



Sussex County Update

Sussex Preservation Coalition

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COUNCIL INITIATIVES

Priority Initiatives

On-going Initiatives

County Code updates

Airport construction & expansion

Delaware Code updates

Broadband

DeIDOT initiatives

Business park expansion

P&Z initiatives

Delaware State Police support

EMS support

Fire & BLS support

SC Land Trust & Open space acquisition

PRIORITY INITIATIVES COUNTY CODE UPDATES

- Subdivision Appeal timing – introduced
- Solar Farms – introduced in February
- Master Plan Zoning – introduced in February
- Amenities Standards – to be introduced March

Under consideration:

- Quality stormwater management
- Accessory dwelling unit (garage studios) update
- Tiny homes zoning
- Through lot and corner lot nuances update
- Pool requirements

Longer-term:

- Side yard setbacks

PRIORITY INITIATIVES DELAWARE CODE UPDATES

- State Code updates are required to address numerous issues related to the property assessment process

PRIORITY INITIATIVES DELDOT INITIATIVES

- DeIDOT providing update to County Council on projects in late March
- CTP list developed this year; soliciting public input now
- FAST Intersection – ROW spring 2023; Construction fall 2024
- MOU review – discussions on-going with DeIDOT leadership
- Long term discussion on development funding

PRIORITY INITIATIVES PLANNING & ZONING INITIATIVES

- Discuss changes to development design, including open space, buffers, forest preservation, superior design, and cluster subdivision standards
- Joint workshop with P&Z Commission to discuss trends, observations, & needs
- Transfer of Development Rights – consultant needed

**ON-GOING INITIATIVES
AIRPORT CONSTRUCTION & EXPANSION**

- Parallel taxiway B – phase I design on-going
- 4/22 runway extension – environmental assessment potential 2023 start
- 4/22 runway extension – preliminary engineering potential 2023 start
- Terminal apron rehab – design starts 2024
- Parallel taxiway B – phase II construction in 2024

**ON-GOING INITIATIVES
BROADBAND**

- Given the amount of Federal and State funding dedicated to broadband expansion, it is appropriate to allow the State to lead this initiative

ON-GOING INITIATIVES BUSINESS PARK EXPANSION

- Phase 2 of the DE Coastal Business Park is shovel ready and we are actively reviewing potential new tenants with a focus on bringing jobs to the Park

ON-GOING INITIATIVES DELAWARE STATE POLICE

- Annual budget consideration for trooper allocation in Sussex

**ON-GOING INITIATIVES
EMS SUPPORT**

- Annual budget consideration related to staffing, stations, and equipment
- Mental health initiative in progress

**ON-GOING INITIATIVES
FIRE & BLS SUPPORT**

- Continue to work with local fire & BLS companies to seek financial agreement compliance
- On-going discussions with SC Volunteer Firefighters Association to determine needs

ON-GOING INITIATIVES
SC LAND TRUST & OPEN SPACE ACQUISITION

- Several parcels under consideration for acquisition
- Working with SCLT to establish MOU for roles & responsibilities