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US 113 NORTH/SOUTH STUDY

Ellendale Area



Working Group

Meeting No. 2

September 13, 2004



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Project Notebook

- **Tab 1: PowerPoint Slides**
- **Tab 2: Comments of Agency Representatives**
- **Tab 3: Project Schedule**



Working Group Guidelines

- **How We Treat Each Other**
- **How We Make Recommendations**
- **How We Communicate with Those Outside the Working Group**



Working Group Guidelines

■ How We Treat Each Other

- Each member has an equal right to speak and ask questions. There are no “dumb questions.”
- Each member is encouraged to share individual viewpoints. Individual opinions are valid whether others agree with them or not.
- We will listen to, respect and seek to understand the views of others, particularly those perspectives that differ from our own.
- Disagreements will be explored not suppressed. In some instances, however, disagreements may be discussed outside of meetings so that we are not distracted from achieving the purpose of the meetings.
- We will be courteous when addressing other members, staff and consultants.
- We will refrain from interrupting each other, staff or consultants.
- We will keep our comments relevant to the topic under discussion.
- Draft materials, plans and reports shared by and among members, staff, and consultants shall be treated as working papers.



Working Group Guidelines

■ How We Make Recommendations

- The Working Group will operate by consensus whenever possible. Consensus does not necessarily mean agreement or active support by each member. Those not objecting are not necessarily indicating that they favor the proposal under consideration, but merely that they can “live with it.”
- In the absence of consensus, a super majority of three-quarters (75%) of the members present is required for approval of an action.
- The facilitator will seek the sense of the Working Group on an issue/action. If there is not unanimity and if a clear super majority does not exist, written ballots will be used.
- Members may designate an alternate to attend and participate in discussions in his or her absence. Alternates may vote in the absence of the member, except on the vote to adopt final recommendations.
- The vote to adopt final recommendations will be by super majority. Only members can vote and written “absentee” ballots will be accepted.
- Non-members shall attend meetings as observers and may be invited to offer comments if time allows.



Working Group Guidelines

- **How We Communicate with Those Outside the Working Group**
 - Ideas discussed within the Working Group should not be presented as representing the position of the group without the agreement of the group.
 - When speaking about the work of the Working Group outside of meetings, members are speaking for themselves only unless speaking from approved documents or positions of the Working Group.
 - Draft materials, plans and reports shared by and among members, staff and consultants shall be treated as working papers.



Overall Goals and Objectives

■ US 113 Study Goals

- To address existing and future transportation needs along US 113 while preserving environmental and historic resources and accommodating planned residential and economic growth
- To determine how to convert US 113 to a limited access highway
- To preserve as much of the existing north / south corridor in Sussex County as feasibly possible

■ US 113 Study Objectives

- To conduct the study in accordance with federal and state regulations
- To coordinate with Sussex and Kent Counties and the municipalities throughout the study process
- To keep the public informed about the US 113 North/South Study



Vision, Goals, and Objectives

Ellendale Area

- **Vision = Desired Future**
- **Goals and Objectives = Guide for Developing and Evaluating Alternatives**
- **Tab 5**
- **Vision, Goals, and Objectives considered:**
 - Results of Listening Tour and Workshops
 - Ellendale Comprehensive Plan (DRAFT)
 - Sussex County Comprehensive Plan
 - Sussex County Long Range Transportation Plan
 - DelDOT's Long Range Transportation Plan
 - Delaware's Strategies for State Policies and Spending
 - Livable Delaware Initiatives



Vision

- **The US 113 Working Group for the greater Ellendale Area envisions a future for the area where:**
 - The movement of people and goods in the study area is not hampered by traffic congestion as experienced today in parts of Sussex County.
 - The character and quality of life in the greater Ellendale Area have been enhanced and the area continues to be a safe and attractive place for residents to live, work and play and for visitors to enjoy.
 - Mobility and accessibility for local residents, police, fire emergency services and businesses have been preserved and improved.
 - The historic, archaeological, agricultural and natural resources in the greater Ellendale Area have been protected while growth, both economic and residential, has been sustained.

- **We expect realization of this vision for the future of the Ellendale Area will require efforts at two levels.**
 - First, a comprehensive outreach effort with community, business and other stakeholder groups.
 - Second, strengthened communication and coordination among municipal, county, state and federal governments.



Goals

- **The end result will be an efficient transportation infrastructure for the greater Ellendale Area that meets the following goals:**
 - Supports responsible and sustainable land development and economic growth while accommodating the anticipated growth in local, seasonal and through traffic
 - Avoids negative impacts from transportation improvements to natural, cultural and historic resources
 - Respects private property rights of owners on US 113 and along any new alignment.
 - Includes a limited access, through traffic, route to points north and south of the study area
 - Allows for the separation of through (regional) and seasonal traffic from local traffic
 - Preserves and enhances capacity on existing US Route 113
 - Includes improved connections between east-west and north-south routes
 - Enhances the local road network and creates a comprehensive transportation system that accommodates the needs of all modes of transportation serving the residents of the greater Ellendale Area



Objectives

■ Mobility/Accessibility

- Separate local traffic from through and seasonal traffic
- Provide more travel options for residents
- Develop a broader range of transportation options (bus, bike and pedestrian ways)
- Improve the connections between east/west and north/south routes
- Preserve or increase, where possible, traffic capacity on existing US 113

■ Congestion

- Reduce traffic congestion by providing additional capacity where needed
- Limit the negative impacts of traffic on neighborhoods
- Improve traffic ingress/egress for businesses

■ Safety

- Improve safety of residents-pedestrians, bicyclists, children, drivers and transit users in the greater Ellendale Area
- Separate through traffic from local traffic, where feasible
- Improve accessibility for emergency services
- Enhance safe access to schools, parks and recreation sites, community facilities, businesses and institutions



Objectives

■ Land Use Planning

- Accommodate planned growth and the resulting traffic
- Coordinate transportation improvements with approved land use patterns and utility systems
- Be consistent with [Delaware's Livable Delaware Initiatives](#), Strategies for State Policies and Spending and Kent, Sussex County and Ellendale comprehensive plans

■ Environment

- Conduct a comprehensive assessment of environmental resources and impacts on those resources
- Avoid adverse affects to farmland, historic, archaeological and natural resources
- Develop minimization and mitigation measures where avoidance is not feasible

■ Aesthetics

- Improve the view to and from the road
- Maintain and enhance the character of the greater Ellendale Area
- Use context sensitive design and construction techniques
- Employ a full range of aesthetic options in addressing transportation needs and congestion in the greater Ellendale Area



Objectives

■ Intergovernmental Coordination

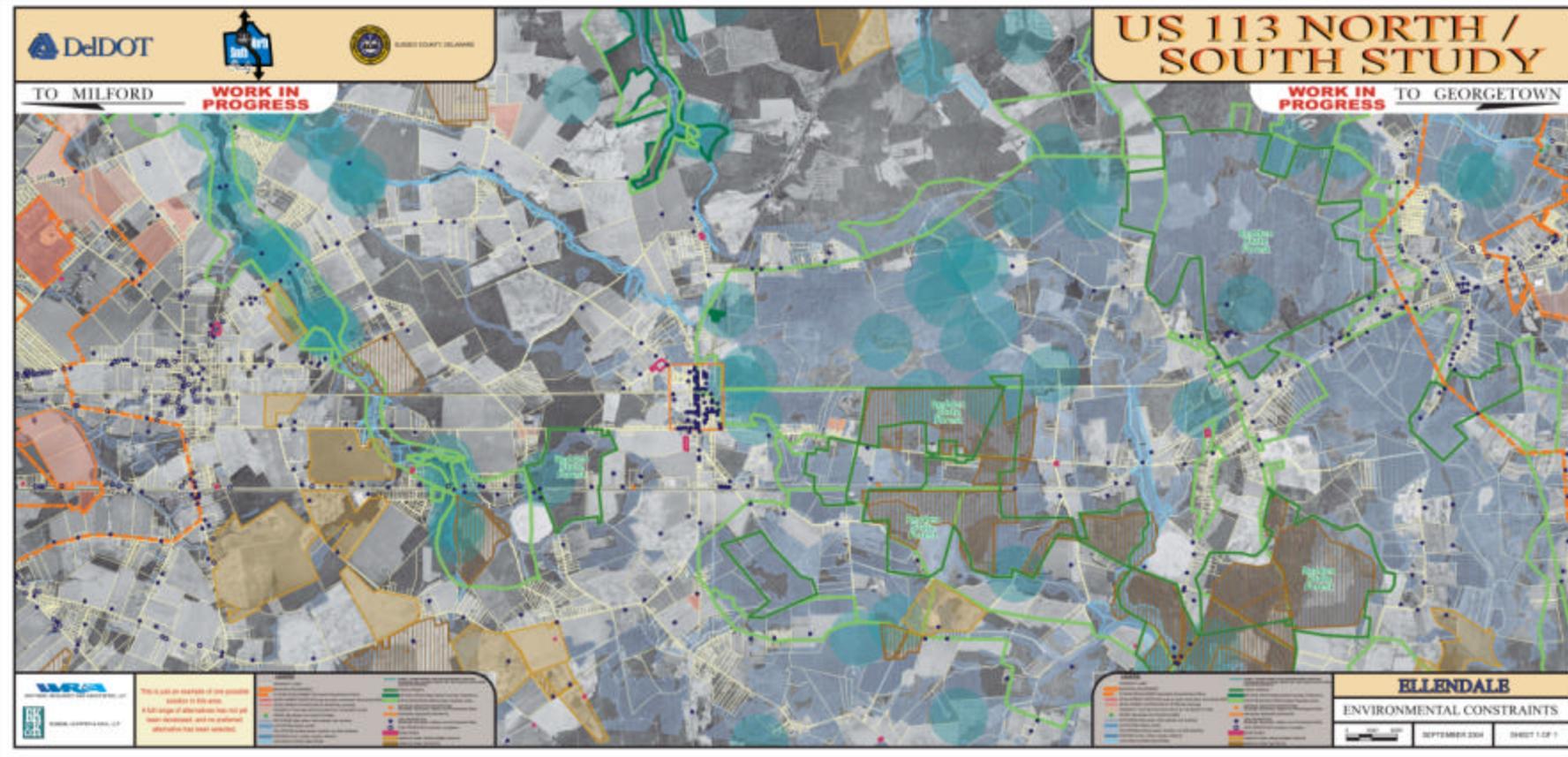
- Increase the level of cooperation and coordination among Sussex County, Ellendale and other towns along the US 113 Corridor and DeIDOT and other State agencies regarding the linkages between land use and transportation
- Comply with federal and state agency environmental and historic resource regulations and requirements

■ Public Outreach

- Undertake comprehensive public outreach efforts including, public workshops; meetings with community, business and interest groups; newspaper articles; a project web site and other appropriate outreach techniques to obtain citizen input
- Consider citizen input, ideas, suggestions, concerns and solutions before developing options and recommending solutions



Environmental Constraints Map



Recent Project Team Meetings

- **May 11, 2004:** Milford Area Working Group Field Tour & Working Group Meeting No. 3
- **May 13, 2004:** Georgetown Area Working Group Field Tour & Working Group Meeting No. 3
- **May 19, 2004:** Millsboro-South Area Working Group Field Tour & Working Group Meeting No. 3
- **June 1, 2004:** Natural Resources Agencies
- **June 7, 2004:** Millsboro-South Area Public Workshop No. 2
- **June 9, 2004:** Milford Area Public Workshop No. 2
- **June 10, 2004:** Cultural Resources / GIS Mapping Meeting - Resource Agencies
- **June 14, 2004:** Georgetown Area Public Workshop No. 2
- **June 15, 2004:** Project Team – Pre-Agency Field Tour (Milford Area)
- **July 8, 2004:** Environmental Resource Agencies – Quarterly Meeting
- **July 20, 2004:** Ellendale Area Working Group Meeting No. 1
- **July 22, 2004:** Cultural Resources Predictive Model Presentation to Agencies
- **July 27, 2004:** Resource Agencies Field Tour – Natural Resources (Milford Area)
- **Sept 8, 2004:** Resource Agency Meeting - Review Preliminary Alternatives



Upcoming Working Group Meetings

- **Sept 13, 2004:** **Ellendale Area Working Group Meeting No. 2**
 - 7:00 – 9:15 PM at Ellendale Volunteer Fire Company, 302 Main Street, Ellendale
- **Sept 20, 2004:** **Milford Area Working Group Meeting No. 4**
 - 5:30 - 8:30 PM at Carlisle Fire Company, Banquet Hall 615 N.W. Front Street, Milford
- **Sept 29, 2004:** **Millsboro-South Area Working Group Meeting No. 4**
 - 5:30 - 8:30 PM at Millsboro Fire Company, Dining Hall 109 E. State Street, Millsboro
- **Sept 30, 2004:** **Georgetown Area Working Group Meeting No. 4**
 - 5:30 - 8:30 PM at CHEER Community Center 20520 Sand Hill Road, Georgetown
- **Oct 18, 2004:** **Georgetown Area Working Group Meeting No. 5**
 - 5:30 - 8:30 PM at CHEER Community Center 20520 Sand Hill Road, Georgetown
- **Oct 25, 2004:** **Milford Area Working Group Meeting No. 5**
 - 5:30 - 8:30 PM at Carlisle Fire Company, Banquet Hall 615 N.W. Front Street, Milford
- **Nov 3, 2004:** **Millsboro-South Area Working Group Meeting No. 5**
 - 5:30 - 8:30 PM at Millsboro Fire Company, Dining Hall 109 E. State Street, Millsboro



Upcoming Workshops

- **Nov 8, 2004:** **Milford Area Workshop No. 3**
 - 4:00 – 7:00 PM at Carlisle Fire Company, Banquet Hall
615 N.W. Front Street, Milford

- **Nov 9, 2004:** **Georgetown Area Workshop No. 3**
 - 4:00 – 7:00 PM at CHEER Community Center
20520 Sand Hill Road, Georgetown

- **Nov 15, 2004:** **Millsboro-South Area Workshop No. 3 (Millsboro)**
 - 4:00 – 7:00 PM at Millsboro Fire Company, Dining Hall
109 E. State Street, Millsboro

- **Nov 16, 2004:** **Millsboro-South Area Workshop No. 3 (Selbyville)**
 - 4:00 – 7:00 PM at Selbyville Fire Company, Meeting Room
31 North Main Street, Selbyville

- **Nov 18, 2004:** **Ellendale Area Workshop No. 1**
 - 4:00 – 7:00 PM at Ellendale Volunteer Fire Company,
302 Main Street, Ellendale



Preliminary Alternative

**“On-Alignment” at 400’ scale
(3 color foldouts)**



Next Working Group Meeting

- **Agenda:** Discuss / Recommend Preliminary Alternative for Further Study
- **Date:** To Be Determined
- **Time:** 5:30 - 8:30 PM
- **Location:** Ellendale Fire Company, 302 Main Street, Ellendale



Next Steps

- **Oct:** Resource Agencies provide input on Preliminary Alternatives and Assessment of Effects (October 14, 2004)
- **Oct:** Working Groups Reconvene – develop recommendations on Alternatives to be retained for more detailed study and those recommended to be dropped
- **Nov:** Public Workshops (5) – Present Preliminary Alternatives / Assessment of Effects and recommendations on alternatives to be retained for more detailed study and those recommended to be dropped

