

Planning for Complete Communities in Delaware

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The City of Milford Workshop 1 (3/20/12): Exercise Sheets Data Summary

Stakeholders were instructed to consider each of the five elements of a Complete Community. For each element, they considered the listed characteristics and wrote down the letter (A,B,C) that was their first and second priority. They could also write in their own priority (D). There was a brief discussion of each element. At the end of the exercise, we collected the worksheets and the summation of this data is provided below. The distribution of priority characteristics chosen by stakeholders is displayed in the two columns on the right-hand side. Any additional priorities listed for each element are indicated as "E". Other elements and comments are located at the bottom. These priorities will be discussed in further detail at the next workshop.

Complete Streets			
Letter	Description	1st Priority	2nd Priority
A	Achieves principles of connectivity—within town and surrounding area	8	5
B	Integrates multiple transportation options	12	8
C	Reduces automobile dependency	1	8
D	Other: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Allows for aging in place - access to consumer goods and healthcare • Aesthetic appeal of streets • 90% of the streets in DE are the responsibility of DeIDOT 	1	2
"E"	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reduce congestion • Fueling station to support natural gas vehicles and electric cars • Localized public transit (i.e. a shuttle bus, not DART) 		

Efficient Land Use			
Letter	Description	1st Priority	2nd Priority
A	Provides a mix of complimentary land uses	13	5
B	Supports compact building design	0	6
C	Strengthens and revitalizes downtown commercial areas and “Main Streets”	8	7
D	Other: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Open public recreation space • Open space preservation • Greater density to support transit • Open space, land preservation • “Secondary Main Streets” 	1	4
"E"	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Re-use of existing space • Recognizes private property rights • Land use to attract industry • Parks and open space 		

Healthy and Livable			
Letter	Description	1st Priority	2nd Priority
A	Maximizes opportunities for physical activity, recreation, and healthy lifestyles	13	5
B	Creates aging-friendly environments and better prospects to “age in community”	4	8
C	Reinforces initiatives that support public safety	4	5
D	Other: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Letter A plus cultural activities • Linear parks - connecting parks and community • Access to quality healthcare • Young adults 	1	4
"E"	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Access to public wi-fi, make the environment friendly for the disabled • Arts and healthcare • Jazz club, etc 		

Inclusive and Active			
Letter	Description	1st Priority	2nd Priority
A	Fosters sense of and pride in community	1	7
B	Strengthens citizen participation	14	7
C	Distinct community character	7	5
D	Other: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Community institutional collaboration and common goals • Institutional interaction • None - do not have a second priority 	0	3
"E"	Must be a safe and well policed community		

Sustainable			
Letter	Description	1st Priority	2nd Priority
A	Use of existing infrastructure and redevelopment	7	8
B	Promotes job growth and business diversity—existing and new	13	7
C	Cultivates responsible environmental management	2	2
D	Other: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Income vs. expense @ cost of living • Investment in educational institutions, bolstering and strengthening educational standards • Political accountability: low taxes, employment opportunities, issue of STDs in the high school • Q: What is the heart and soul of Milford? 	0	4
"E"	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Maintenance and replacement of existing infrastructure • Civic and political responsibility • Historic preservation ordinance • Environment is important too but will come if we do Letters A + B 		

Other Element(s):

Higher education in Milford; access to good healthcare; fire departments

Availability of critical services

Critical services; coordination and cooperation between local, county and state

Being ready to take advantage of matching grants opportunities

Mutual respect of property rights and safety

Additional Comments:

Working together with state and other

I think our group began listing individual concerns rather than the broader categories included already

Economic development; industrial land use

Correct the conditions of the gateways to the city. One does not get a 2nd chance to make a first impression