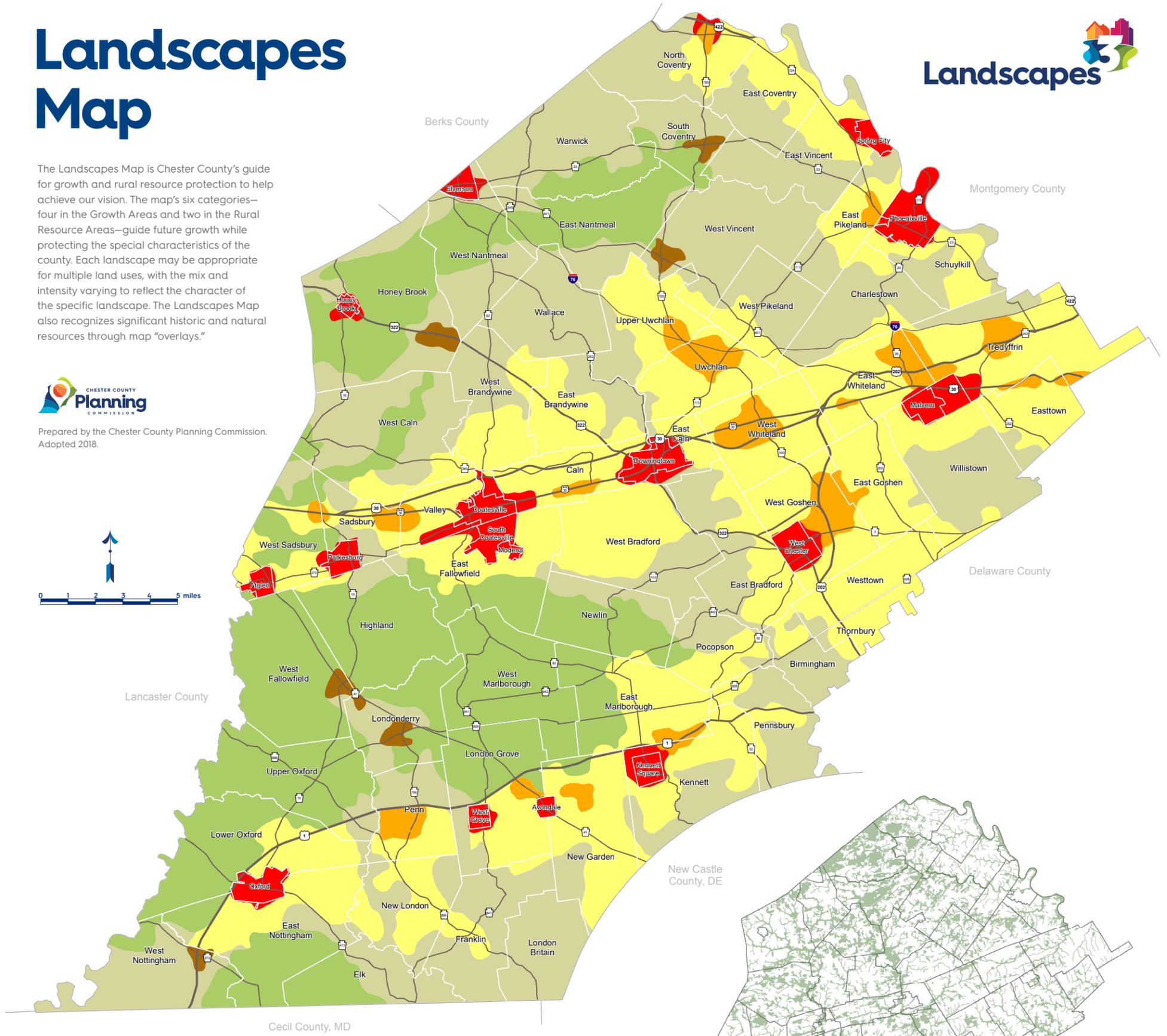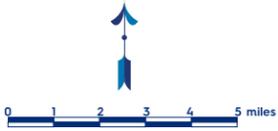# Landscapes Map

The Landscapes Map is Chester County's guide for growth and rural resource protection to help achieve our vision. The map's six categories—four in the Growth Areas and two in the Rural Resource Areas—guide future growth while protecting the special characteristics of the county. Each landscape may be appropriate for multiple land uses, with the mix and intensity varying to reflect the character of the specific landscape. The Landscapes Map also recognizes significant historic and natural resources through map "overlays."

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Growth Areas

The four landscape categories of the Growth Areas can best accommodate future growth, are planned for a full range of infrastructure, and are highly suitable for redevelopment.

Urban Center
Historic downtowns and established neighborhoods that serve as civic, economic, and population centers.

Suburban Center
Regional economic, population, and transportation centers with varying land uses.

Suburban
Predominantly residential communities with locally-oriented commercial uses and community facilities.

Rural Center
Often an extension of a village at a historic crossroads.

Rural Resource Areas

The two landscape categories of the Rural Resource Areas are not appropriate for significant growth, strongly reflect the agricultural and rural character of the county, and serve as a focus for preservation efforts.
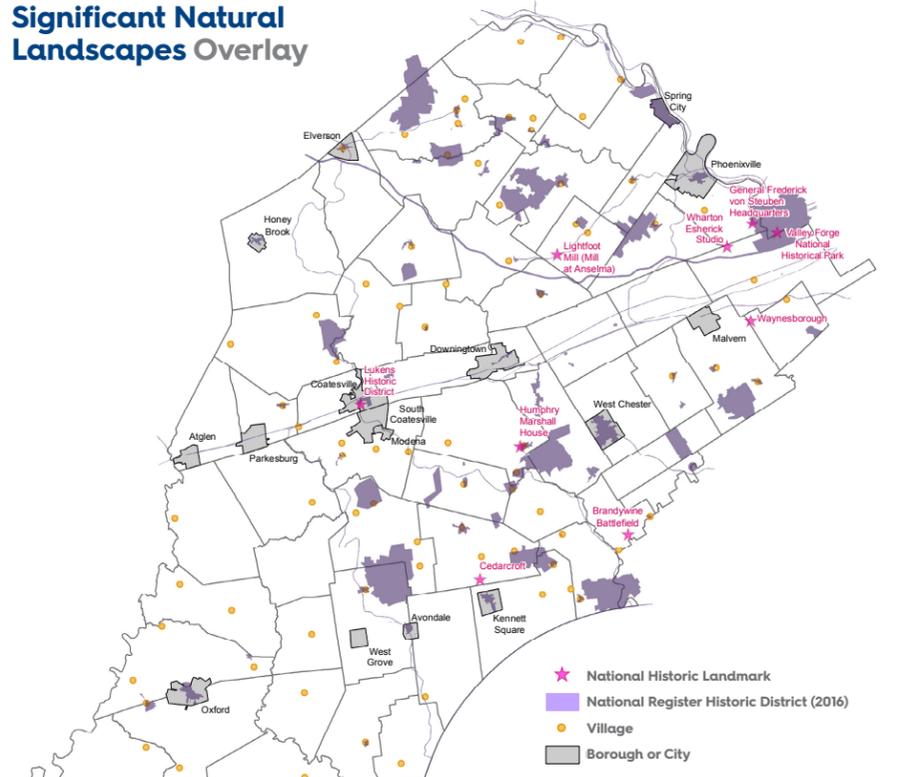
Rural
Open and wooded lands, with scattered villages, farms, and residential uses.

Agricultural
Large concentrations of active and diverse farm operations, along with related support services.

Landscapes

Significant Natural Landscapes

Significant Natural Landscapes Overlay

★ National Historic Landmark
▨ National Register Historic District (2016)
• Village
▢ Borough or City

Significant Historic Landscapes Overlay