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- For double-sided printing, select the long edge binding option in your print dialogue.
- Notice the hash marks located at all four corners of each card. Cut along these lines when cutting a sheet into individual cards.

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ACCESSORY DWELLING UNITS

Allows small secondary units built on single family lots, either as accessory apartments or as separate unattached dwelling units.

SOURCE: DELAWARE VALLEY REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION



ADAPTIVE REUSE

The modification of a pre-existing structure or previously developed property for a new purpose.

SOURCE: ICMA'S CENTER FOR SUSTAINABLE COMMUNITIES



AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES ACT (ADA)

A civil rights law that prohibits discrimination against individuals with disabilities in all areas of public life.

SOURCE: ADA NATIONAL NETWORK

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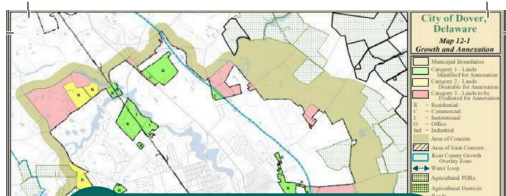
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ANNEXATION

The process of how an unincorporated area is incorporated into an adjacent city or town.

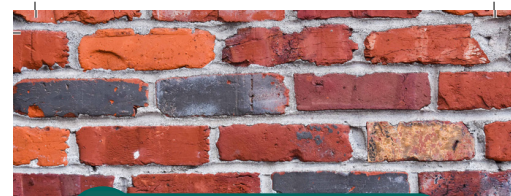
SOURCE: THE OHIO RURAL COMMUNITY ASSISTANCE PARTNERSHIP
PHOTO: DELAWARE OFFICE OF STATE PLANNING COORDINATION



BROWNFIELD

A property, expansion, redevelopment, or reuse project that may be complicated by the presence or potential presence of a hazardous substance, pollutant, or contaminant.

SOURCE: UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY



BUILT ENVIRONMENT

All of the physical parts of where we live and work (homes, buildings, streets, open spaces, and infrastructure).

SOURCE: CENTER FOR DISEASE CONTROL AND PREVENTION

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CHARRETTE

An intensive planning session where citizens, designers, and others collaborate on a vision for development.

SOURCE: THE TOWN PAPER



COMMERCIAL CORRIDOR

A place where commerce and community facilities come together as the hub of cultural, social, and economic activity of a community.

SOURCE: ARCHITECTURE AND COMMUNITY PLANNING PHOTO: TOWN OF GEORGETOWN, DE



COMPLETE STREETS

Streets planned, designed, built, and maintained to safely accommodate travelers of all ages and abilities.

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COMPREHENSIVE PLANS

A document that establishes a community's vision for the future, provides a blueprint for future land use, and serves as the basis of zoning, subdivision, and land use codes.



CONTEXT-SENSITIVITY

A form of design that works to meet the unique needs of a specific community by working with a community's existing culture and landscape.



DENSITY

A planning term that refers to the ratio and intensity of a particular type of land use over a given area of land.

SOURCE: CREPEDIA
PHOTO: LUKE MICHAEL

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DOWNTOWN DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT

Areas established by a Delaware local government and designated by the Governor in accordance with the Downtown Development Districts Act of 2014.

SOURCE: DELAWARE OFFICE OF STATE PLANNING COORDINATION
PHOTO: JOHN MOLLURA



DOWNTOWN

The portion of a town that serves as the commercial and cultural "center" of activity, referred to as the Central Business District. The term can also describe the geographical origins of a town.



EASEMENT

A legal right that gives a person or entity the ability to use someone else's land for a stated purpose.

SOURCE: TRULIA.COM

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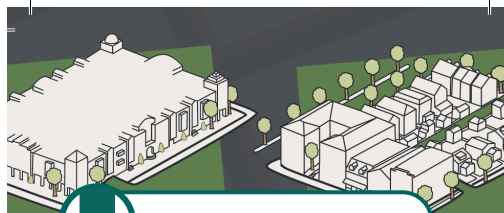
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FACADE

The face of a building, especially the principal front that looks onto a street or open space.

SOURCE: MERRIAM WEBSTER DICTIONARY



FORM-BASED CODES

Rethinks conventional zoning codes with pictures and diagrams to describe types of development and changes for wider accessibility within the community.



GIS STORY MAP

A tool to combine geospatial data with photos, video, audio, and text to visualize a theme or sequential events.

SOURCE: ARCGIS/ESRI

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GREEN BUILDING PRACTICES

An integrated approach to designing and building healthy, comfortable, cost-effective, and environmentally friendly living and working environments.


SOURCE: INTERNATIONAL CITY/COUNTY MANAGEMENT ASSOCIATION (ICMA)



GREENFIELD

Areas of land, usually agricultural or amenity land, which are being considered for urban development.

SOURCE: SUSTAINABLE BUILD



GREYFIELD

Abandoned, defunct, or underutilized commercial properties (e.g., malls) that are ideal for reinvestment into mixed-use development.

SOURCE: ADAPTED FROM CONGRESS FOR THE NEW URBANISM

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HEALTH IMPACT ASSESSMENT

A process that uses many data sources and methods to determine the potential effects of a proposed policy, plan, program, or project on the health of a population.

SOURCE: NATIONAL RESEARCH COUNCIL OF THE NATIONAL ACADEMIES IMPROVING HEALTH IN THE UNITED STATES



HISTORIC PRESERVATION

The process of identifying, protecting, and enhancing buildings, places, and objects of historical and cultural significance.

SOURCE: NATIONAL TRUST FOR HISTORIC PRESERVATION
PHOTO: LIGHT UP THE QUEEN FOUNDATION



INFILL DEVELOPMENT

The development of vacant parcels within previously built areas, already served by public infrastructure.

SOURCE: MARYLAND SUSTAINABLE GROWTH COMMISSION

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LAND BANK

Public or community-owned entities created to acquire, manage, maintain, and repurpose vacant, abandoned, or foreclosed properties.

SOURCE: CENTER FOR COMMUNITY PROGRESS



LAND USE

Refers to the manner in which portions of land or the structures on them are used (e.g., industrial, commercial, residential, retail).

SOURCE: FEDERAL HIGHWAY ADMINISTRATION (FHWA)
PHOTO: CITY OF HARRINGTON



METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION (MPO)

An organization designated to carry out the metropolitan transportation planning process, one represents localities in all urbanized areas with populations over 50,000.

SOURCE: FEDERAL TRANSIT ADMINISTRATION

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MIXED-USE DEVELOPMENT

Integrated development that incorporates two or more types of land uses (e.g., housing, offices, retail, entertainment, institutions, services, restaurants).







NEIGHBORHOOD

A geographical area that is a subset of a larger town or city and is usually defined by shared social or architectural features that set it apart from adjacent areas.

PHOTO: SARAH LESTER, WEST SIDE GROWS





NEW URBANISM

A planning and development approach based on the principles of walkable blocks and streets, housing and shopping in close proximity, and accessible public spaces.

SOURCE: CONGRESS FOR THE NEW URBANISM

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OPEN SPACE

Any open piece of land that is undeveloped (has no buildings or other built structures) and is accessible to the public, including green space, playgrounds, public seating areas, public plazas, and vacant lots.

SOURCE: UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY





OPPORTUNITY ZONES

A revitalization program in economically distressed areas where investors receive preferential tax treatment.

SOURCE: DELAWARE DIVISION OF SMALL BUSINESS





PARK

A public place or open space area set aside for recreation or preservation of a cultural or natural resource.

SOURCE: FEDERAL HIGHWAY ADMINISTRATION

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PARKS & RECREATION MASTER PLANNING

A form of planning that establishes a community's vision improve parks, recreational facilities, and services in the context of a community's location and natural resources.





PEDESTRIAN NETWORK

A continuous and connected system of pedestrian facilities that provide accessible routes of travel for pedestrians of all ages and abilities.

SOURCE: ADAPTED FROM FEDERAL HIGHWAY ADMINISTRATION





PLACEMAKING

A multi-faceted approach to the planning, design, and management of public spaces that capitalizes on the community's assets, inspiration, and potential.

SOURCE: ADAPTED FROM PROJECT FOR PUBLIC SPACES

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REDEVELOPMENT

Converting an existing built property into another use with aims to increase economic return for the community.

SOURCE: MARYLAND SUSTAINABLE GROWTH COMMISSION



REVITALIZATION

Instilling new life and vitality into a community through enhancing local assets, such as reusing or renovating buildings, improving building façades, or streetscaping to beautify an area.

SOURCE: MARYLAND SUSTAINABLE GROWTH COMMISSION
PHOTO: BUCCINI/POLIN GROUP



SMART GROWTH

An approach to development that encourages a mix of building types and uses, diverse housing and transportation options, development within existing neighborhoods, and community engagement.

SOURCE AND PHOTO: SMART GROWTH AMERICA

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SPRAWL

The outward expansion of low-density housing units on the outskirts of cities, far from commercial centers.

SOURCE: GREENBELT ALLIANCE



STREETSCAPING

Incorporating both the natural and built fabric of the street in designing, enhancing the visual quality, and creating welcoming public spaces for residents.



TACTICAL URBANISM

A citizen-led approach to neighborhood building using short-term, low-cost, and scalable interventions to catalyze long-term change.

SOURCE: THE TACTICAL URBANIST'S GUIDE

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TRANSIT-ORIENTED DEVELOPMENT

Design strategies with both residential and commercial uses to make public transit successful, enhance the convenience and safety of walking and bicycling, and provide for a vibrant, livable community.



TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT

A planning framework that recognizes the impact transportation investments have on efficient land use, community form, economic development, and quality of life.



UNIVERSAL DESIGN

Design and composition of an environment so that it can be accessed, understood, and used to the greatest extent possible by all people regardless of their age, size, ability, or disability.

SOURCE: CENTRE FOR EXCELLENCE IN UNIVERSAL DESIGN
PHOTO: FRIENDS OF WILMINGTON PARKS

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