

SUSSEX PRESERVATION COALITION

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Sussex Preservation Coalition

October 13, 2026

Tonight's Agenda

- Welcome – Joe Pika
- Upcoming Meetings:
  - Wednesday November 18 – Doreen Rushton, Human Resources Specialist – Who can afford what?
  - Tuesday December 15 – DelDOT Secy Shante Hastings
- Tonight: Gina Jennings, Sussex County Finance Director


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SUSSEX WILL GROW.
SMART GROWTH REQUIRES SMARTER PLANNING.
SPC IS HERE TO HELP. Rely on SPC for timely, accurate information on complex issues and processes that affect your future.
IN THE MONTHS AHEAD
Guest speakers at upcoming SPC monthly meetings
OCT 13
Gina Jennings
Sussex County Finance Director on County support for schools and volunteer fire departments
NOV 18
Doreen Rushton
Senior Human Resources Consultant on the workforce and Affordable Housing
DEC 15
Shante Hastings
Secretary, DelDOT on roads in Sussex
LEARN MORE. STAY INFORMED.
All meetings start at 7 pm in the Lewes Public Library.
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LOOK BEYOND SLOGANS.

Understand where candidates stand.
Choose the person most likely to solve our problems.









VOTE. SPEAK UP. SHAPE THE FUTURE.

Growth is coming. Good planning matters. YOUR choice matters.

"Planning by rearview mirror is a lousy way to drive into the future."

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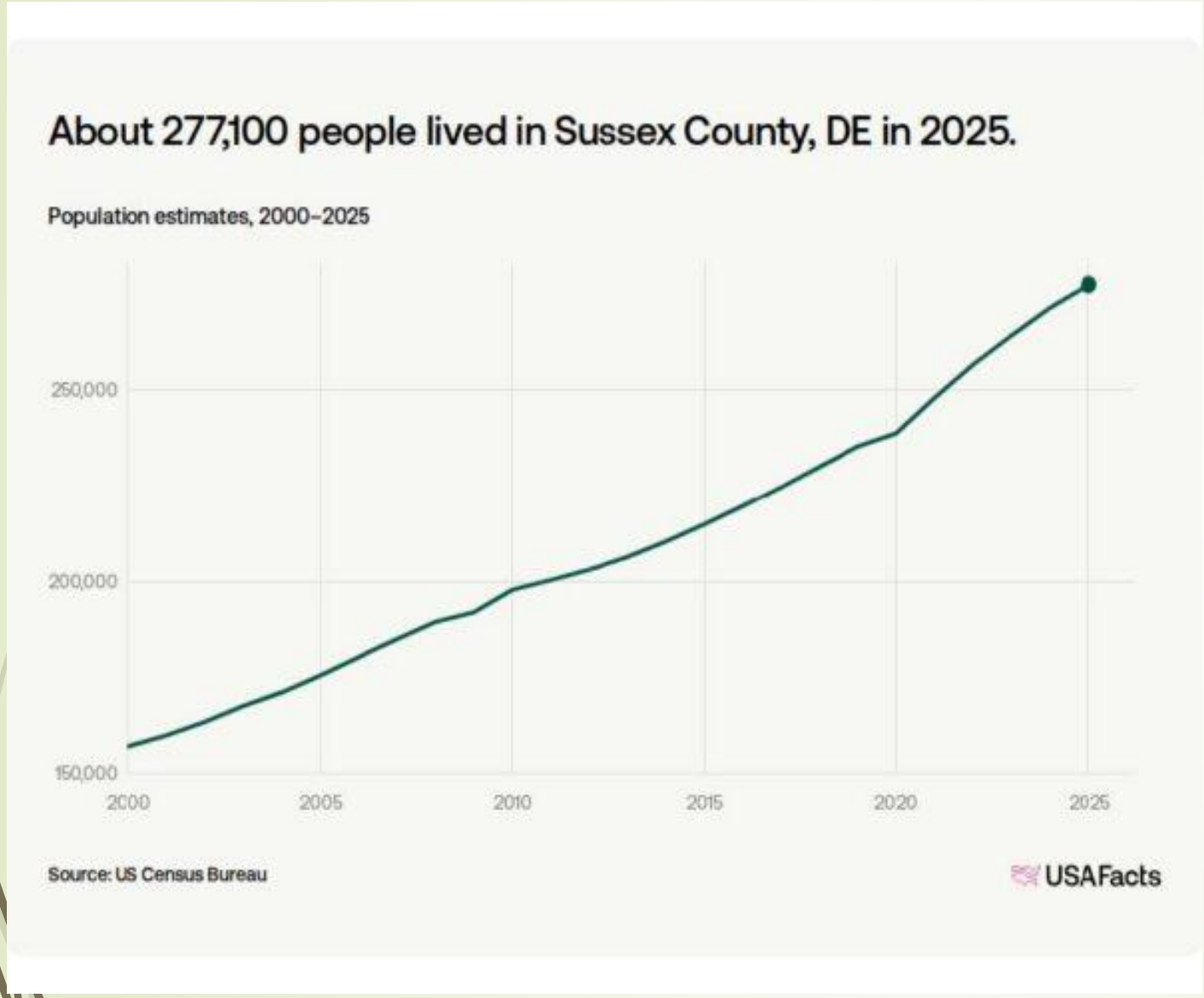
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Infrastructures

- Roads/transportation
- **Schools**
- **Public Safety: Fire/EMS**
- Public Safety: Police
- Medical Services
- Libraries
- Parks & Recreation
- Water, Wastewater (sewers), electric, cable, broadband, phone
- Natural: stormwater, wetlands, forests, open space, biodiversity

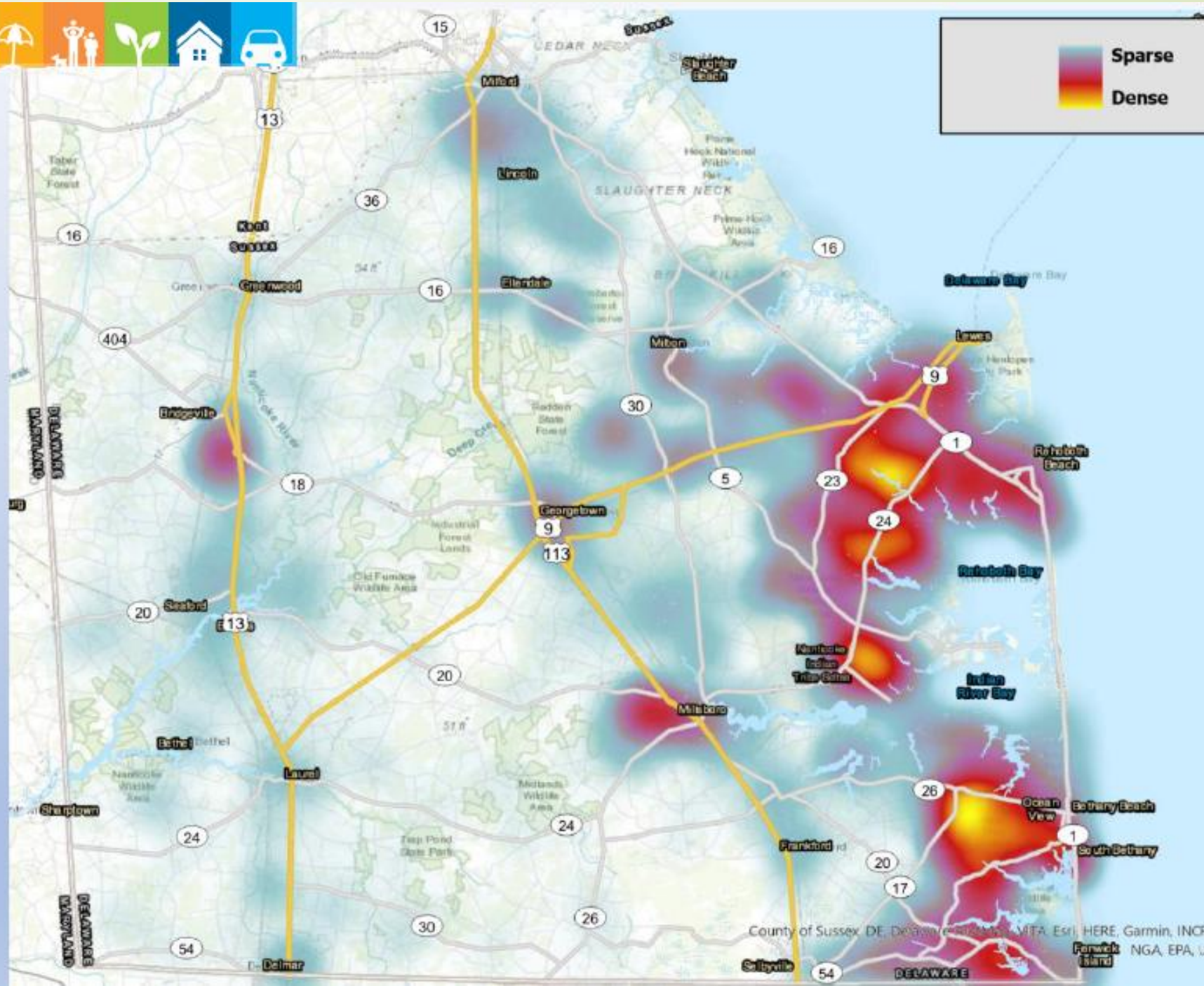
Delaware Model: Counties Rely On Partnerships > Direct Responsibility

- Schools: 7 traditional districts, 1 vo-tech, 2 charter schls
  - Local, state, federal funding
  - Construction: state 60-80%, districts 20-40%
- Fire/ambulance:
  - 22 volunteer fire departments
  - Funding: public contributions, state, county, insurance payments



Will Rapid Growth Continue?

- **2017-2024 County-wide Permit distribution**
- **In-Town and Out-of-Town shown**
- **County provides permitting services for 14 of the 25 Municipalities in the County**



Building: Surge/Decline Pattern
Does Infrastructure Ever Catch Up?



Public Pressure to Address Infrastructure Problems

- "Growth should follow infrastructure, not outrun it."
- "Infrastructure delayed is congestion guaranteed."
- "We keep approving tomorrow's traffic with yesterday's roads."
- "If infrastructure always comes later, maybe the development should too."

Tonight's Speakers

- Gina Jennings
- Director of Finance, Sussex County
- Q&A for Gina and Steve McCarron, member Sussex County Council