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| General | | | | | No | Yes | Comments |
| Proactively manage the future growth of the County | | | | | | | |
| Create and maintain a Strategic Growth Plan endorsed by the Office of Smart Growth that will be used as the framework for future county and local plan endorsements. | | | | | | | |
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| MOBILITY/TRANSPORTATION | | | | | | | |
| Utilize the forthcoming County Mobility Study to help coordinate and prioritize Regional Transportation issues. | | | | | | | |
| Minimize conflicts between highway users, pedestrians, bicyclists, transit and motorists. | | | | | | | |
| Reclaim main street qualities of roadways by balancing functional requirements with aesthetics of the streetscape. | | | | | | | |
| Promote efficient public transit and multi-modal transportation opportunities and linkages. | | | | | | | |
| Support the design of pedestrian friendly developments. | | | | - | | | |
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COUNTY-WIDE POLICIES

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| Land Use | | | | | No | Yes | Comments |
| Integrate land use decisions and policies into a comprehensive planning framework that considers the linkage between land use policies and other key planning policies and priorities, such as economic, transportation, environmental protection, infrastructure, housing policies, etc. | | | | | | | |
| The location and intensity of land use should recognize the capacities of both the natural environmental and local and regional infrastructure systems. | | | | | | | |
| Where appropriate, redevelop existing residential and non-residential center core areas and infill sites. | | | | | | | |
| Promote compact mixed-use development in centers. | | | | | | | |
| Encourage non-residential nodal development at roadway intersections rather than the entire length of the highway. | | | | | | | |
| Recommend development strategies to municipalities for low-growth areas, i.e., establishment of appropriate residential densities, clustering, lot aerating, transfer of development rights (if enabling legislation becomes available). | | | | | | | |
| Discourage highway strip development that creates traffic congestion, reduces the ability of through traffic to efficiently travel major routes, and creates aesthetically displeasing development. | | | | | | | |

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| Promote commercial cluster development that requires new buildings to be sited in-groups having varying setbacks and well landscaped areas between buildings. Clustering can occur on a large or small scale, i.e., shopping plazas and office parks versus mini-malls or professional complexes. | | | | | | | |
| Create zoning opportunities for rural residential and tourist related commercial uses in areas not heavily developed. | | | | | | | |
| Determine appropriate growth in the environs dependent on the carrying capacity of the land. | | | | | | | |
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| AGRICULTURE (To be addressed in County's new Agricultural Preservation Plan) | | | | | | | |
| Identify appropriate locations for agriculture-related businesses and industry in low growth areas. | | | | | | | |
| Preserve prime agricultural lands consistent with the County's Agricultural Preservation Plan | | | | | | | |
| Promote agri-tourism as an overall planning process that is intended to promote sustainable economic growth and development within the County. | | | | | | | |
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| Identify areas for potential business and industrial incubators. | | | | | | | | |
| Identify areas and establish development standards for agri-tourism and eco-tourism uses. | | | | | | | | |
| Support information technology as a key component of the county's overall economic development plan. | | | | | | | | |
| Preserve local airports as part of an overall economic development policy for the County. | | | | | | | | |
| Identify locations for the establish policies that will accommodate "gateway centers" in the County that promote tourism opportunities. | | | | | | | | |
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| UTILITIES | | | | | | | | |
| Direct infrastructure and utilities into areas identified for new growth and development. | | | | | | | | |
| Protect and preserve the capacity and quality of the County's water supply. | | | | | | | | |
| Support the development and location of information technology infrastructure. | | | | | | | | |
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| PRESERVATION | | | | No | Yes | Comments |
| Preserve examples of primary industries that have helped to make our country great and have specific significance to Sussex County. | | | | | | |
| Identify historic districts and cultural resources. | | | | | | |
| Create an economic revitalization strategy based on Sussex County's historic and cultural resources. | | | | | | |
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| OPEN SPACE/RECREATION (To be addressed in County's new open space and recreational plan) | | | | | | No | Yes | Comments |
| Preserve critical properties and areas of open space and ensure that the character and quality of this open space is maintained and, where possible, enhanced. | | | | | | | | |
| Protect the quality of the Sussex County's environment and natural resources. | | | | | | | | |
| Conserve contiguous tracts of open space. | | | | - | | - | | |
| Provide recreational opportunities. | | | | | | | | |
| Promote the creation of a green belt around higher density development to clearly distinguish from surrounding lower density areas. | | | | | | | | |
| Develop a maintenance plan for open space areas. | | | | | | | | |
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| ENVIRONMENTAL | | | | | | | | |
| Promote ecologically sensitive development. | | | | | | | | |
| Protect Sussex County's critical watersheds. | | | | | | | | |
| Limit development on steep slopes. | | | | | | | | |
| Maintain and protect critical habitat areas in the County. | | | | | | | | |
| Restore, maintain and enhance water quality throughout the County. | | | | | | | | |
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| RESIDENTIAL/AFFORDABLE HOUSING | | | | | | No | Yes | Comments |
| Create opportunities for a broad range of housing types to provide for all age and income levels. | | | | | | | | |
| Actively promote coordinate the use of intra-county regional contribution agreements (RCAs) as part of municipal affordable housing plans. | | | | | | | | |
| Provide and coordinate financing programs for affordable housing. | | | | | | | | |
| DESIGN AND AESTHETICS | | | | | | | | |
| Establish design controls to integrate new development harmoniously into the landscape. | | | | | | | | |
| Incorporate elements of the County's history into a design vocabulary for new development. | | | | | | | | |
| Create design and performance standards to regulate design issues not regulated by zoning to preserve the traditional image of the County. | | | | | | | | |
| The County has identified signage as one indicator of commercial health of business districts and an element that produces a lasting impression on visitors. The County is committed to providing model downtown and highway commercial sign regulations to municipalities, which can be tailored by individual municipalities. | | | | | | | | |

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| Identify and protect scenic roadway corridors in the County. Use scenic roadway corridors as a catalyst for eco-tourism and to provide linkages between key cultural and recreational sites and resources. | | | | | | | | |
| ECONOMIC | | | | | | | | |
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| Promote the sustainable economic growth and development of Sussex County through the County's land-use policies and programs. | | | | | | | | |
| Balance economic development with other planning imperatives, such as environmental protection, etc. | | | | | | | | |
| Provide jobs and economic opportunities for the County's existing and projected labor force. | | | | | | | | |
| Create an economic development strategy that markets the County's competitive advantages. | | | | | | | | |
| Promote economic activity in appropriate locations in the County and in well-designed development. | | | | | - | | | |
| Plan for the evolution of downtown's to remain competitive over time, i.e., Branchville is attempting to adapt obsolete commercial complexes into antique shops and craft stores. | | | | | | | | |
| Create financial incentives for local governments to update their planning policies and implementation ordinances. | | | | | | | | |