

Complete Communities

attractive, inclusive, efficient, healthy & resilient places

CompleteCommunitiesDE.org

What is a “Complete Community?”

A “complete community” is one that considers more transportation options and connectivity, mixed and efficient uses of land, healthy environments, job growth and business diversity, and an involved citizenry that helps define a community’s unique character and sense of place. In short, a complete community is a place that you love to live.

Why Complete Communities?

Recent demographic, economic, and housing market changes are impacting the way we plan and design communities. Instead of sprawling suburbia, there is greater demand for walkable, centrally located neighborhoods and mixed-use developments.

Planning for Complete Communities in Delaware

The Planning for Complete Communities in Delaware project is being undertaken by the University of Delaware Institute for Public Administration (IPA) in collaboration with the Delaware Department of Transportation and the Delaware Office of State Planning Coordination. Research on this topic may be found on Planning for Complete Communities in Delaware website: <http://completecommunitiesde.org/>.

In 2012, IPA worked with stakeholders in two pilot communities in Delaware to develop a framework to plan for complete communities in Delaware. For outcomes of this work with pilot communities, see: <http://completecommunitiesde.org/pilots/>. A Complete Communities Delaware 2012 Summit was held last November in Dover, Delaware. This event brought together local, regional, and national private- and public-sector leaders, as well as community stakeholders, to discuss opportunities and issues related to complete communities in Delaware. To read the proceedings of this event, see:

<http://completecommunitiesde.org/files/2012/12/SummitSummary.pdf>.

Workshops on Regulatory Barriers to Complete Communities in Delaware

As a follow up to a Complete Communities Delaware 2012 Summit panel discussion by members of the Delaware development community, IPA is hosting a series of workshops in 2013 on “State and Local Government Regulatory Barriers to Complete Communities in Delaware.” The purpose is to gain input from invited stakeholders on what are perceived to be top regulatory obstacles to development projects in Delaware and how these barriers may be addressed. **All workshops will be held at the University of Delaware Paradee Center in Dover, Delaware from 8:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m., as follows:**

- **Workshop #1, Wednesday, February 27 – Private sector/Delaware development community**
- **Workshop #2, Wednesday, April 10 – Delaware regulators and code enforcement officials**
- **Workshop #3, Wednesday, May 29 – Elected officials and decision makers**

Following these workshops, a Complete Communities 2013 Summit will be held next fall and a planning toolbox will be drafted for use by citizen planners.

For more Information or to Become Involved

Please see: <http://completecommunitiesde.org/> or contact the IPA Project Team at ipa@udel.edu.