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Local Government Training Events and Information

Registration and links to details about the following can be accessed online at www.ipa.udel.edu/events.html.

■ **Land-Use Law and the “Takings” Issue: Implications for Municipal Policy and Regulatory Programs**, a workshop for credit toward the Certificate in Local Government Leadership, will be held on May 2, 2006, at the University of Delaware Paradee Center in Dover from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon.

■ Planning Series

IPA is currently offering its series of planning-related classes at the Paradee Center in Dover, each from 9:00 a.m. to noon. Remaining dates are March 2 (Land-Development Administration), March 20 (Community Design), April 11 (Mobility-Friendly Design), and May 11 (Board of Adjustment Issues).

Planning Services Update

New and Updated Municipal Plans in 2005

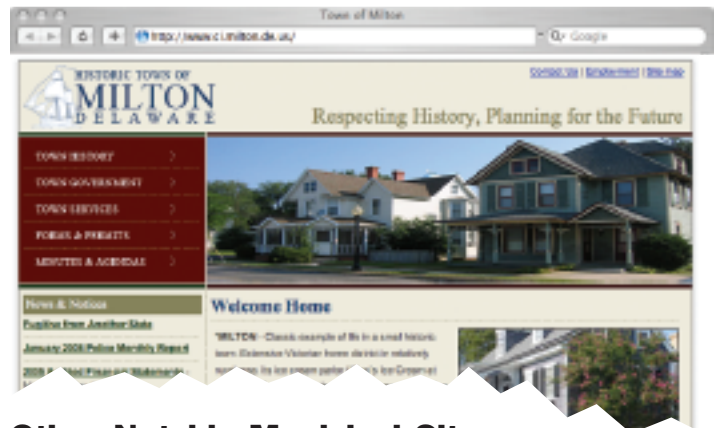
The year 2005 was a busy one for Delaware municipalities working on comprehensive plans. Several municipalities have had their comprehensive plans certified by the state within the past year. In New Castle County, Middletown had a new plan certified, and Townsend had a plan amendment certified. Kent County municipalities that had plans and/or amendments

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Local E-Government News

Milton Launches Municipal Website

Congratulations to the Town of Milton for its e-government efforts that have culminated in the recent launching of its website, www.ci.milton.de.us. It is a good, new example of a cleanly designed, easy-to-use portal for municipal information/interaction and should serve the town well.



Other Notable Municipal Sites

Other good site design examples within Delaware are Dover, Laurel, Georgetown, and Smyrna. You can check out all active municipal and county websites in Delaware by accessing DLLG's online directory at www.ipa.udel.edu/localgovt/dllg.

IPA Helps Initiate Statewide Municipal Web Developers Group

Mark Deshon, IPA policy specialist and webmaster, has organized a group of municipal web developers (those either with oversight of or day-to-day responsibility for maintaining a site) to meet a few times a year for discussion, support, and education on website development and best practices in e-government. Twenty municipalities and one county (Sussex) are currently represented. Local government website status can be accessed at www.ipa.udel.edu/localgovt/training/web.

Delaware CEDS Update

Delaware CEDS

a Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy for the State of Delaware

Since this past September, IPA, in concert with the Delaware Economic Development Office (DEDO), has worked with three county-level committees and one statewide CEDS committee to identify economic-development goals, objectives, and policy recommendations for an overall statewide economic-development blueprint. To foster more public participation in the overall CEDS process and provide Delaware citizens an opportunity to learn about and offer feedback on the work performed by each of the committees, four public workshops have been scheduled:

- **New Castle County CEDS Public Workshop**
February 28th, 4–7 p.m., Delaware Technical & Community College, Stanton Campus, Newark
(Marcia Scott, IPA Coordinator, msscott@udel.edu)
- **Kent County CEDS Public Workshop**
March 1st, 4–7 p.m., Delaware Technical & Community College, Terry Campus, Dover
(Troy Mix, IPA Coordinator, mix@udel.edu)
- **Sussex County CEDS Public Workshop**
March 2nd, 5–8 p.m., Delaware Technical & Community College, Owens Campus, Georgetown
(Julia O’Hanlon, IPA Coordinator, jusmith@udel.edu)
- **State CEDS Committee Public Workshop**
March 29th, 4–6 p.m., Delaware Technical & Community College, Terry Campus, Dover
(Bernard Dworsky, IPA Coordinator, bdworsky@udel.edu)

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certified were Clayton, Frederica, and Milford. In Sussex County, Bethany Beach, Delmar, Greenwood, and Lewes had new plans certified. www.ipa.udel.edu/localgovt/planning/status.html

State Planning Office in New Building

The main offices of the Office of State Planning Coordination (OSPC) are now located in the newly refurbished Haslet Armory, at the corner of William Penn Street and Legislative Avenue in Dover. OSPC’s new address is 122 William Penn Street, Dover, DE 19901. Its phone and fax numbers remain the same.

Local Economic-Development Planning

IPA has recently been working with Delaware’s local governments and nonprofits on a variety of economic-development activities. In connection with the Middletown Comprehensive Plan project, IPA conducted a retail market analysis to estimate the square footage of retail space supported by the town’s existing and projected populations. These estimates will assist the town in making informed zoning decisions, in order to avoid a glut or shortage of retail space.

IPA is also currently working with Greater Brandywine Village Revitalization, Inc., on an economic-restructuring program. Key components of this project include a building, space, and business inventory, a comprehensive market analysis, and survey work to determine stakeholder opinions and concerns. The expected output of this project is a business-recruitment strategy, which will identify new economic uses for existing space and provide insight regarding which market segments and firms will complement a successful business mix.

For more information on these projects, you may contact IPA’s Planning Services Manager, Martin Wollaston, at martinw@udel.edu or 302-831-4930.

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