

**Project Presentation to Mayor
and
City Council of Lewes**

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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.”

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What is a 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 set back areas, landscaping recommendations, and multi-modal improvements
- Helps preserve the character of the Historic Lewes Byway
- Helps guide future planning and development

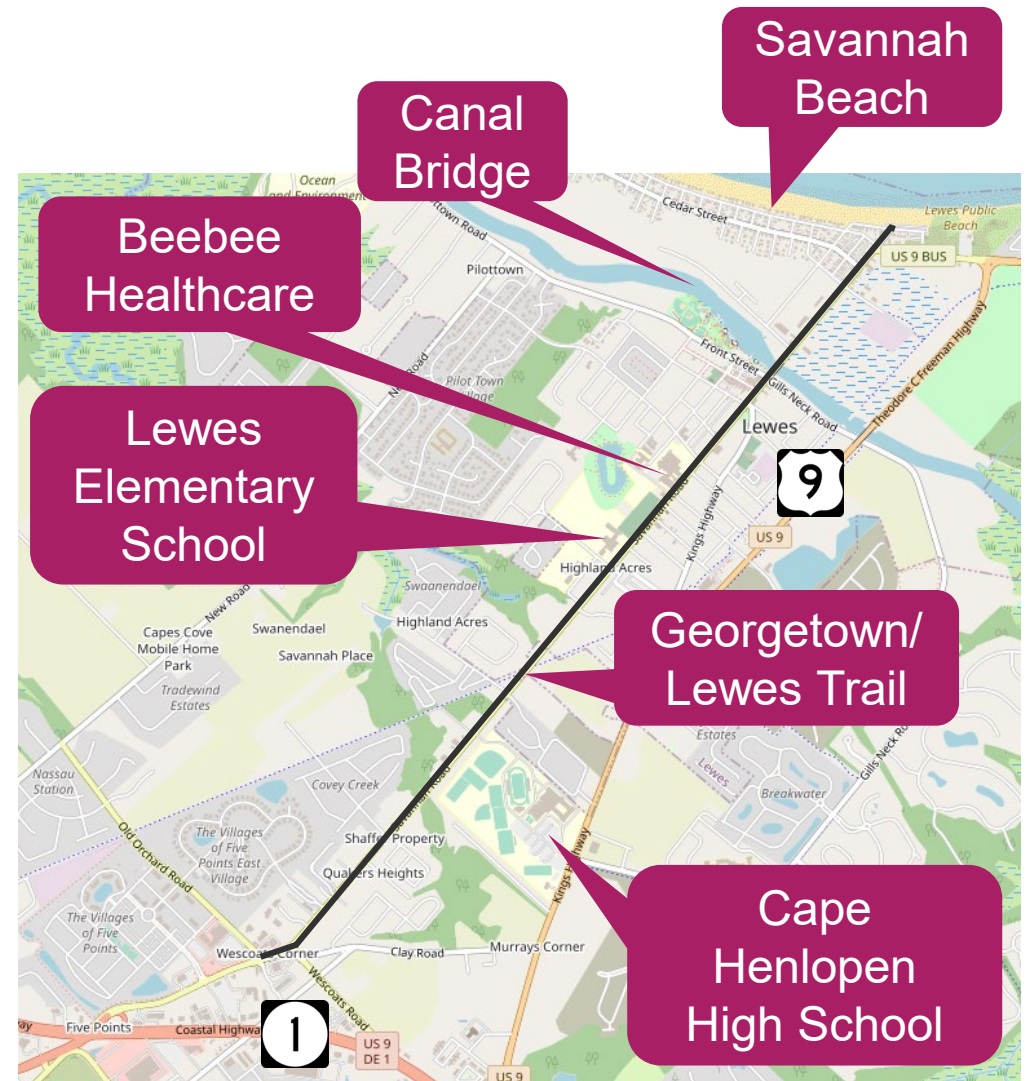


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Study Area

- Savannah Road (US 9 Business)
 - Northern limit: Savannah beach
 - Southern limit: Five Points
- Includes portions within the City of Lewes and Sussex County
- Three distinctive characters
 - Seaside
 - Downtown
 - Suburban





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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

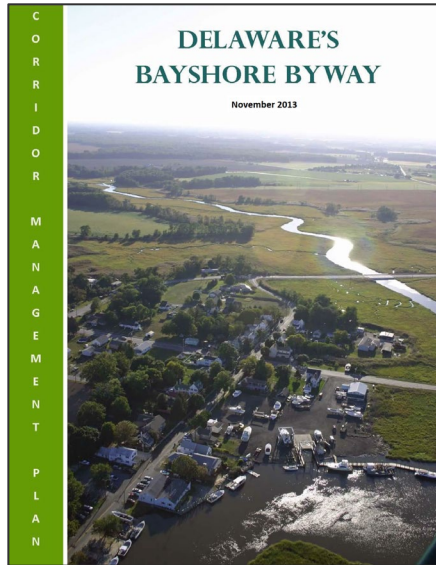




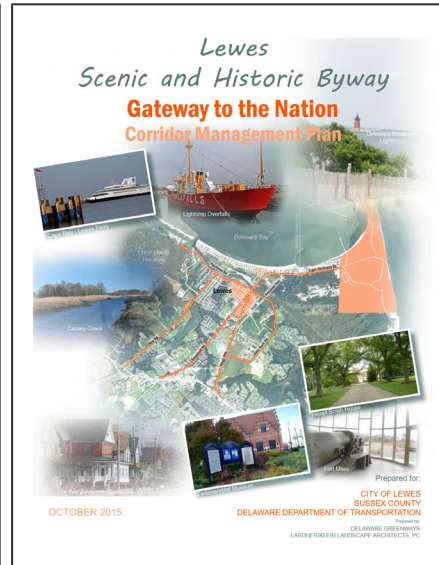
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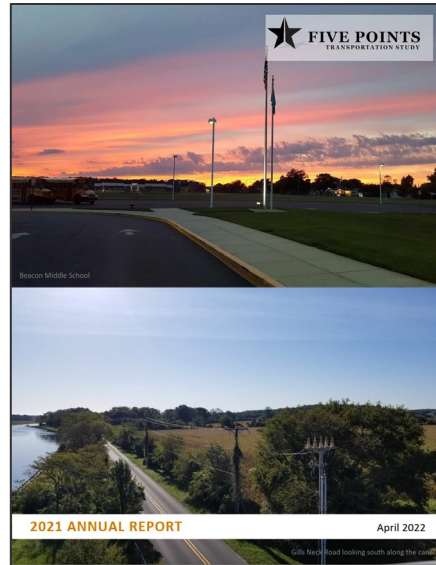
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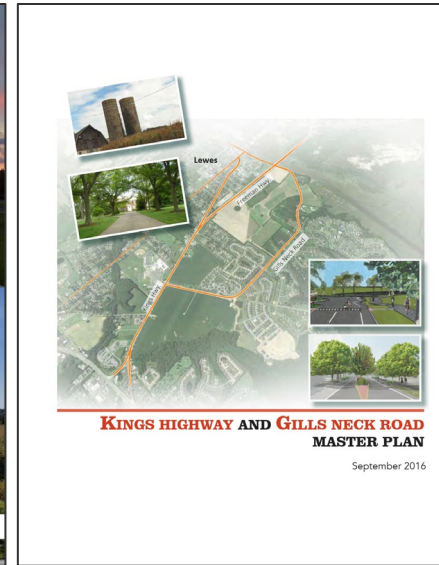
Delaware Byway Corridor Management Plan 2013



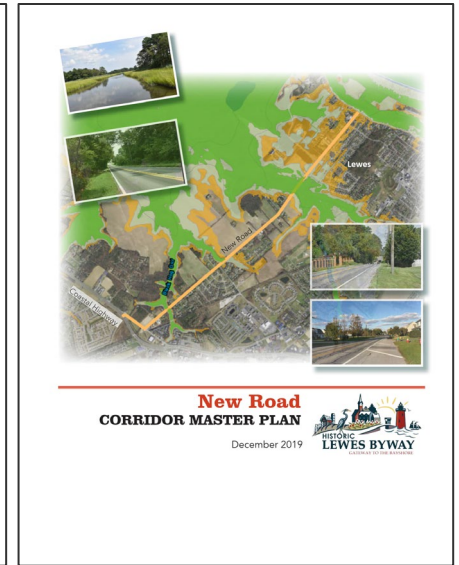
Historic Lewes Byway Corridor Management Plan 2015



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

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

Mid-Term Concepts

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

Long-Term Concepts

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



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



Sense of Community & Character

- Boardwalk overlook at Cape Henlopen Natural Area
- Landscaping – trees, shade, green areas



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The Diversity of Savannah Road Users & Stakeholders



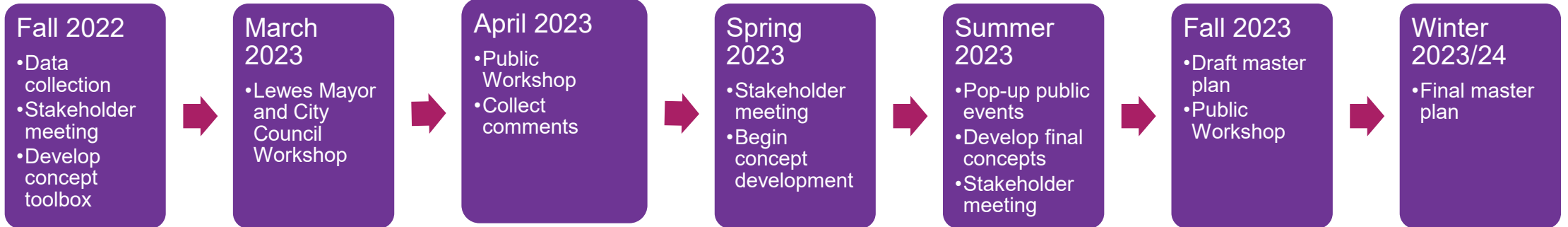


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Schedule

We are here!





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The Future Beyond the Master Plan

Incorporate findings into comprehensive plans

Identify appropriate projects for further development and funding

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



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Please join us for a public workshop!

Wednesday, April 26, 2023
Lewes Elementary School
6-8pm

View information on the study and help inform its progress!

There will be no formal presentation.
Attendees can visit any time during the workshop.

More information will be available at:

deldot.gov/Programs/byways

