Southern New Castle County Master Plan
Visioning Public Workshop
March 13, 2019
Agenda (6:00 – 8:00pm)

6:00  Presentation

6:40  Small Group Activity

7:20  Prioritization

7:50  Next Steps
Welcome!

Dave Gula
Principal Planner
WILMAPCO
Tonight’s meeting

• Introduce the Southern New Castle County Master Plan
  • Purpose
  • Process
  • Existing conditions in the study area

• Engage the community – YOU!
  • Developing a shared vision, goals
  • Identifying and prioritizing key issues
  • Developing metrics/criteria for plan alternatives evaluation
Purpose and desired outcome

• Establish a long-term, publicly-supported vision for land use and infrastructure in southern New Castle County

• Provide recommendations to update key planning documents:
  • County Comprehensive Plan
  • WILMAPCO Regional Transportation Plan
  • DelDOT Capital Transportation Program
About the Master Plan

Andrea Trabelsi
Assistant General Manager
Department of Land Use
New Castle County
Single Family Residential Dwellings

652 South of the Canal
36,622 North of the Canal
Single Family Residential Dwellings

1,368 South of the Canal
17,174 North of the Canal
Single Family Residential Dwellings

5,950 South of the Canal
25,772 North of the Canal
Single Family Residential Dwellings

6,342 South of the Canal
7,361 North of the Canal
What's Left?
Comprehensive Plan update

Current Status

2012 Comprehensive Plan

*Per State law the County’s Comprehensive Plan must be updated every 10 years and evaluated every 5.*

Proposed Update Approach

2022 Comprehensive Plan

*Why?*
- 5 year evaluation
- Diverse county needs finer-grained approach
- High quality existing studies

*Update Approach*
Adopt key components of subarea plans and update the overall Plan

*Current subareas*
- North Claymont
- Route 9 Corridor
- South of the Canal
- Route 202 Corridor
Initial New Castle County Sub-area Plans 2018

Updated January 2019
Municipal coordination

- Middletown
- Odessa
- Townsend
- Smyrna
- Clayton
New County Services Coming Soon…

Library

• Building plans in development

Park

• Aim to finalize location(s) by end of year

• Contributing to the installation of tennis courts in Townsend Park

Paramedic Station

• Renovating, expanding existing County paramedic building to house 6-8 paramedics each shift

• Planning to purchase a parcel in the Boyd’s Corner area for future development of another station

Middletown Library Public Meeting
Monday, April 8, 6:00 - 8:00 PM
Volunteer Hose Company of Middletown

Share your ideas on amenities, programming space, and design features.
Where do we grow from here?

- Are the right things being built in the right places?
- Are we adequately protecting environmental, agricultural, cultural, and historic resources?
- How will changes in climate, energy production, and transportation affect our communities?
- Are we supporting communities that need reinvestment and revitalization?
- Will our infrastructure adequately serve our current and future needs?
- In 20 or 30 years will New Castle County and its communities be a place where we and others will want to live, work, play, and learn?
Planning activities

Jeff Riegner
Whitman, Requardt & Associates, LLP
Planning activities

1. Issues and constraints  DRAFT COMPLETE
2. Community visioning  WE ARE HERE
3. Scenario development
4. Scenario modeling and analysis
5. Preferred alternative and report
1. Issues and constraints

- Existing conditions and future trends
  - Demographic trends
  - Transportation conditions
  - Economic development/employment
  - Zoning/sewers
  - Land preservation/environment
  - Development activity
  - Schools/community facilities

- Draft report is complete

- Additional traffic counts will be conducted now that US 301 is open
2. Community visioning

- A successful plan is built on:
  - Comprehensive stakeholder input
  - Sound technical analysis

- Work will be guided by:
  - Staff Committee of agency representatives
  - Advisory Committee with broad representation from the community

- Public input like this visioning workshop

- Website and social media
You have to build the abutments before you build the bridge.
3. Scenario development

- **Land use and transportation scenarios:**
  - Informed by issues/constraints data
  - Built on the community vision
  - Reviewed by the Staff Committee and Advisory Committee
  - Presented at a public workshop in spring 2019 for comments and refinement
3. Scenario development

What scenarios might look like:
3. Scenario development

What scenarios might look like:
4. Scenario analysis

• How each scenario will perform with respect to:
  • Land use
  • Transportation of all modes
  • Sewers
  • Schools
  • Resource preservation

• Public workshop in late summer/early fall 2019 to review results
4. Scenario analysis

Metrics and how they’re used

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<td>Designate public access areas on the waterfront</td>
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<td>Continue the East Coast Greenway and provide more off-road trails</td>
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<td>Protect and Restore the Environment</td>
<td>Mitigate existing and future air, water, and sound pollution</td>
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4. Scenario analysis

Metrics and how they’re used.
5. Preferred outcome/report

- Selection of locally preferred land use and infrastructure scenario based on:
  - Data analysis and review
  - Comprehensive stakeholder input

- Final report
  - Introduction to the Master Plan
  - Existing conditions
  - Goals and performance measures
  - Scenarios considered and selected
  - Detailed implementation plan
# Schedule

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Goal: Develop a consensus-driven, implementable plan for a vibrant future

Visioning and existing conditions
- Shape a shared vision and goals
- Understand current conditions
- Define criteria/metrics of plan success

Scenario development
- Confirm vision, goals, metrics
- Define alternative plan scenarios

Alternatives evaluation
Preferred plan selection
- Evaluate tradeoffs of scenarios
- Identify desired plan and recommendations
- Refine and finalize
Tonight’s Activities

1. Introduce yourselves, create draft vision
2. Identify issues
3. Report out
4. Select your priorities
5. View poll results

Ground Rules

- Listen actively
- Each person is given opportunity to speak
- Disagreement is healthy, but do so respectfully
- Stay on point
- Stay on time
Tonight’s Activities

Issue identification:
• Get specific and choose the top two per category

Tabulation and report out:
• What specific issues came up among all of the groups?

Issue prioritization:
• From all ideas, which specific issues are most important to you?
Metroquest

- https://SNCCMasterPlan.metroquest.com

Welcome

Your knowledge and ideas are important for...

...creating a shared vision, goals, and implementable plan for the future of southern New Castle County. Your input via this site will guide development of the Master Plan. A second round of activities will be presented later this spring (2019).

Planning Tasks 1,2: Visioning & Existing Conditions (Now)

- Shape a Shared Vision and Goals
- Understand Current Conditions
- Define Criteria/Metrics of Plan Success
Thank you!

Next Steps

• If you provided your email address, you will receive notice of future meetings (the next will be in the spring)
• Follow our progress at www.wilmapco.org/sncc
• Visit https://SNCCMasterPlan.metroquest.com by March 20
• Invite your neighbors / friends to help shape southern New Castle County’s future