GIS Story Maps Empower and Engage Stakeholders in Planning for Complete Communities in Delaware

**Efficient Land Use**
**Mixed-Use Development**
http://arcg.is/1WWxGsY
The Story Map Swipe™ app template helps to showcase mixed-use development as a tool to achieve efficient land use in a community. The viewer may compare types of land use (right side of swipe tool) to aerial imagery (left side of tool) in best-practice examples.

**Sustainable and Resilient**
**Downtown Development Districts**
http://arcg.is/208FjmV
Using a modified Story Map Journal™ app, this design highlights the success of the Downtown Development Districts program’s inaugural year in the cities of Wilmington, Dover, and Seaford, Delaware, fostering vibrant and healthy downtowns.

**Healthy and Livable**
**Aging-Friendly Environments**
http://arcg.is/1QfAOld
Using the Story Map Series™ app, this tabbed layout illustrates where aging-friendly strategies and local regulations support aging in community in Delaware. Examples include “Village Model” communities and accessory dwelling units.

**Inclusive and Active**
**Historic Preservation**
http://arcg.is/LLSSwVm
The Historic Preservation Planning GIS Story Map uses the Story Map Series™ - Bulleted Layout app to pinpoint locations designated by the National Register of Historic Places as cultural buildings, sites, structures, and districts in Delaware.

**Complete Streets**
**Context-Sensitive Solutions (CSS)**
http://arcg.is/1OBT9Ix
Using the Story Map Series™ app, each tab describes a “best practice” CSS project that considers both the existing and future context of transportation and land use. The CSS is in harmony with an area’s history, environmental resources, and aesthetics.

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**Background**
Esri GIS Story Maps are simple web applications (apps) that use geography as a means of organizing and presenting information by combining interactive maps, multimedia content, and user experiences to tell stories.1

**Recommendations**
To advance the use of Story Maps to engage stakeholders in planning sustainable places, communities of GIF users are encouraged to:

- Expand the community of GIF users
- Foster “open” access to data, including geospatial data, GIF layers, and basemaps
- Disseminate outcomes of storytelling with maps
- Build the capacity of non-GIF users

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