



Chester County Comprehensive Plan Update Community Health Issues Facing Chester County

Top 5 Issues

- Need to improve access to and general availability of high quality and preventative healthcare, especially for children, low income, and aging populations.
- Need to provide access to healthy, fresh and affordable food for everyone, particularly those at risk of food insecurity.
- Need to provide better access to community supportive services and programs to the most vulnerable populations throughout Chester County.
- Need to provide better access to and expansion of public transportation services for all residents.
- Need to address the increasing problem of obesity, especially childhood obesity, and provide opportunities for physical activity.

All Other Identified Issues

- Need to provide more affordable housing closer to employment centers, recreational opportunities, and healthy food options.
- Need to address declining volunteerism to maintain the viability of emergency services organizations.
- Need to address climate change resiliency within the built environment, including stormwater best management practices.
- Need to provide ADA accessible sidewalks, bike lanes, and bike routes within urban and suburban centers to increase active transportation opportunities and multimodal interconnectivity.
- Need to provide a system of multi-use trails that will interconnect urban and suburban growth areas and destinations.

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