

NORTH CLAYMONT AREA MASTER PLAN

COMMUNITY WORKSHOP #2 JUNE 6, 2016

Introduction

To the team and to the Plan

Planning Partners

THE CLAYMONT COMMUNITY

- WILMAPCO
- New Castle County
- Claymont Renaissance Development Corporation
- Delaware Office of State Planning Coordination
- Delaware Department of Transportation
- DART First State
- Delaware Department of Natural Resources
- Delaware Economic Development Office

Consultant Team

RHODESIDE & HARWELL

Planning / Design / Community Engagement

<u>WRA</u>

Multi-Modal Transportation Planning / Engineering

W-ZHA Market and Economic Analysis

Study Area

Study Area



What does a Master Plan do?

- Establishes a community vision.
- Guides growth and development.
- Identifies needed improvements and infrastructure.
- Outlines recommendations that can be adopted and implemented by relevant agencies.

The North Claymont Area Master Plan will use a collaborative process to create a comprehensive vision for the future that includes consideration of:

Land Use & Design

Community & Economic Development

Environment & Open Space

Transportation



We've met with...

A **Project Management Committee**, made up of representatives from the partner agencies.

An Advisory Committee with:

- Residents
- Local agencies
- Community representatives

Several focus groups,

including:

- Community and civic groups
- Regional agencies
- Adjacent jurisdictions
- Property owners
- Developers
- Industry representatives

The community, at the first community meeting on February 3.









Other Ongoing Projects



2. Goals & Objectives

Thanks for your input in February!

- About 100 meeting attendees and 52 responses to the survey on the website.
- Small group discussions:
 - Need to balance many goals
 - Priorities: economic development, safety, improved transportation connections
- Survey:
 - Same as above, with additional focus on environment
 - Concerned about safety/crime and ability to implement the plan
- Changes based on input



Goals and Objectives

The goals and objectives are **being used to weigh the pros and cons of each scenario** during the evaluation process.

GOALS: Broad statements that describe a desired future state. These fit under one of the four master plan elements.

OBJECTIVES: Specific statements in support of each goal.

METRICS: Ways to measure how well each scenario addresses the objectives.

Plan Elements & Goals

Elements	Land Use & Design	Community and Economic Development	Transportation	Environment and Open Space
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	Encourage Design that Builds On Community Strengths	Promote Economic Development and Expand Job Opportunities	Improve Local and	Increase the Network of Open Space and Recreation Facilities
	Objectives	Objectives	Regional Multimodal Transportation	Objectives
Objectives			Connections	
Goals & Ob	Foster a Variety of Housing	Create a Safe, Healthy, and Welcoming Community	Objectives	Protect and Restore the Environment
	Objectives	Objectives		Objectives
		Metrics		

3. Scenarios

What might the future of North Claymont look like?

What is in the scenarios?



Institutional)

Retail Office **Single-Family Residential Multifamily Residential** Institutional Light Industrial – Flex **Heavy Industrial** Vacant Industrial Mixed Use (Office Over Retail) Mixed Use - Lifestyle Center (Retail / Residential /

Retail



Office



Single-Family Residential







Institutional



Light Industrial – Flex
Heavy Industrial
Vacant Industrial





Mixed Use (Office Over Retail)



Mixed Use – "Lifestyle Center" (Retail / Residential / Institutional)



Transit-Oriented Development

- Train station is a major opportunity
- Development within a walking distance to the train station
- Office, retail, residential, flex





The Scenarios

Scenario 1: Base Case (Existing Land Use)

- Train station relocated, with path from old station.
- Used as point of comparison for other scenarios.

Scenario 2: Mixed Use Nodes

• A mix of uses in distinct nodes.

Scenario 3: Waterfront Industrial

Intense industrial on the waterfront, with large retail and office areas.

Scenario 4: Mixed Use & Industrial

• Some industrial uses near the railway, with a mix of uses in other areas.

Study Area



Scenario 1: Base Case



Scenario 2: Mixed Use Nodes



Scenario 3: Waterfront Industrial



Scenario 4: Mixed Use & Industrial



4. How do the scenarios address the four elements of the master plan?

- Land Use & Design
- Community & Economic Development
- Environment & Open Space
- Transportation

Land Use & Design

Encourage Design that Builds On Community Strengths

- Promote an attractive, walkable, transit-oriented environment
- Preserve and respect the history of the area
- Limit the visibility of surface parking lots and encourage structured parking

Foster a Variety of Housing

- Encourage housing for 55+ and assisted living facilities
- Include development of housing for a variety of incomes and in a variety of types, including mixed use
- Plan for new residential areas with views of the waterfront and protect existing views







Land Use & Design Metrics



Land Use & Design

Other things to consider:

- **Buildings**: How would you like the buildings to look?
- **Housing**: What type of housing do you think is most desired by people 55+?
- Views: What do you think are the best views in this area?
- **History**: How would you like to see the history of the area reflected in the plan and in the community?
- Aesthetics: How and where would you like to see the community beautified?

Community & Economic Development

Promote Economic Development and Expand Job Opportunities

- **Provide job opportunities** through support for industry and retail, including small, local businesses
- **Support job training opportunities** (including a potential satellite campus
- Encourage a greater variety of restaurants, shops, and entertainment destinations

Create a Safe, Healthy, and Welcoming Community

- Create gateways to the community and improve wayfinding
- Enhance safety of existing neighborhoods and ensure safety of newly-developed areas
- **Buffer** existing and new residential, commercial, institutional, and open space areas from industrial areas
- Encourage support for family and human development
- Expand opportunities for improved community health and wellness









Community & Economic Development Metrics



Community & Economic Development

Other things to consider:

- Gateways: What type of gateway would you like to see for this area?
 What do you want people to see when they enter Claymont from the northwest?
- **Gathering spaces**: What type of community gathering spaces would you like to have?
- Services: How do you think we can encourage support for family and human development in the plan?

Environment & Open Space

Increase the Network of Open Space and Recreation Facilities

- Provide access to more public open space and recreation facilities, including parks
- Designate public access areas on the waterfront
- Continue the East Coast Greenway and provide more off-road trails

Protect and Restore the Environment

- Enhance Naamans Creek waterway
- Mitigate existing and future air, water, and sound pollution






Environment & Open Space Metrics

Parks, Open Space, and Buffer Areas (Approx. Acres)

- Conceptual Naamans Creek parks/buffer areas
- Conceptual waterfront parks or open space
- Existing parks and open spaces



Metric	Scenario 1: Base Case (Existing Conditions)	Scenario 2: Mixed Use Nodes	Scenario 3: Waterfront Industrial	Scenario 4: Mixed Use & Industrial
Continuation of East Coast Greenway	No	~	~	~
Potential impact of development on the waterfront	Low	Low	High	Medium

Environment & Open Space

Other things to consider:

- Connections: Besides the East Coast Greenway and Fox Point State Park, are there other local or regional parks or trails to which you'd like this area to be better connected?
- Parks & Rec: What types of parks and recreation facilities would you like to see, and where?

Transportation

Improve Local and Regional Multimodal Transportation Connections

- Promote safe pedestrian and bicycle facilities that do not conflict with the movement of trucks
- Relocate the train station to become a more convenient and appealing facility
- Encourage development of a multimodal train/bus/bike/walk hub
- Improve bus service within Claymont
- Reduce traffic congestion and crashes







Transportation Metrics

North of Naamans Rd

Between Naamans Rd & US 13

Between US 13 and SEPTA rail

Scenario Traffic Comparison (PM Peak Hour)

Vehicle Trips by Area

			East of SEPTA rail			
3000		_				
2000		-	-	-		
1000			-			
0	Scenario 1: Base Case (Existing Conditions)	Scenario 2: Mixed Use Nodes	Scenario 3: Waterfront Industrial	Scenario 4: Mixed Use & Industrial		

See the connectivity diagrams at the boards for more information!



Metric	Scenario 1: Base Case (Existing Conditions)	Scenario 2: Mixed Use Nodes	Scenario 3: Waterfront Industrial	Scenario 4: Mixed Use & Industrial
More comfortable bicycle facilities	No	\checkmark	~	\checkmark
More pedestrian crossing areas	No	\checkmark	\checkmark	\checkmark
Train station relocation	✓	✓	~	✓
Multimodal train, bus, bike, walk, drive hub	No	\checkmark	\checkmark	√

Transportation

Other things to consider:

- Bicycling and walking: All streets will include pedestrian facilities and bicycle accommodations. Where do you think they are most needed now? Where do you think they will be most needed in the future?
- **Congestion**: We are looking at ways to address traffic on Ridge Road and traffic near Northtowne. Are there other current traffic issues within the study area that we are not addressing?

- PURPOSE OF THE STUDY
- To develop a new Claymont Station on the former EVRAZ Steel Site
- A 12 acre parcel has been set aside for a new multimodal transportation center



GOALS OF THE STUDY

 Improve mobility for rail passengers through expanded service and reduced dwell times



 Multi-modal access to the station by improved vehicular, bus, bicycle and pedestrian facilities



GOALS OF THE STUDY

- Improve safety and ADA accessibility as the new station would have highlevel boarding
- Address existing parking capacity needs





- ENVIRONMENTAL
- DTC and DeIDOT with the Federal Transit Administration are preparing a Categorical Exclusion (CE) document
- Environmental resources consider in the analysis of potential effects from the project are:
 - Land Use and Community Facilities
 - o Cultural Resources
 - Wetlands and Water Resources

- o Hazardous Materials
- o Noise
- o Air Quality



STATION CONCEPT CRITERIA

- 12 acre parcel identified in CDC's site plan
- Maintain existing freight siding right-of-way
- Avoid existing Amtrak Signal Bridge
- Account for Amtrak track shift
- High-level, 600-foot long station platforms
- Provide at least 650 parking spaces with a desired build out of 1,000 spaces
- Provide bus shelters, bicycle racks and sidewalks
- Trail connection to the existing I-495 pedestrian bridge

3 Station Concepts have been developed providing a range of parking options and future expansions as ridership grows

STATION CONCEPT A Surface Parking Lot

PARKING CAPACITY

- VAN ACCESSIBLE SPACES 8
 - ACCESSIBLE SPACES 12
 - STANDARD SPACES 780
- **TOTAL AUTOMOBILE PARKING** 800
 - **BICYCLE PARKING** 20
 - PASSENGER DROPOFF 7
 - **BUS BAYS** 3



PARKING CAPACITY





5. Next Steps



Tonight

Please visit the stations to ask questions and give your input!

- Station #1: Welcome/Sign In
- Station #2: Introduction to the Master Plan
- **Station #3:** Final Goals and Objectives
- Station #4: Scenarios
- **Station #5: Addressing the Master Plan Elements**
 - Land Use & Design
 - Community & Economic Development
 - Environment & Open Space
 - Transportation
- Station #6: Claymont Regional Transportation Center
- Station #7: Survey Station

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Before you leave, please <u>sign in</u> and drop off your <u>survey</u>.

Thank you for attending!