

# WELCOME!

## Savannah Road Master Plan Public Workshop

### April 26, 2023

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# SAVANNAH ROAD MASTER PLAN STUDY



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## What is a Scenic and Historic Byway?

*“A byway is a transportation route which is adjacent to or travels through an area that has a particular intrinsic scenic, historic, natural, cultural, recreational or archeological qualities.*

*It is a road corridor that offers an alternative travel to our major highways, while telling a story about Delaware’s heritage, recreational activities or beauty.”*

*(DeIDOT)*

## What is the Master Plan?

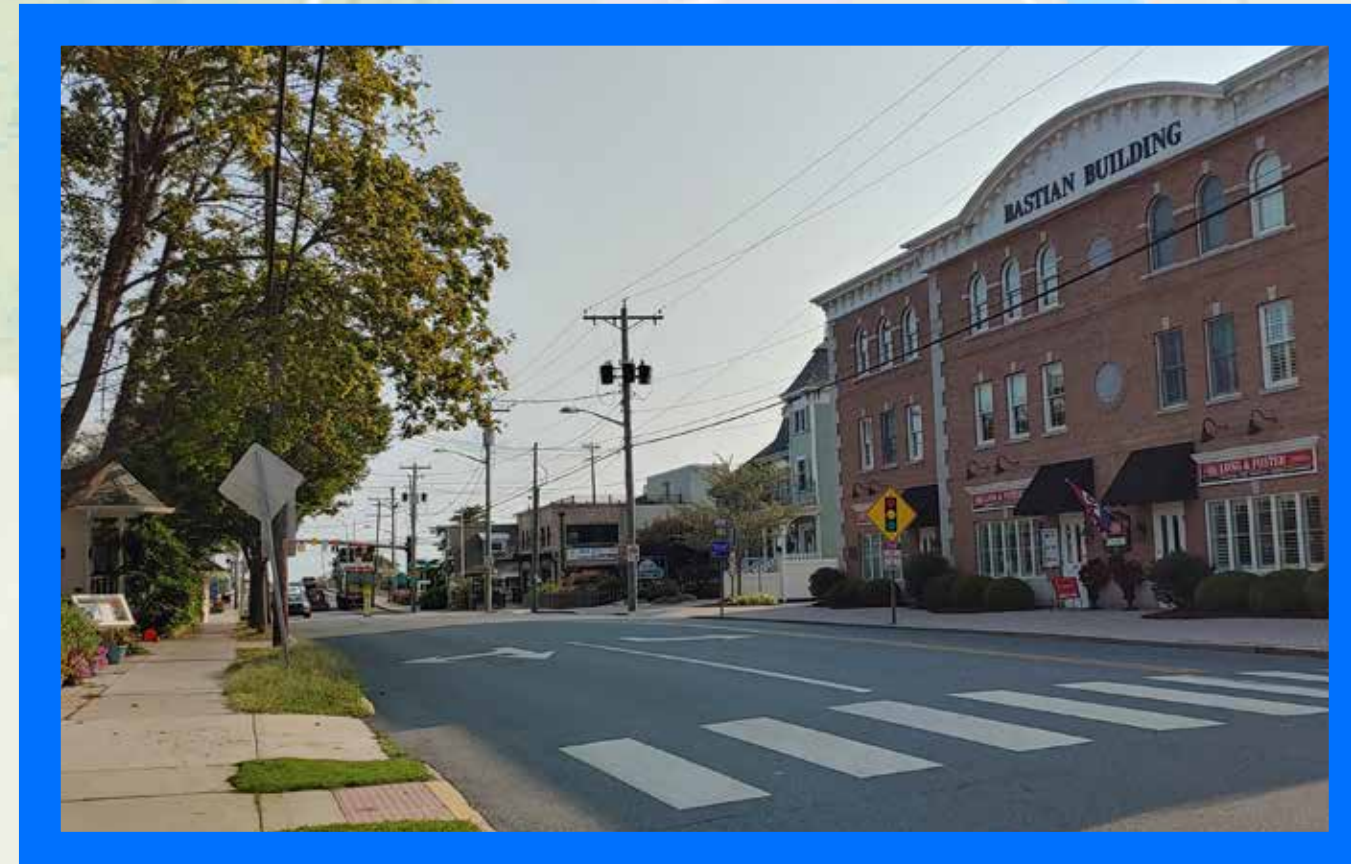
- Originated from the 2015 Historic Lewes Byway Corridor Management Plan
- Collaborative effort between DeIDOT, the City, the County, and Delaware Greenways
- Develops a vision, guidance, and recommended strategies for potential roadway improvements, adjacent properties within setback areas, landscaping recommendations, and multi-modal improvements
- Helps preserve the character of the Historic Lewes Byway
- Helps guide future planning and development



# Study Area - Savannah Road (US 9 Business)

## From Savannah Beach to Five Points

- Includes portions within the City of Lewes and Sussex County
- Three distinctive characters
  - Seaside
  - Downtown
  - Suburban

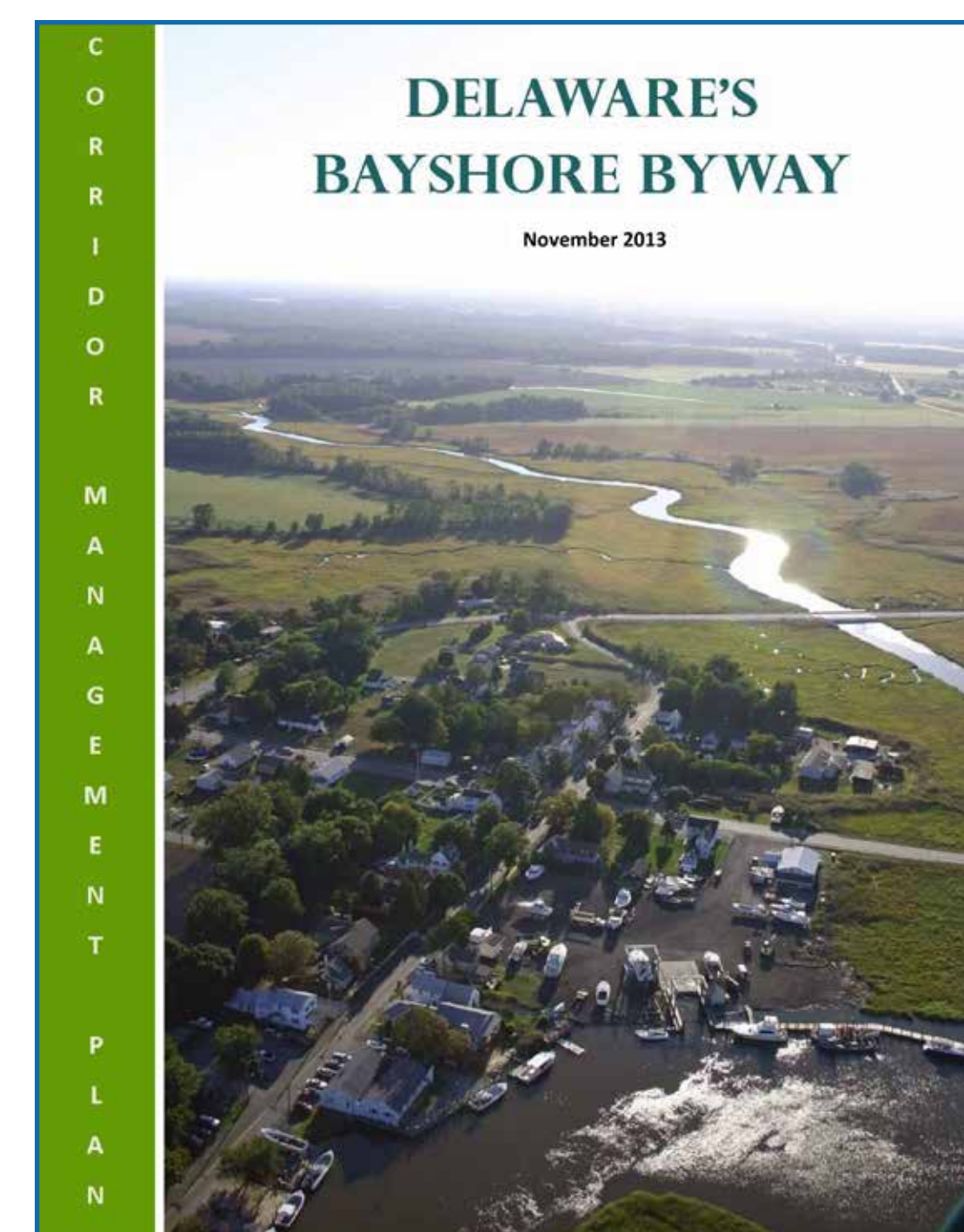




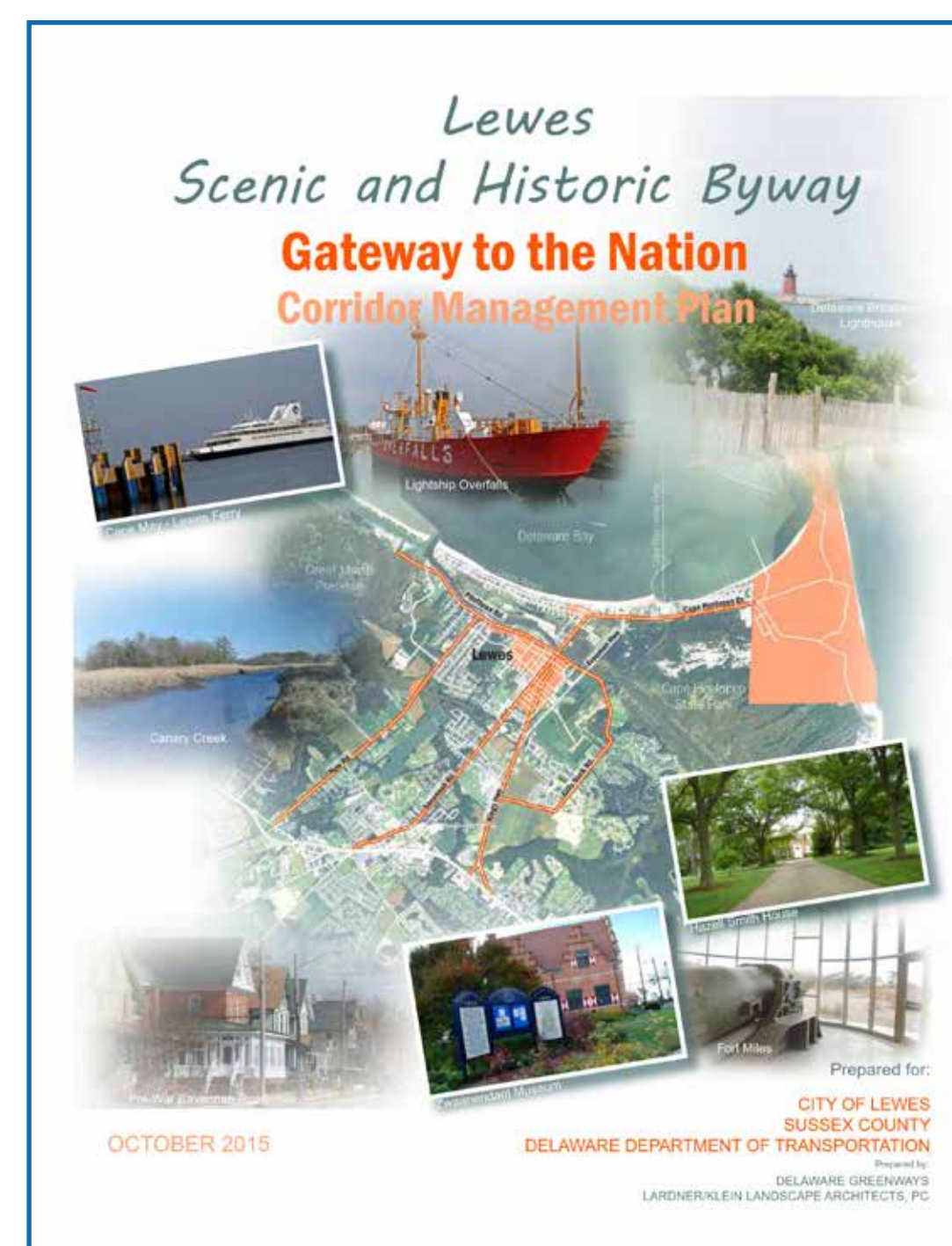
# Study Goals

- Utilize the Master Plan to “restore the character defining features of the historic route into town as it progresses through various eras of development and growth”
- Develop sections of Savannah Road together into a greater cohesive experience emanating from Lewes
- Improve non-motorized users’ perceptions of Savannah Road
- Create a long-term vision to plan for manageable and appropriate future development
- Strengthen the community and existing pride of residents and businesses

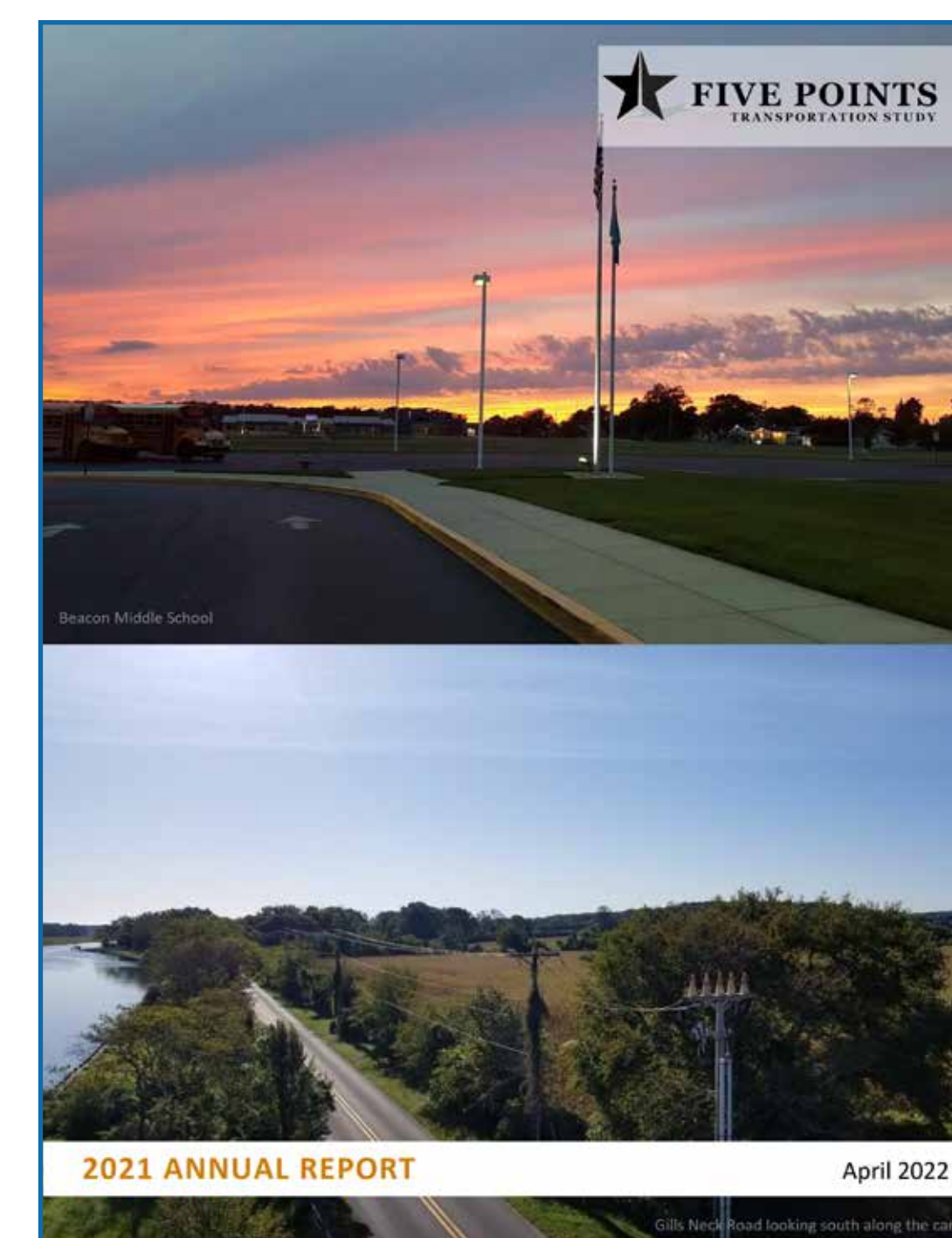
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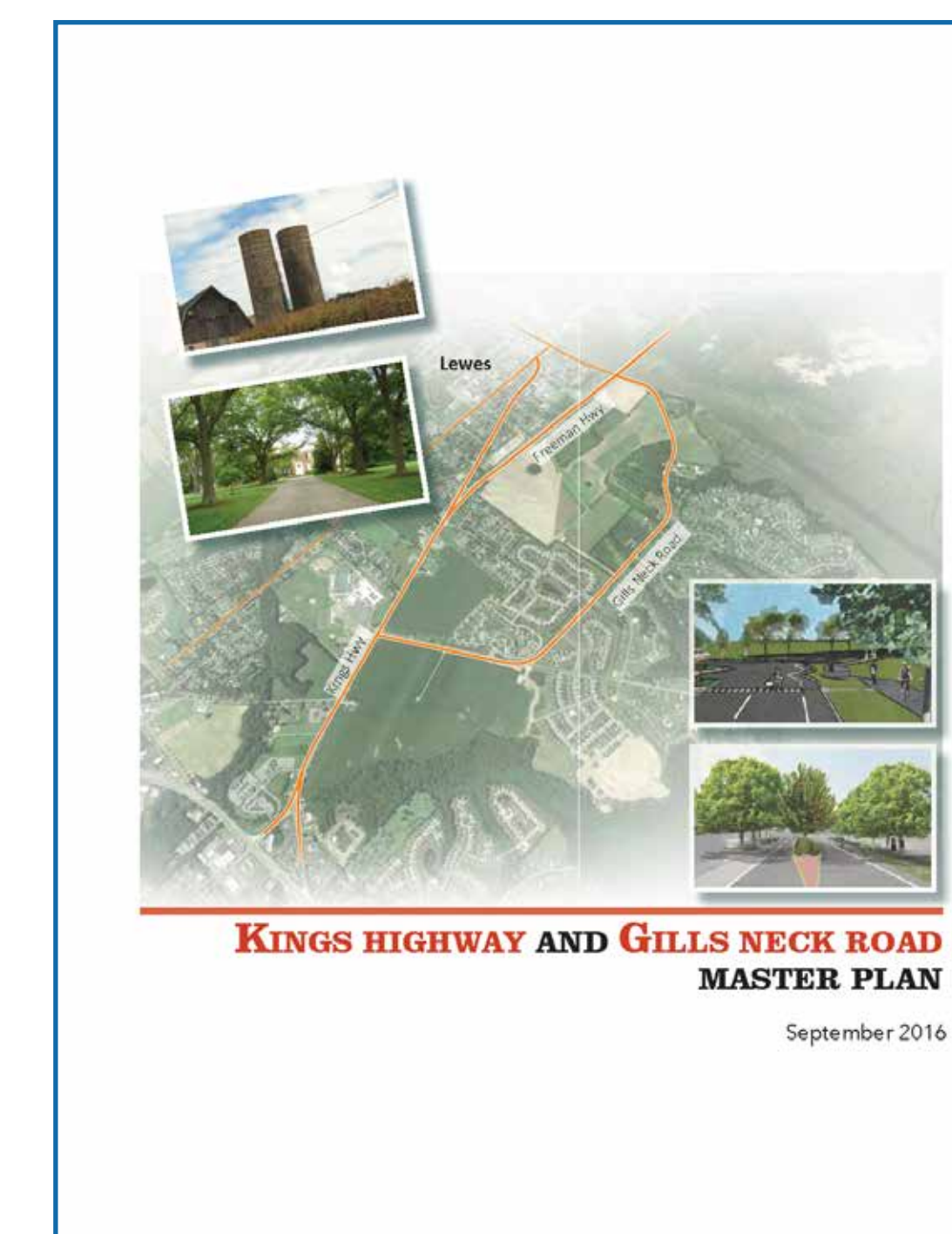
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Byway Corridor  
Management Plan  
2013



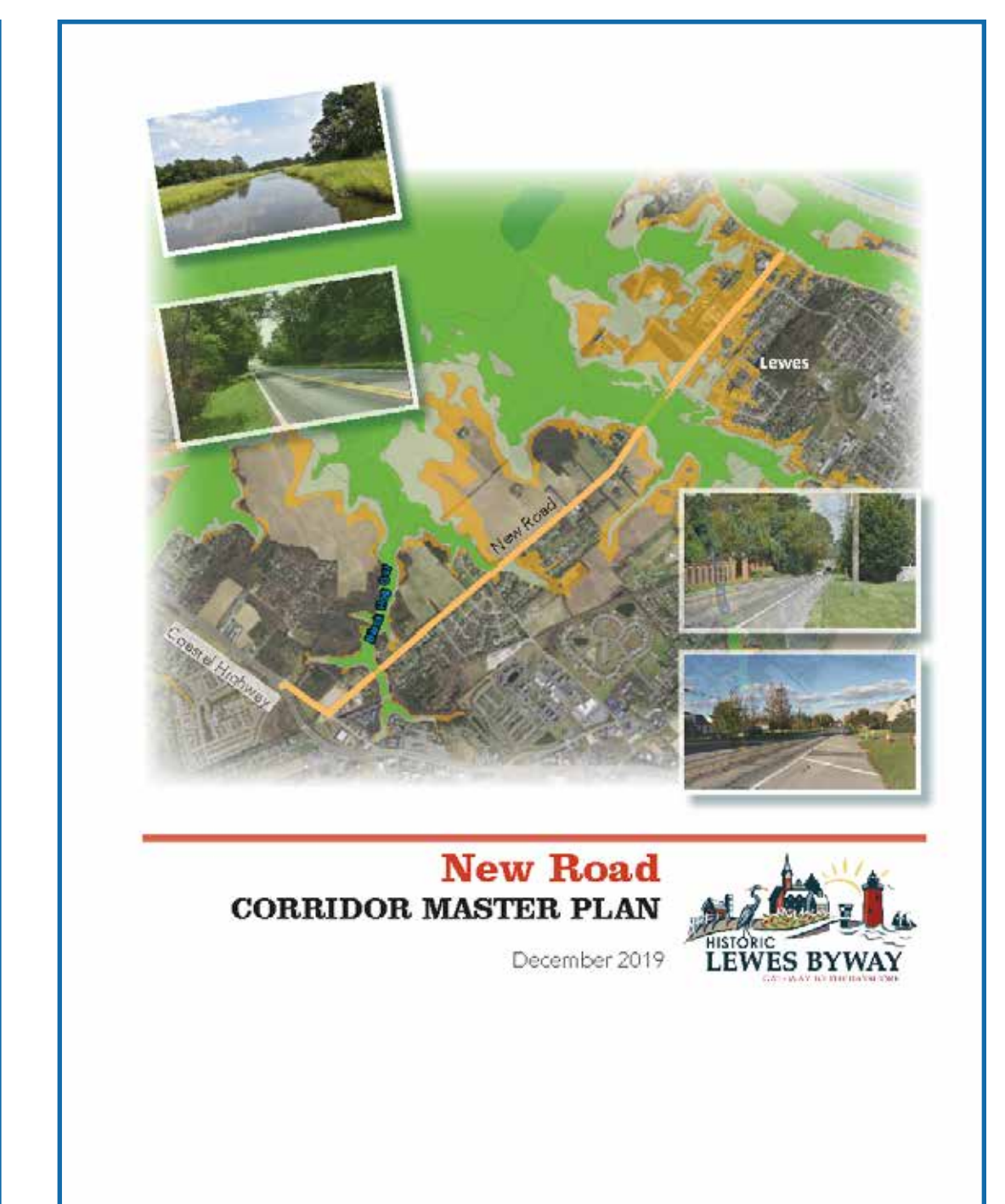
Historic Lewes  
Byway Corridor  
Management Plan  
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Five Points  
Transportation  
Study  
2019



Kings Highway and  
Gills Neck Road  
Master Plan  
2016



New Road  
Corridor  
Master Plan  
2019



# Concept Categories

## Short-Term

Concepts geared towards needs that can be completed in a smaller time frame

## Mid-Term

Concepts geared towards needs that are more difficult than short-term but still attainable in the foreseeable future

## Long-Term

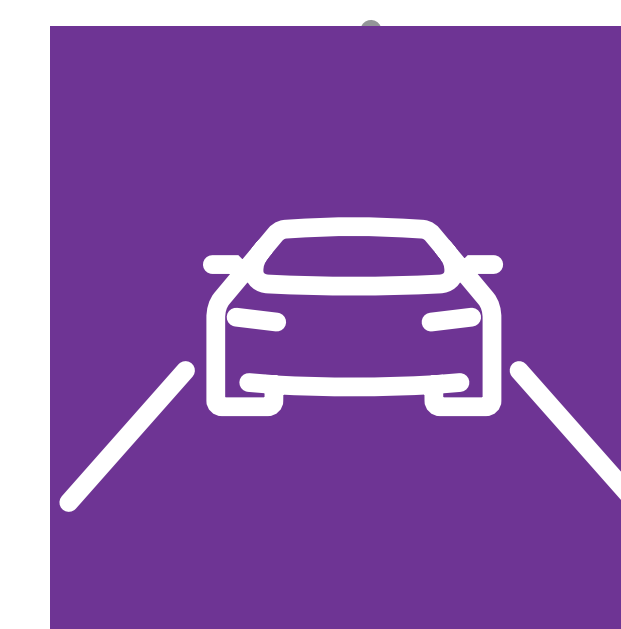
Concepts that are complex and would be attainable over an extended time frame



**Pedestrian  
Facilities**



**Bicycle  
Facilities**



**Traffic**



**Sense of Community  
& Character**



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# Short-Term Possibilities



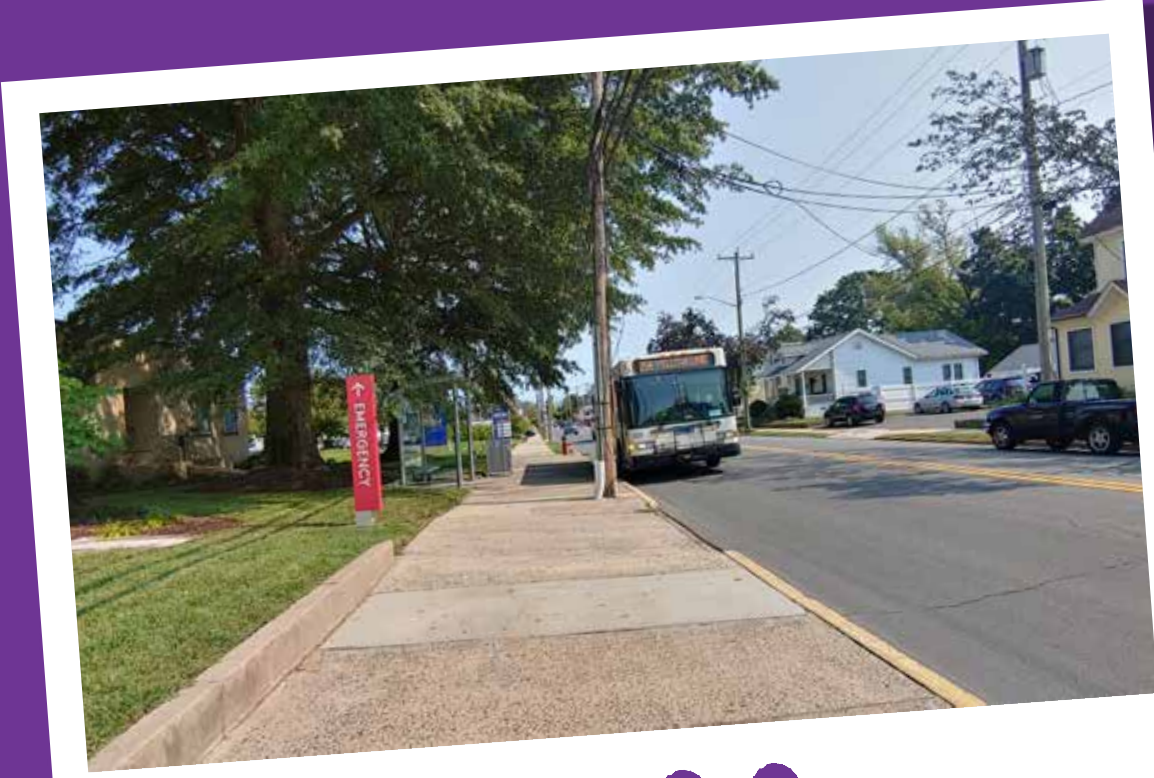
## Pedestrian

- Sidewalk pavement conditions
- ADA Compliance
- Crossing pushbutton signals
- Pedestrian pavement markings



## Bicycle

- Continuous connectivity
- Bicycle facility/warning signage



## Traffic

- Increase promotion/marketing of the City Bus Route to reduce vehicular traffic congestion
- Increase speed enforcement or radar enforced speed control



## Sense of Community & Character

- Wayfinding signage
- Improve/update existing signage
- Maintain landscaping on public right-of-way
- Encourage planters and native plants
- Signage for the Cape Henlopen Natural Area
- Enhance safety awareness and interaction between different transportation modes



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# Mid-Term Possibilities



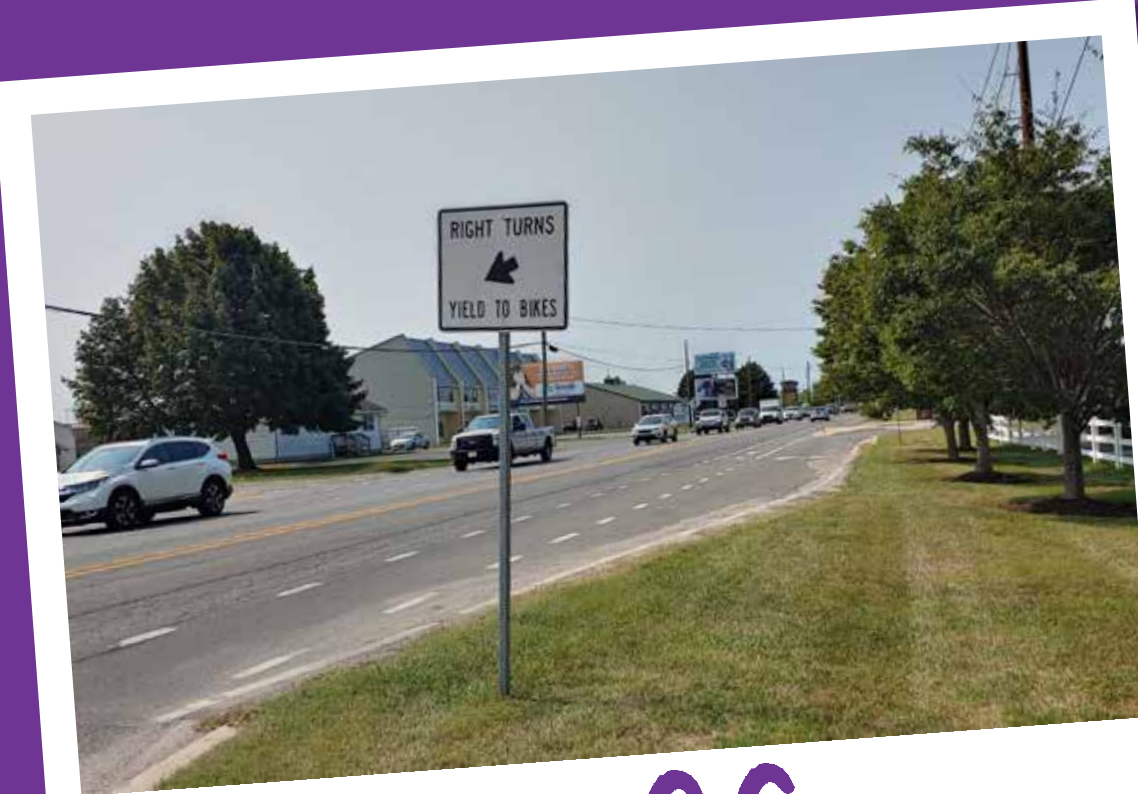
## Pedestrian

- Complete sidewalks paths on both sides of roadway
- Pedestrian/bike phase signal timing
- Easy to locate bus signage



## Bicycle

- Bike boxes at permitting intersections
- Extend existing cycle lanes
- Install bike racks
- Bike signage at transition areas



## Traffic

- Intersection congestion mitigation



## Sense of Community & Character

- Update crosswalks to make them visually distinct



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# Long-Term Possibilities



## Pedestrian

- Encourage locals walking and biking to school – Safe Routes to School



## Bicycle

- Shared use or cycle tracks in permitting areas



## Traffic

- Reduce posted speed limit
- Shared street concept in Downtown area
- Change parking regulations and codes to deter congestion



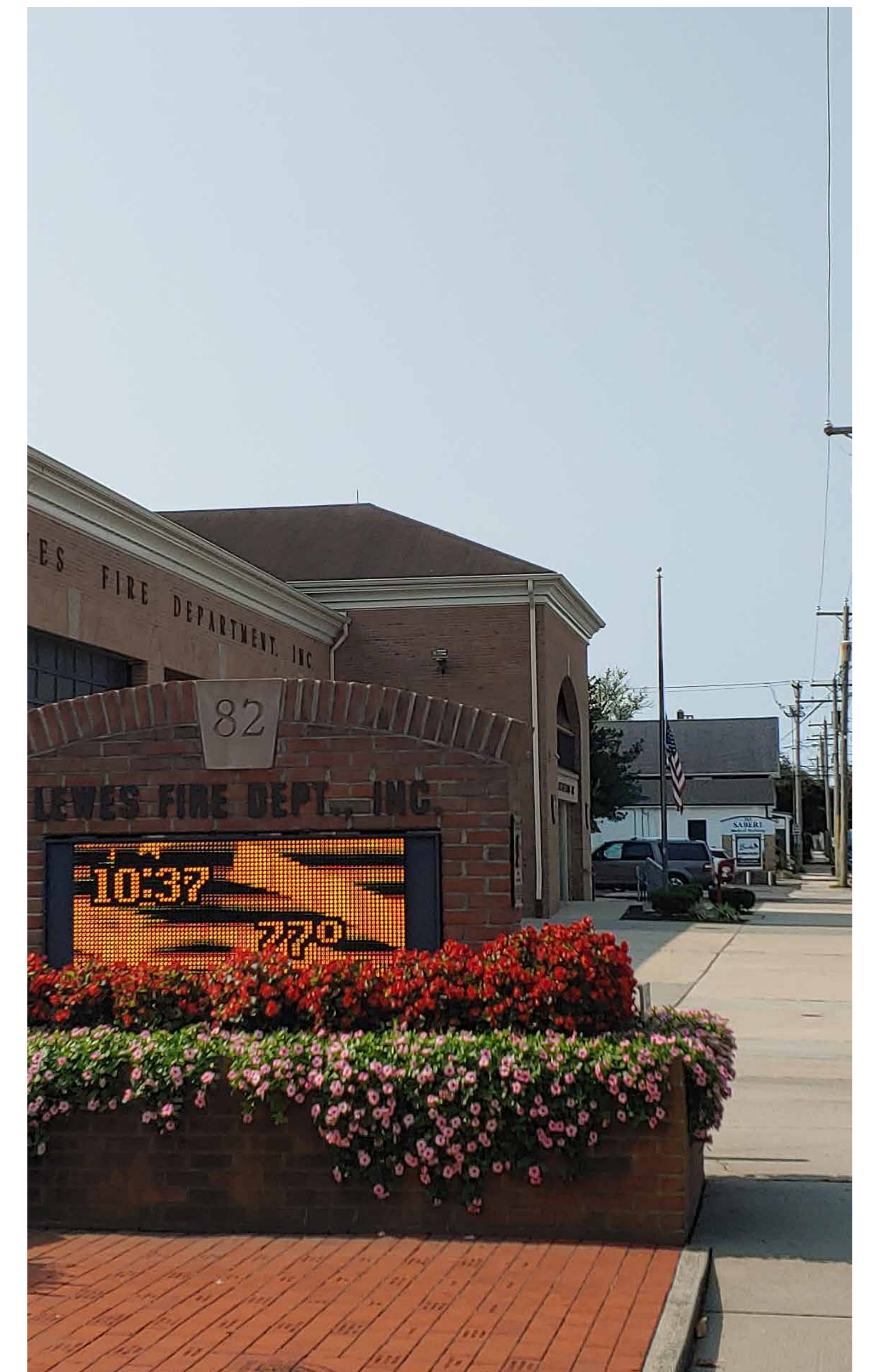
## Sense of Community & Character

- Boardwalk overlook at Cape Henlopen Natural Area
- Revise City and County ordinances to address Landscaping – trees, shade, green areas



# Environmental Concerns

- Preservation of the Cape Henlopen Natural Area
- Native plantings and species
- Erosion
- Runoff contaminants
- Coastal flooding
- Noise pollution



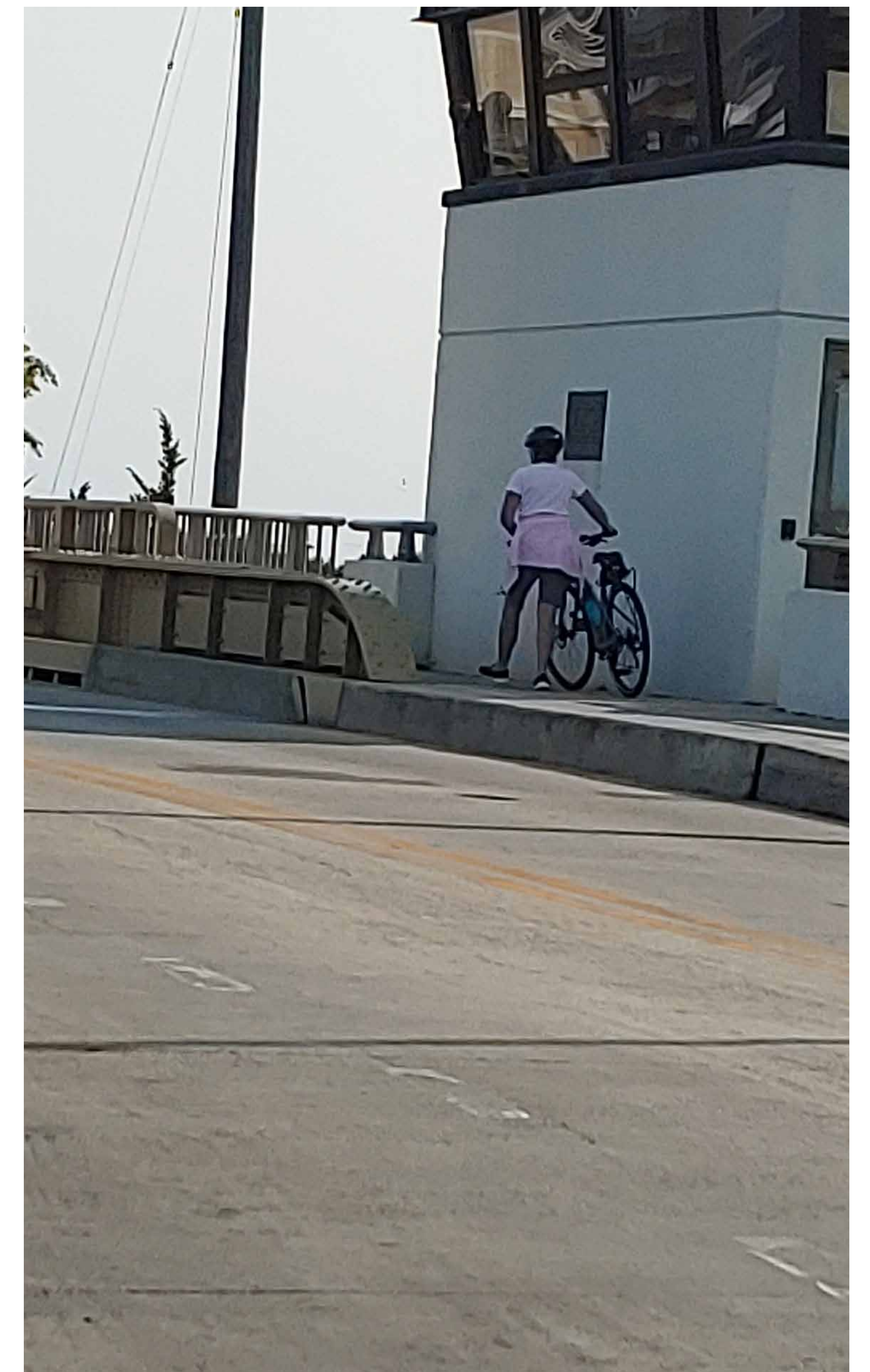


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# Community Concerns

- Traffic congestion
- Sense of community and character
- Parking
- Safety while walking or biking
- Safety for youth walking to school
- Connections

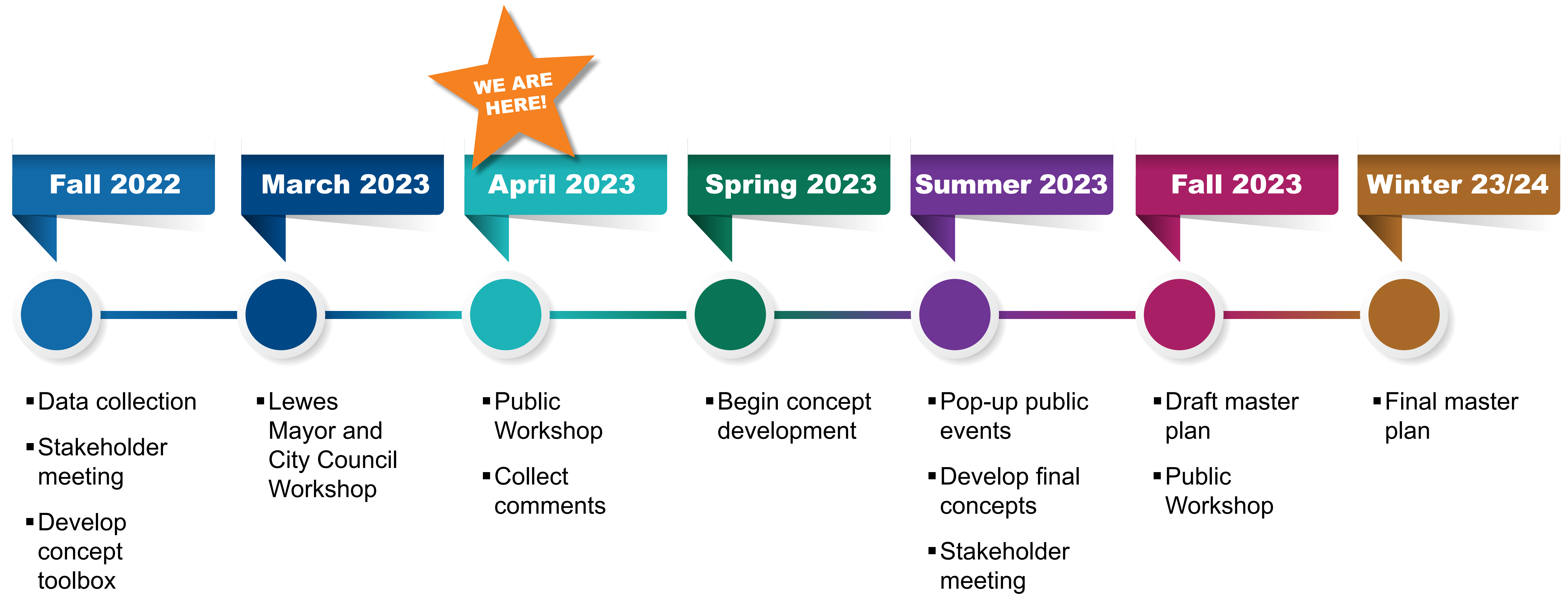




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# Schedule





# The Future Beyond the Master Plan

- 1 Incorporate findings into comprehensive plans**
- 2 Identify appropriate projects for further development and funding**
- 3 Implement findings through construction of improvements**

**The master plan provides future policy and decision-making guidance to Savannah Road stakeholders**

For example, the Master Plan can be used for:

- Guidance for design and components of DeIDOT Capital Projects
- Integration into Comprehensive Plans that lay out growth or physical elements of the Road
  - City of Lewes
  - Sussex County
- Private business and/or developer designs and coordination





# THANK YOU FOR JOINING US!


**We want your input!  
Please submit a comment.**

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