

Frequently Asked Questions

Southeast Focus Area Plan, City of Delaware

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1. What is a Focus Area Plan?

A focus area plan is a guide that provides more detail than a comprehensive plan (long-range, community-wide plan) and only includes a specific district, neighborhood, or location in the community. The focus area plan is a tool with a pointed focus on defining the identity of an area with a unique history, irregular geography, or high potential for future change.

Delaware Together, the comprehensive plan adopted in 2021, recommended the need for two focus area plans to be completed. The first focus area plan, in the southwest, was adopted by the City on June 10, 2024. Now, the City has pursued the opportunity to plan for the future of the Southeast Area.

2. How was the planning area determined?

The Southeast Area was identified because of the opportunity for housing. It is in the City's planning area, as defined in *Delaware Together*, and therefore has the opportunity to be serviced with City utilities. While most of the Southeast Area is located outside of the City's municipal boundary, there is substantial development interest in this region. Taking the time now to prepare a plan for this important area will give the community a unique opportunity to set the future direction of emerging growth. Being proactive in planning for the development of this area will help mitigate sprawl and unnecessary congestion that can be found elsewhere in Delaware County.

3. Are there opportunities for residents to get involved?

Yes! This is an open and inclusive process. There will be opportunities for anybody who cares about the future of Delaware to participate, including multiple ways to contribute ideas and insight in two rounds of engagement.

4. How will my input be used?

When you contribute an idea, you are making an impact on the future of Delaware. All input gathered will be databased, analyzed, and documented by the planning team so that it can serve as a foundation for the plan's vision, goals, and specific recommendations.

5. Do I have to be an expert to contribute ideas?

You are an expert if you live, work, or spend time in Delaware. Who knows the community better than you?

6. What is the timeline for completing the plan?

The plan is anticipated to be completed early in 2025.

7. Where can I learn more?

For more information about this exciting opportunity please visit the City's webpage for the Comprehensive Plan at DelawareOHFocusAreas.org. You can also contact Anna Kelsey, AICP, Planning & Zoning Administrator, City of Delaware Planning and Community Development, at 740-203-1600 ext. 2 or planning@delawareohio.net