



FYI NEWSLETTER

January 2023 Updates

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Legislative Updates

- New Castle County
 - Ordinance 22-135 Implementing a Moratorium on major and minor land development applications proposing a warehouse or similar building or facility of 150,000 square fee or larger in New Castle County
 - This was heard by the state PLUS board on 1/25/23. The Committee of 100 provided a comment in opposition to the Ordinance. We are anticipating that it will be on the New Castle County meeting agendas in early March 2023. We are continuing to work with several stakeholder organizations in strongly opposing the ordinance. If you would like additional information or would like to join in the opposition effort, please contact <u>ekeller@committeeof100.com</u>.
 - Ordinance 22-112 Amending New Castle County Code Chapter 40 ("Unified Development Code") to establish a protected open space zoning district
 - This is on the planning board agenda for February 7, 2023.
- State
 - <u>HB36</u> An act to amend Title 30 of the Delaware Code relating to the realty transfer tax
 - This act would decrease the rate of the realty transfer tax by 1%. The Committee of 100 joined several other organizations in support of the legislation. It has been released from the House Revenue and Finance Committee and will be assigned to the House Appropriation Committee.

- <u>SB35 w/SA2</u> (Mini-Bond Bill) An act to amend the laws of Delaware relating to the Bond and Capital Improvements Act of the State of Delaware and certain of its authorities for the Fiscal Year ending June 30, 2023.
 - This has passed the Senate and House and is awaiting the Governor's signature. This includes several projects ranging from Community Transportation Funds, remediation of lead contaminated drinking water infrastructures and a pilot program to include Community Workforce Agreements. Please see the <u>bill</u> for details.

NCC2050 Info. Sessions

NCC2050 Economic Development/Redevelopment Info. Session

- Reminder The NCC Land Use Dept. is hosting a workshop to discuss next steps regarding the implementation of recommendations from the Comp. Plan. At tonight's session, they're planning to discuss economic development. Specifically, proposed policies/code changes for Redevelopment and large logistic centers/industrial buildings. Please note that this is hybrid. But, to participate in the discussion, you have to attend in person.
 - January 31, 2023 5:30 p.m. 7:30 p.m.
 - NCC Gilliam Building Multi Purpose Conference Room 67 Reads Way New Castle, DE 19720 & Virtual
 - Register at <u>https://www.eventbrite.com/e/ncc2050-</u> economic-development-the-community-informationsession-tickets-500778210107

NCC2050 Environmental Justice Info. Session

 NCC Land Use Dept. held an info. session on January 18th. They are seeking input on three questions for next steps in implementing Comp. Plan recommendations. Please <u>click</u> <u>here</u> for the form. Please feel free to send input to <u>LandUse@Newcastlede.gov</u>.

Dinner Meeting Presentations

- January 2023 Dinner Meeting Economic Development
 - We were joined by Representative Bill Bush (RD29), Chair of the Economic Development/Banking/Insurance & Commerce Committee and Kurt Foreman, President & CEO of the Delaware Prosperity Partnership (DPP), to provide an update on the state's economic development initiatives. To view the DPP's presentation, please <u>click here</u>.
- November 2022 Dinner Meeting Workforce Development
 - We were joined by a panel to discuss workforce opportunities and challenges in the state. The panel included a preview of data from the Workforce Development Board. To view the highlights of the study, please <u>click here</u>.



Please join The Committee of 100 for the February Member Reception at at the newly constructed Chancery Market Food Hall & Bar.

Come enjoy networking, cocktails and a chance to hear about this new space! Light hors d'oeuvres will be served.

Special thank you to Colonial Parking who will be providing validation vouchers for their 12th & Orange garage.

Please register at <u>https://thecommitteeof100.com/event-5095286</u> by February 17th at Noon.

February Member Reception

WILMAPCO Our Town 2023

Join WILMAPCO on February 8, 2023 to share thoughts on the draft 2050 Regional Transportation Plan 2023 Update. Learn more and register at <u>http://www.wilmapco.org/ourtown</u>.

Startup 302

Applications are now open for Startup 302. Startup 302 is a Delaware-based funding competition for technology-enabled startups led by underrepresented founders. Winners will receive prize money, access to mentors, and valuable connections in the startup ecosystem. Learn more at <u>https://gust.com/programs/startup-302-spring-2022</u>. If you're interested in sponsorship opportunities for Startup 302, please contact ecrell@choosedelaware.com.

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