

# Planning for Complete Communities in Delaware

## Town of Elsmere



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### 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. 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.

### What Is Your Role as a Stakeholder?

IPA is working with two pilot communities—the Town of Elsmere and the City of Milford—to formulate a framework to plan for Complete Communities in Delaware. You have been identified as a stakeholder and are asked to participate in three workshops for your community at Elsmere's Town Hall:

**March 8, 2012, 5:00–6:00 p.m. • May 10, 2012, 5:00–6:00 p.m. • August 9, 2012, 5:00–6:00 p.m.**

Stakeholders at each of these workshops will participate in a series of facilitated exercises to consider:

- What constitutes a Complete Community?
- How can Complete Communities be achieved in Delaware?
- What hurdles need to be overcome to move toward Complete Communities?

### What Are Potential Outcomes of These Workshops?

Following the three community workshops in each pilot community, a public policy forum with a larger stakeholder group will be held in fall 2012, and a state plan with recommendations will be drafted. Stakeholders will be asked to recommend pilot community-specific recommendations, which may include additional plans, policies, community design, and/or capital investments.

### How Can I Obtain More Information and Provide Additional Input?

Please view information about the Elsmere workshops on the Planning for Complete Communities website: <http://sites.udel.edu/completemunities/pilots/elsmere/community-workshops/>. Friend us on Facebook ([www.facebook.com/pages/Planning-for-Complete-Communities-in-Delaware/112137562233625](http://www.facebook.com/pages/Planning-for-Complete-Communities-in-Delaware/112137562233625)) or follow us on Twitter (@CompCommunityDE). Contact the Elsmere Project Team at [ipa@udel.edu](mailto:ipa@udel.edu).