

Quality of Life / Health

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

Where We Want To Be (Objectives)

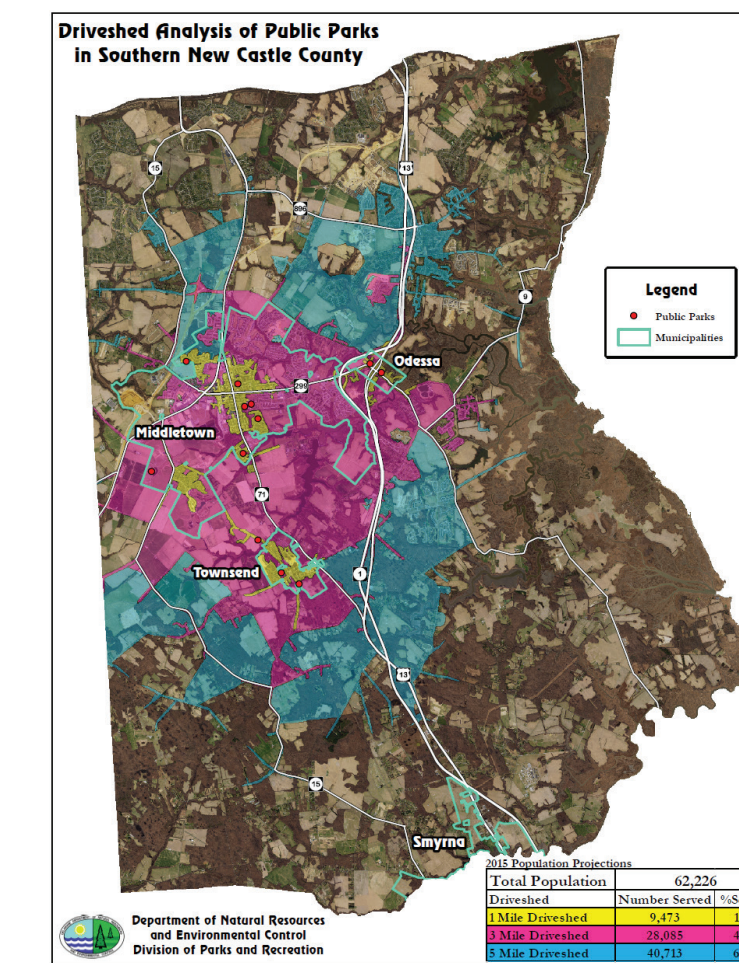
Objective: Indoor and outdoor recreation for all ages

Objective: Access to quality healthcare, including graduated care for an aging population

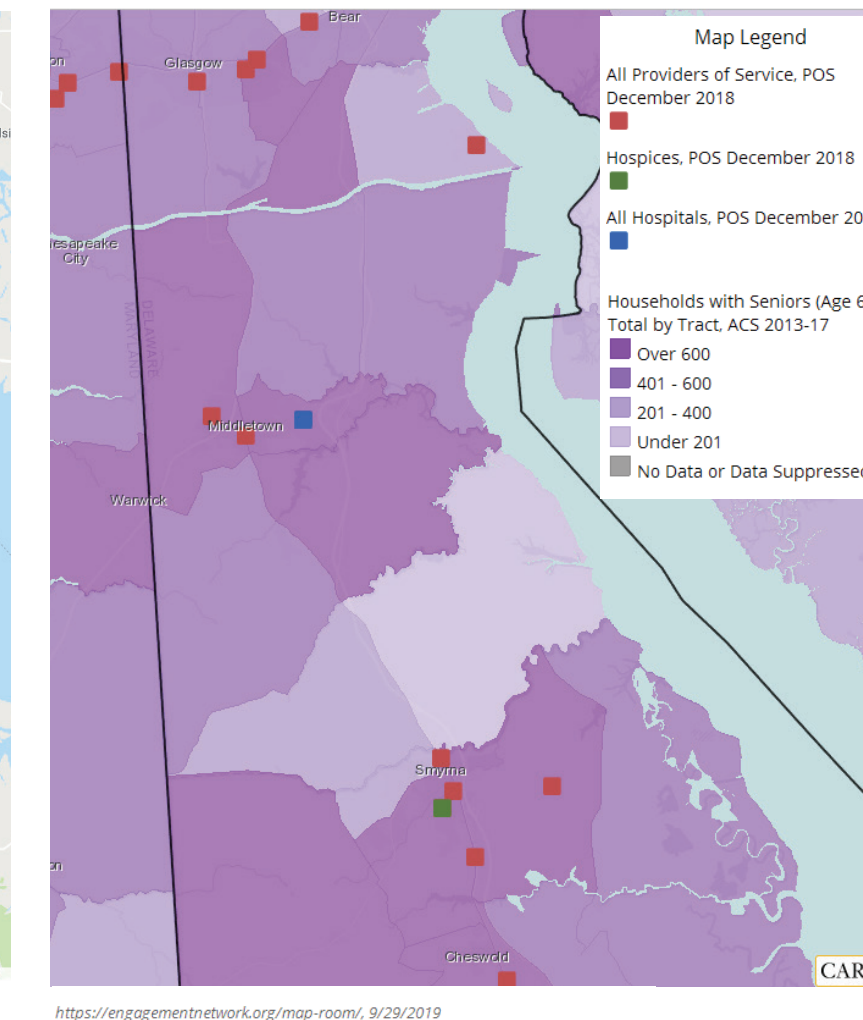
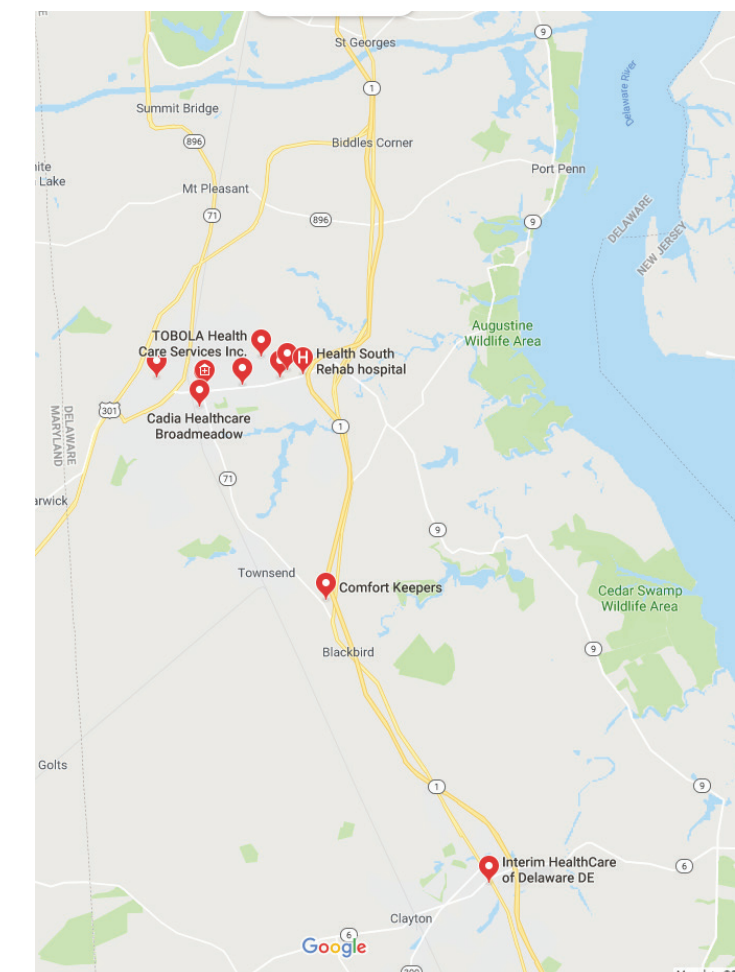
Objective: Locally grown food

Where We Are (Current Conditions)

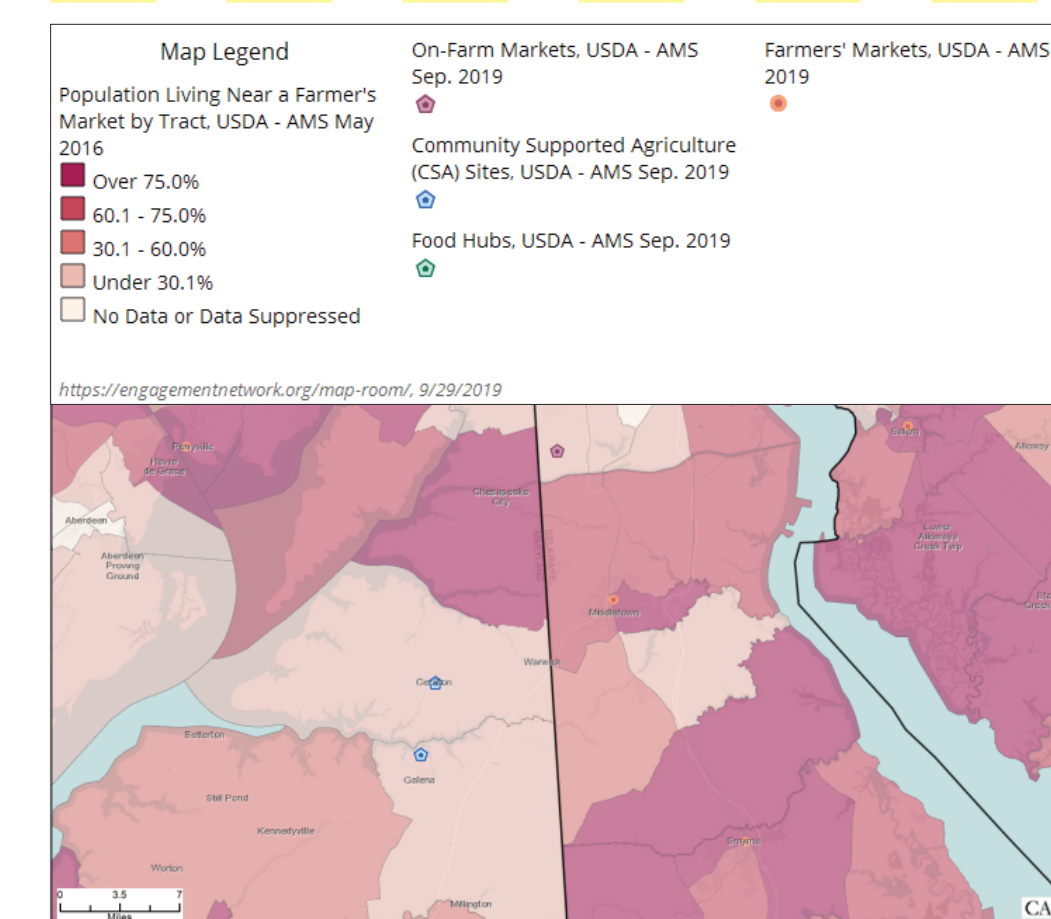
- Two parks within unincorporated SNCC. There are several parks within Middletown, Odessa, and Townsend. There are few indoor recreation facilities in SNCC.
- NCC planning says the MOT area will need 8 additional Neighborhood Parks and more than 1 additional District Parks.
- A new 80-acre County park is planned north of Middletown near the intersection of Marl Pit Road and Shallcross Lake Road.



- Most healthcare facilities are in Middletown; households with seniors are located throughout SNCC.
- EMS centered mostly in towns; there are current plans for improving response times.
- The former New Castle County Southern Patrol headquarters on North Broad Street in Middletown is being renovated to house County Paramedic Station #5.



- One farmers' market in Middletown, but easy access to local ag areas.



How To Get To Where We Want To Be (Preliminary Recommendations)

- Add new recreation facilities near new growth centers
 - » Continue identifying underserved areas and seek additional parks and rec opportunities to reach desired service levels, while maintaining sustainability of existing facilities and programs
 - » Work with Neighboring Residents of the County-owned Back Creek Park to Identify Potential Improvements
 - » Consider Joint Location of Community Facilities for parks and recreation
- Work with DNREC to explore possible passive recreational facilities east of Rt. 13
- Support senior center development, operations, and transportation options to senior centers
- Retain prime agricultural soils in proximity to centers of population
- Continue to preserve farmland and promote farm markets, CSA's and local food distribution