- **Negative effect**

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**Scenario III** = Middletown hub and conservation growth
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<td>3. Community Character</td>
<td>Development and redevelopment in Southern New Castle County are compatible with, and enhance, the existing community character, including historic properties and design features, the scale of development, and presence of farmland and open space.</td>
<td>Preservation of rural/small-town/historical character - Rural character (predominance of farmland and other open space, hamlets or villages at major crossroads, and homes elsewhere are widely spaced) has least protections under Scenario I and more protections under Scenarios II and III. - Scenario III may change small town character of Middletown.</td>
<td>- Denser, more walkable development with mixed use - Percentage of land designated for new development that is designated walkable development (at a supportive density, say 4 du/acre) and mixed use (higher is better)</td>
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<td>More opportunities for family-oriented cultural attractions, entertainment, recreation (museums, YMCA’s, etc.) - If growth is concentrated in Middletown, may provide Middletown with critical mass to attract more opportunities</td>
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<td>4. Transportation</td>
<td>People in Southern New Castle County can use a variety of transportation modes (car, public transportation, walking, and bicycling) to reach their destinations in a safe, comfortable, and convenient manner.</td>
<td>Expanded public transportation (bus) (Possibly also supports Quality of Life objective of aging in place) - Better potential for transit with concentrated growth centers (Scenarios II and III) - Potential measure: Percentage of households in a given area that can readily be served by public transportation (higher % is better), related to density per square mile</td>
<td>- Congestion reduction in Middletown - Potential for increased congestion in Middletown under Scenario III, however, new development around Middletown in Scenario III can build parts of new roadway connections and foster non-driving trips</td>
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<td>Better east-west connections in and around Middletown - New development around Middletown in Scenario III can build parts of new roadway connections and foster non-driving trips</td>
<td>- More/safer walking and biking paths/connections - New development around Middletown in Scenario III can build parts of new bicycle and pedestrian paths</td>
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<td>4. Economy/Jobs</td>
<td>Southern New Castle County has a strong and diversified economy.</td>
<td>More local, diverse job centers, facilitating shorter commutes - If employment growth is concentrated in Middletown (Scenario III), possible over time that more SNCC residents would also work in SNCC</td>
<td>- Support small local businesses - Better opportunities under Scenarios II and III: Targeted growth centers encourage critical mass of people needed to support</td>
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<td>Diversification of industries - If employment growth is concentrated in Middletown (Scenario III) it could provide Middletown with critical mass to attract more non-retail employment</td>
<td>- Higher income jobs - If employment growth is concentrated in Middletown (Scenario III) it could provide Middletown with critical mass to attract more higher income jobs</td>
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<td>Living wage/trade/union jobs with retirement benefits - If employment growth is concentrated in Middletown (Scenario III) it could provide Middletown with critical mass to attract such jobs</td>
<td>- Access to more training and education opportunities - If employment growth is concentrated in Middletown (Scenario III) it could provide Middletown with critical mass to attract training and education opportunities to grow and support the workforce</td>
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