

IPA provides planning services to local governments

AN ARRAY OF PLANNING SERVICES, including assistance in the development of comprehensive plans, are provided to Southern Delaware municipalities by the University of Delaware's Institute for Public Administration (IPA) in the College of Human Services, Education and Public Policy.

During the past decade, IPA has assisted many towns in Southern Delaware develop or update their comprehensive plans, including Lewes, Henlopen Acres, Dewey Beach, Millsboro, Bethany Beach, Frankford, Dagsboro, Blades, Georgetown and Bridgeville.

Additionally, IPA has provided other planning services, including the development of planning maps, to Milton, Rehoboth, Millville, Ocean View and Delmar.

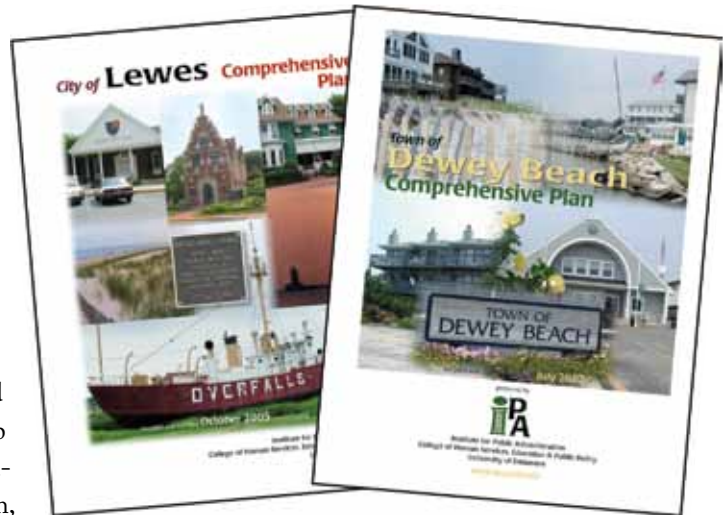
In 2008, IPA worked with the Greater Georgetown Chamber of Commerce and the town of Georgetown, along with the staff of the UD's Small Business Development Center in Georgetown, to develop the "Greater Georgetown Area Comprehensive Market Analysis."

The report should provide the Chamber and the town a tool to enhance the economic vitality of this area in Southern Delaware.

The IPA Planning Services Team combines the professional planning experience and research skills of its staff with the resources of the University of Delaware to provide services to municipalities.

Having served at all levels of state, county and local government, the Planning Services Team members offer an impressive list of credentials, a variety of experiences and the skills required to address the needs of the state's municipalities.

Complementing the group's work is the contribution of the Water Resources Agency, a unit of the IPA, which offers expertise in watershed planning, computer mapping and geographic information




system (GIS) development.

Services include the development of comprehensive plans for municipalities, assistance with transportation planning, help with the resolution of water and wastewater issues, training on the comprehensive planning process and the administration of land-use regulations, reviews of government services and mapping assistant with the use of GIS for the purposes of local government planning.

IPA planning partners include state agencies such as the Department of Transportation, the Department of Natural Resources and Environmental Control and the State Office of Management and Budget.

Southern Delaware municipalities interested in working with the IPA Planning Services Team can contact the office in Newark at (302) 831-8971 or the office in Lewes at (302) 645-4353.

"Most towns in Delaware do not have personnel with land-use planning experience," Martin Wollaston, IPA planning services manager, says. "IPA has delivered direct staff assistance to many of these towns to address their current needs for town plans or ordinance revisions. Additionally, IPA continues to provide professional training opportunities to strengthen the planning knowledge of the elected and appointed leaders in these towns." 

More information is available on the Web site at www.ipa.udel.edu.