Community Character

Goal: 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.

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| Objective: Preservation of rural/smaller-town/historical character | • Many protected historic sites.  
• Designation of scenic byways.  
• Protected environmental and agricultural areas. | • Reduce area planned for future sewer service.  
• Encourage the creation of relatively dense village centers in unincorporated areas, to allow centralized population that can support more cultural attractions, while preserving the existing small-town/rural/historic character. |
| Objective: Denser, more walkable development with mixed use | • Whitehall and Bayberry developments incorporate a mix of residential, recreational, and commercial uses, in a walkable setting, with a variety of densities. | |
| Objective: More opportunities for family-oriented cultural attractions, entertainment, recreation | • Cultural and entertainment attractions available, but concentrated within and near Middletown.  
• A new 27,000 square foot County library and innovation center will be constructed at the intersection of Main Street and Catherine Street in Middletown. | |