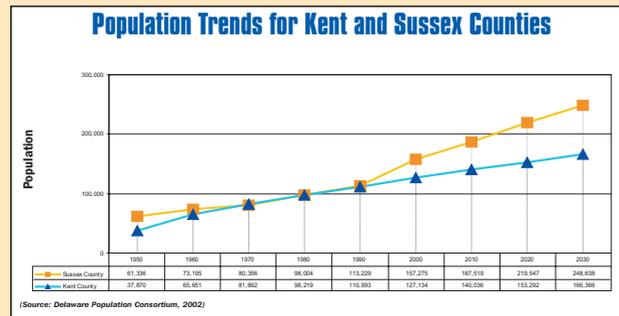


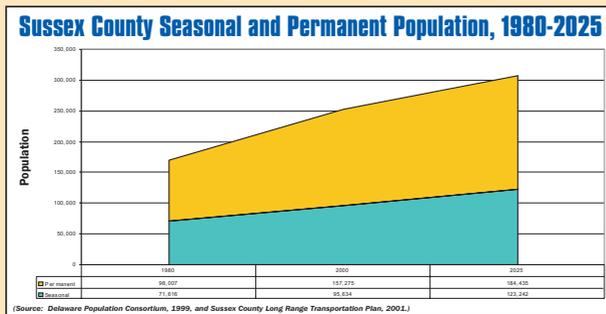


Population, Housing and Job Growth

- Sussex County population increased by 95% between 1970 and 2000 and will increase by another 37% to almost 250,000 people by 2030.
- Seasonal residents will bring the total population of Sussex County to 380,000 people by 2030.
- The steady increase in employment will continue, as the number of jobs in Sussex County will increase by nearly 20,000 (31%) between 2000 and 2025.



- The number of permanent households in Sussex County will increase by 67% between 2000 and 2030 to 104,000.
- Tourism has and will continue to play a vital role in Sussex County's economic growth.



Land Use Change

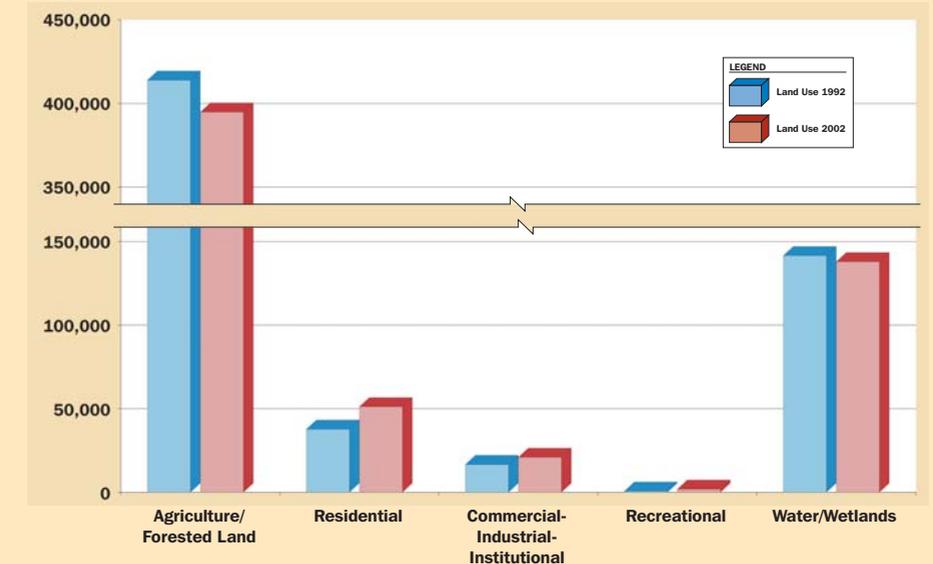
- In only five years (1992-97), residential development increased by 18% in the Milford area and 27% in the Georgetown South area.
- In 2002, Sussex County issued permits for the construction of over 4,000 dwelling units.
- There are plans for 6,000 new houses to be built in Sussex County outside of the incorporated towns.
- Escalating land costs and scarce availability of land are pushing development westward from the resort areas.
- All of the municipalities along US 113 are feeling substantial pressure for new development in their areas.



These growth trends have significant transportation implications for the US 113 corridor:

- Growth will generate continued demand for more transportation facilities.
- Addressing the travel patterns of the seasonal population must be part of any long-range transportation plan.
- Agriculture is an important industry in Sussex County. This industry has special transportation needs in getting its products to national and international markets.
- Potential highway improvements must be identified soon, and the future alignments protected.
- Development pressures moving west from the resort areas, combined with rapid population growth, will greatly increase traffic volumes on US 113.
- Increased traffic volumes will create more intense congestion over longer periods and could jeopardize safety and environmental/historic resources throughout the US 113 corridor.
- US 113 provides a vital link for inter-county and inter-state travel to serve existing businesses and to attract new industry.

Sussex County Land Use 1992-2002



	1992		2002		1992 - 2002	
	Acres	% of Co. Land	Acres	% of Co. Land	Acres	% Change
Agriculture/Forested Land	416,754	66.7	400,177	64.1	-16,577	-4.0
Residential	40,162	6.4	56,589	9.1	16,427	40.9
Commercial-Industrial-Institutional	19,259	3.1	20,240	3.2	981	5.1
Recreational	3,512	0.6	4,793	0.8	1,281	36.5
Water/Wetlands	144,884	23.2	142,833	22.9	2,051	-1.4
TOTAL	624,571		624,632			