Previous Strategies Versions

1999

Shaping Delaware’s Future: Managing Growth in 21st Century Delaware Strategies for State Policies and Spending

Approved by the Governor’s Cabinet Committee on State Planning Issues

2004

Delaware Strategies for State Policies and Spending

5 Year Update
July, 2004

2010

Delaware Strategies for State Policies and Spending

2010

Delaware Office of State Planning Coordination
2015 Update

2015 Delaware Strategies for State Policies and Spending

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Delaware Office of State Planning Coordination

Approved by:
Cabinet Committee on State Planning Issues
Origination of the State Spending Strategies

- Cabinet Committee on State Planning Issues - 1994
- Responsibilities from Del Code, §9101, Title 29:
  - “The Committee shall consider matters relating to the orderly growth and development of the State, including, but not limited to:” recommendations for the most desirable general pattern of land use
  - Instructed State Planning Coordination Office to develop the Strategies for State Policies and Spending to guide decisions.
Delaware Code Requirement

• Today the State Strategies is required by Delaware Code

• Title 29, Chapter 91, Section 9101 (c) (5):
  
  . . . The Committee shall consider matters relating to the orderly growth and development of the State, including, but not limited to:

Preparing the **Strategies for State Policies and Spending document and maps**, which shall serve as the primary policy guide that summarizes the State's land use goals, policies and strategies and directs State spending into investment levels that support the most efficient use of State resources, be they physical, fiscal, or natural, except that county and municipal governments shall retain their existing autonomy with respect to the land use designations set forth in their proposed and/or adopted comprehensive plans. The Strategies for State Policies and Spending shall be updated at least every five years, provided that the Governor may extend the deadline at his or her discretion.
Strategies Purpose

• To coordinate land use decision-making with the provision of infrastructure and services

• Why Coordinate:
  – Land use decisions are a local responsibility;
  – The provision of infrastructure and services is a State responsibility
  – If the above aren’t coordinated, then waste and inefficiency can occur
Delaware Facts

- Number of Counties: 3
- Number of Municipalities: 57
- Land area – square miles: 1,954
- Land area – acres: 1,249,920
- Farm land – acres: 490,000
- Persons per acre: 1.4
- Population, 2010 Census: 897,934
- Lane miles of highways: 13,472
We are growing

• Projections indicate that:
  – Delaware will grow by 126,500 people between 2015 and 2040
  – During the same period, there will be 72,300 new households (most requiring new housing units)
  – The number of seniors in Delaware is projected to increase by 98% between 2010 and 2040.
  – The number of working aged adults in Delaware is only projected to grow by 11% during this same period

Source: Delaware Population Consortium Projections v. 2014.0 (population and household); v. 2012.0 (senior population)
STATE PAYS

The diagram illustrates the distribution of state payroll funds across various sectors, represented by percentages. The sectors include:

- **State Roads**: 90%
- **Public School Construction**: 60-75%
- **Public School Operations**: 70-80%
- **Public School Transportation**: 90%
- **Paramedics**: 30%
- **State's Largest Police Force**: 100%

The green, yellow, and blue colors represent different state departments, with green indicating a higher percentage of payroll funds allocated. The map of Delaware on the left side complements the graph, emphasizing the state's commitment to these services.
## State Spending Strategies Use by Agencies

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State Strategies and Local Government Planning

• Local governments use the Strategies as they are developing their comprehensive plans

• Governor certifies plans based on consistency with State Strategies
Why Update

• Required by Delaware Code: Title 29, Chapter 91, Section 9101 (c) (5)
• To reflect current local certified comprehensive plans
• To use current data and technical tools
• Add new data, programs and policies
• And reevaluate and refine state policies
Our update process

• Data collection
• Consult with state agencies, MPOs, counties, local governments
• GIS – apply appropriate map overlays, including certified comprehensive plan maps
• Public Workshops
• Review of draft document and maps
• Approval by the Cabinet Committee and the Governor
Data used to make maps include:

- School Sites
- Transit Routes
- Social Service Centers
- Police/Fire/EMS Facilities
- Corridor Capacity Preservation Areas
- Ag Preservation Districts
- Green Infrastructure
- Parklands
- Municipal and County certified comprehensive plans
Draft 2015

Municipal Comprehensive Plans
+ County Comprehensive Plans
2015 DRAFT
Favoring Preservation

Areas outside County Growth areas
Kent County TDR sending areas
Agricultural Preservation Districts
High Value Agricultural Lands
Forestry Preservation areas
High Value Working Forest Lands
Coastal Zone
Non-tidal wetlands (100 foot buffer)
Tidal wetlands (100 foot buffer)
Wellhead protection areas
100 year floodplain
Excellent Water Recharge Areas
Conservation Easements
Corridor Capacity Preservation Parcels (owned)
DelDOT Contraints
DeIDOT Planning Priority Area (Kent Co., east of Route 1)
Protected Lands
(State/Federal/Municipal Owned and Public Open Space)
Correctional Facilities (1 mile buffer)
DAFB Accident Potential Zones (APZ)
DAFB Noise Areas/AICUZ
Sea Level Rise (1.0 meter scenario)
Flood Risk Avoidance Map (FRAM)
Draft 2015
Out of Play

Purchased Development Rights (PDR)
State, Federal, Local Publicly owned lands
Permanent Easements
100 Year Floodplains (NC, KC)
Tidal Wetlands
Components:

- Urban/Urbanizing Growth (Levels 1, 2, & 3)
- Preservation and Rural (Level 4 [white areas])
- “Out of Play” (Grey areas)
Level 1:

Overlook, Dover

Union Park Gardens, Wilmington

Main Street, Newark

Wilmington
Level 2:

Paynter’s Mill, Milton

Cannery Village, Milton

Pike Creek, New Castle County

The Village of Five Points, Lewes
Level 3:
Level 4:
Out of Play:
Some Final Thoughts

• These maps are not parcel based
  – You must check with local government for information about use and development of specific parcels
  – Even in growth oriented Investment Levels, not all parcels can or should be developed. Again, check with local government
Some Final Thoughts

• Circumstances may exist, on a case-by-case basis, where State and other investments may be warranted to address unforeseen circumstances involving public health, safety or welfare.
Projected Timeline

- Public Comment Period: October 1 – November 4
- Public workshops: October 2015
- Redraft based on workshops: November 2015
- Final Presentation to CCSPI: TBD
- Governor approval of Strategies: TBD
- Final document posted to Website: TBD
How to Comment:

Comments Deadline: November 4, 2015

• Comment on the OSPC website: [www.stateplanning.delaware.gov](http://www.stateplanning.delaware.gov)

• Or, mail comments to:
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