

DELAWARE VALLEY REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION



Greater Philadelphia Region

- Bi-state (New Jersey, Pennsylvania)
- Nine counties (Philadelphia plus four suburban PA, four suburban NJ)
- 353 individual municipalities:
 - Population ranges from Philadelphia (1.53 million people) to Tavistock Borough (5 people)
 - Size ranges from Washington Township in Burlington County, NJ (over 66,000 acres) to Millbourne Borough in Delaware County, PA (50 acres)



Greater Philadelphia Region

- 2010 population: 5.6 million
- 2010 employment: 2.9 million
- Growth forecasts:
 - 2040 population: + 11 percent to 6.3 million (over 630,000 more people)
 - 2035 employment: + 11 percent to 3.2 million (over 300,000 more employees)



DVRPC's Role as the Region's MPO

- Plan for orderly growth and development
- Continuous, Comprehensive, and Coordinated (3Cs) Planning Process
- Transportation Improvement Program (TIP)
- Long-range plan: *Connections: The Regional Plan for a Sustainable Future*
- Public Involvement

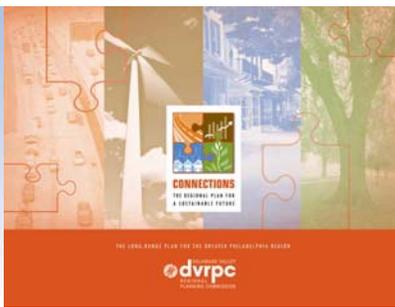


What We Do

- Maintain a regional resource and data center.
- Conduct corridor and area studies.
- Conduct regional policy analysis.
- Act as a regional facilitator.
- Prioritize transportation investments.



SUSTAINABILITY: "The ability of a region to meet the needs of the present without compromising the ability of future generations to meet their own needs." World Commission on Environment & Development, Brundtland Commission, 1989.



The Planning Challenge: Bending the Trends

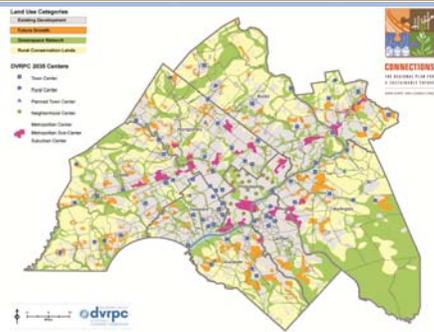
Change "Business As Usual" To:

- Achieve a more compact development pattern.
- Conserve critical natural resources.
- Revitalize & reinvest in older communities.
- Increase people's use of transit, walking, and biking to get around.
- Achieve meaningful public input in the planning process.



Connections

The Regional Plan for a Sustainable Future



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CORE PLAN PRINCIPLES

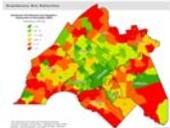
-  ▪ Manage Growth & Protect Resources
-  ▪ Create Livable Communities
-  ▪ Build an Energy-Efficient Economy
-  ▪ Modernize the Transportation System



Build an Energy-Efficient Economy

Goals:

- Support and promote the growth of key sectors.
- Foster a high-quality productive workforce.
- Reduce greenhouse gas emissions.



Tracking Progress economic indicators:

- jobs
- average annual wage
- educational attainment
- housing affordability
- greenhouse gas emissions
- energy use



Greater Philadelphia Economic Development Framework

- Satisfies EDA requirements for a regional comprehensive economic development strategy (CEDS).
 - Approved by the EDA as Greater Philadelphia's regional CEDS on September 30, 2009.
- Product of public/private consortium of planning and economic development organizations and agencies.
- Updated annually; major re-evaluation required every 5th year (by 2014).



A Regional CEDS ...

- Is a prerequisite for applying for funds under EDA public works, economic adjustment, and most planning programs.
- Identifies regional challenges and opportunities.
- Integrates economic development with land use and transportation planning.
- Integrates human and physical capital planning.
- Establishes regional goals, objectives, and performance measures.
- Leverages EDA funding for regional goals.



Organization of the Framework

- Regional profile
- Descriptions of economic development organizations, programs, and initiatives
- Summaries of key economic development documents
- Regional goals, objectives, and performance measures
- List of key regional projects



Regional Economic Goals

- Focus growth in recognized centers.
- Create jobs in distressed areas and for populations most in need.
- Create jobs that match workforce supply.
- Foster a high-quality, productive workforce.
- Support and promote key economic sectors
- Reduce greenhouse gas emissions.
- Enhance the climate for business growth.
- Invest in public infrastructure.
- Increase innovation and new business formation.
- Enhance the region's high quality of life.
- Expand regional connections to the global economy.

Planning at the Edge

"Facilitate collaboration across jurisdictional boundaries"



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