



Chester County Comprehensive Plan Update Economic Development Issues Facing Chester County

Top 5 Issues

- Continue and increase investment in all types of transportation infrastructure to facilitate access, reduce congestion, efficiently move goods, and increase connectivity.
- Develop and attract a skilled workforce for the success of existing and potential businesses.
- Encourage flexible zoning to accommodate a range of commercial, office, and industrial development opportunities, including mixed use.
- Maintain and strengthen education to ensure curriculum meets changing workforce trends, technology, and skillsets.
- Increase connections between employers and the education system to increase opportunities for training, internships, co-ops, skills development, and hiring.

All Other Identified Issues

- Provide affordable housing options for workers throughout the wage scale.
- Improve regional coordination between municipalities on issues such as land use, zoning, and transportation improvements.
- Increase the use, innovation, and marketing of financial tools and incentives for businesses, particularly for start-ups and small businesses.
- Attract and retain businesses in Chester County through coordination and outreach among various businesses and organizations.
- Streamline or incentivize land use regulations so that projects can proceed more quickly and efficiently while promoting best practices.
- Promote the latest in innovation and technology to provide a competitive advantage for business success in Chester County.