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***Briefing Book***

## 2026 DELAWARE Legislative Priorities

Victory in the fight against cancer requires bold new public policies that promote cancer prevention, early detection of cancer, and expand access to quality, affordable health care. Lawmakers make many decisions that impact the lives of Delawareans impacted by cancer and their leadership is vital to defeating this disease. In 2026 the American Cancer Society Cancer Action Network (ACS CAN) will work with the Delaware General Assembly and the Meyer-Evans Gay Administration on legislative and regulatory efforts that will protect and provide affordable, adequate access to health insurance including Medicaid, ensure adequate funding for lifesaving cancer screening and prevention programs, and enact prevention policies to protect kids from tobacco products and help support those who are trying to quit. We will be making the following fact-based policies a priority and ask for your support:

### Cancer Prevention and Early Detection

- **Access to Biomarker Testing:** ACS CAN will advocate for improved coverage of comprehensive biomarker testing. Progress in improving cancer outcomes increasingly involves the use of precision medicine, which uses information about a person's own genes or proteins to prevent, diagnose or treat diseases like cancer. Biomarker testing is an important step to accessing precision medicine which includes targeted therapies that can lead to improved survivorship and better quality of life for cancer patients, but insurance coverage for biomarker testing is failing to keep pace with innovations and advancements in treatment.
- **Breast and Cervical Cancer:** ACS CAN will advocate to maintain funding of \$1.8027 million for Delaware's Screening for Life program, the program that offers free screening tests for breast, cervical, colon, lung, and prostate cancer.

### Reducing the Toll of Tobacco

- **Tobacco Taxes:** Increasing tobacco taxes is one of the most effective ways to reduce tobacco use, especially among kids. ACS CAN will advocate raising the tax on a pack of cigarettes by \$1.50 and increase the tax on *most* other tobacco products from 30% of wholesale to 43%. We will oppose any reduction in taxes applied to tobacco products, including any reduction in the cigar tax.
- **Tobacco Prevention and Cessation Funding:** ACS CAN will work to maintain funding for fact-based, statewide tobacco prevention and cessation programs at \$9.9 million.
- **Access to Tobacco Cessation:** ACS CAN will advocate for all insurance plans, including the state Medicaid program, to provide a comprehensive cessation benefit that covers individual, group, and telephone counseling and all FDA-approved tobacco cessation medications without cost-sharing or other barriers to accessing care.

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ACS CAN is making cancer a top priority for public officials and candidates at the federal, state, and local levels. ACS CAN empowers advocates across the country to make their voices heard and influence evidence-based public policy change as well as legislative and regulatory solutions that will reduce the cancer burden. As the American Cancer Society's nonprofit, nonpartisan advocacy affiliate, ACS CAN is critical to the fight for a world without cancer. For more information, please visit [www.fightcancer.org](http://www.fightcancer.org).

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## ABOUT US

Founded in 2013, Coalition for a Safer Delaware (then Delaware Coalition Against Gun Violence) is a non-profit, non-partisan organization that advocates to prevent gun violence and other firearm tragedies in Delaware and nationwide through policy advancement, prevention education, and partnerships. We envision a future in which all communities are safe from gun violence.

## ROADMAP TO A SAFER DELAWARE: 2026 PRIORITIES

- ✓ **Expand** Delaware's Law Enforcement capabilities to defend ATF rollbacks
- ✓ **Develop** Delaware's own specific dealer licensing system with enforceable standards
- ✓ **Strengthen** Permit to Purchase to support ability for Law Enforcement to trace crime guns
- ✓ **Collaborate** with neighboring states to share data on firearms used in crimes
- ✓ **Invest** in well-funded, well-run community violence intervention programs
- ✓ **Strengthen** LVPO processes

## OUR WORK



### PREVENTION EDUCATION

We educate the public, lawmakers, and the media about solutions to prevent gun deaths and injuries.



### PARTNERSHIPS

We collaborate with partners to advance gun safety initiatives and programs at the state, local, and community level.



### POLICY CHANGE

We advocate for common sense, evidence-based policies that reduce gun violence and protect communities, schools, and families.



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The Delaware Charter Schools Network was founded in **2001** as a support and advocacy organization for the Delaware charter school movement.



## CHARTER SCHOOLS

**19,050 Students**

**13% of DE's Public School Population**

**15 New Castle, 6 Kent, 3 Sussex**

**16 Elementary, 20 Middle, 13 High**



## Our Students

**35.41% African American**

**16.91% Hispanic**

**9.12% Asian American**

**4.64% Multi-Racial**

**33.62% White**

**24.5% Low Income**

**9.72% MLL**

**10.59% Special Education**

## Our Staff

**21.1% African American**

**12.8% Hispanic**

**1.7% Asian American**

**2.2% Multi-Racial**

**60.1% White**

**71% Female**

**29% Male**



## Our Boards

**33.6% African American**

**5% Hispanic**

**3% Asian American**

**1% Multi-Racial**

**57.6% White**

**57.6% Female**

**42.4% Male**



## What does Accountability look like?

- Annual Performance Review (Academic, Financial, Organizational aspects included in review)
- Publicly Available Annual Report based on the Review
- Annual Independent Financial Audit
- Charter Renewal with Required Application and Meetings for Continued Existence every 5 years (or 10 years for schools with proven track record and longevity)
- Formal Review option available at any time, if needed
- Charter Governing Boards are public bodies subject to requirements of Chapter 100 of Title 29

**Every Child  
Deserves an  
Opportunity  
for an  
Excellent  
Public  
Education**

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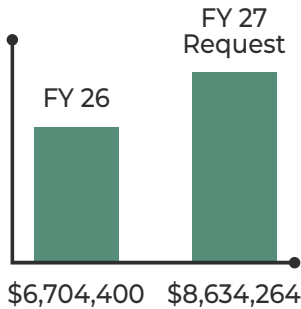
# DELAWARE LIBRARIES

## INVESTING IN STRONGER COMMUNITIES



### FY 27 JFC REQUEST - \$8,634,264

Funding for libraries can be found in the "Library Standards" Line of the budget.



Public Libraries receive 15% of their funding from the state. The Delaware Library Association recommends increasing the budget allocation by **\$1,929,864.**

### WHAT DOES FUNDING SUPPORT

- Expands access to books and access to eBooks.
- Sustains day-to-day library operations that communities rely on for services.
- Supports staffing, technology, and maintenance as service expectations continue to grow.
- Keeps pace with rising demand for literacy, workforce development, and digital access programs.
- Strengthens learning outcomes, workforce readiness, and economic mobility for Delawareans of all ages.

### COST OF MATERIALS

Digital licensing terms vary by publisher; high-demand titles may only be available through metered access licenses.



#### Print Book - Purchased

Average Cost - \$18 - \$25  
Can be checked out until the book is damaged or destroyed



#### eBook/Audiobook - Licensed

Average Cost - \$55+ but certain titles can cost as much as \$120  
Titles may require repurchase after a limited time or checkouts.

### ACCESS TO BOOKS MATTERS

45% of Delaware 4th graders scored below basic reading levels

41% of Delaware 8th graders scored below basic proficiency in reading

20% of Delaware adults are at or below level 1 literacy

*Libraries are on the front lines of Delaware's Literacy Emergency, declared by Governor Meyer*

Statistics provided by the 2024 results on the National Assessment of Educational Progress and the Delaware Literacy Alliance.

### ABOUT THE CONSORTIUM

The Delaware Library Consortium (DLC) is a statewide partnership that brings together public, academic, school, and special libraries to share a unified catalog, digital resources, and coordinated services. The DLC dramatically expands access for all Delaware residents, allowing them to benefit from joint investments in collections, technology, eMedia, and research tools.



### SHARED INFRASTRUCTURE = SMARTER SPENDING

- Economy of scale: Shared catalogs reduce costs and expand access.
- The Delaware Library Consortium shares **2,357,702** items statewide.
- Shared digital platforms expand access for students, families, and job seekers.
- By participating in the DLC, libraries significantly expand what any single branch could offer on its own.



## **Who We Are:**

Easterseals Delaware & Maryland's Eastern Shore is one of the largest non-profit providers of services to people with disabilities and aging conditions in Delaware. No other non-profit agency provides the broad range of high-quality services Easterseals offers to help people with disabilities and seniors live the fullest, most independent lives possible. Easterseals is:

\*One of Delaware's largest providers of Early Intervention Services for children aged birth-to-three.

\*Delaware's largest provider of Personal Attendant Services, a critical support service to help keep people living independently in their own homes and not an institutional setting.

\*Delaware's largest provider of adult day programs – serving adults with intellectual disabilities, as well as adults with physical disabilities and seniors.

Easterseals serves a wide range of disabilities, including Autism, Stroke, Traumatic Brain Injury, Spinal Cord injuries, MS, Cerebral Palsy, Alzheimer's, Intellectual Disabilities, and Orthopedic Disabilities. In 2024, Easterseals provided direct services to more than 7,990 individuals and indirect services (referral, education and outreach) to more than 44,000 individuals.

## **Our Direct Services Serving Individuals Through the Lifespan:**

- Children's Therapy (physical, occupational and speech therapy, Early Intervention Services and Applied Behavioral Analysis therapy for toddlers with autism)
- Adult Day Health Programs and Senior Services, for those with acquired disabilities, including Memory Care for those with dementia/Alzheimer's
- Community, Employment and Day Programs for Adults with Intellectual Disabilities
- Agency With Choice for individuals on the Medicaid Lifespan Waiver
- Personal Attendant Services for adults and children with intense support needs
- Year-round Residential & Recreational Camping at Camp Fairlee
- Services and supports for Caregivers
- Assistive Technology Services

Easterseals provides exceptional services, education, outreach and advocacy so that people with disabilities, seniors, their families and caregivers can live, learn, work and play in their community. Learn more at [www.eastersealsDeMd.org](http://www.eastersealsDeMd.org)



## **Highlights of the Value to the Community Provided through Easterseals Services:**

**Early Intervention:** Research shows that every dollar invested in early childhood programs can yield a return of up to seven dollars in future savings, including reduced spending on special education, reduced dependence on the welfare system as an adult, and reduced risk of criminal involvement.

**Adult Day Health and Memory Care Services:** These services support individuals with disabilities and seniors at home rather than costly nursing home placement. They provide a safe place for physical and cognitive stimulation, support for the participant, and respite to the family caregiver. At \$98/day, daily attendance at adult day services costs 76% less than a semi-private room in a skilled facility which is estimated at \$414/day.

**Adult Day Services for Individuals with Intellectual/Developmental Disabilities (I/DD)** Participants learn new skills, including daily living and vocational skills, which empower them to lead more independent lives. Services allow adults with disabilities to make friends and form meaningful connections within the community.

**Personal Attendant Services (PAS)** is funded through Medicaid and is a cost-effective alternative for the State of Delaware rather than serving individuals and seniors in a skilled nursing facility. Providing care through attendant care averages \$81/day vs. \$414/day for care in a nursing home. It also helps address workforce shortages for direct care workers by funding family and friends to support the adult or child at home with self-directed attendant care. Easterseals staff helps with hiring and training attendants and managing payroll.

**Pediatric Personal Attendant Services.** Funded through Medicaid, this self-directed care option gives families with children who have medically complex needs the flexibility to hire a trusted neighbor, friend, family member, or other caregiver to care for the child. Easterseals coordinators help families hire, train, and manage payroll for the caregiver.

**Agency With Choice (AWC).** For those living in their own home or the home of a family member, Easterseals offers AWC to individuals enrolled in the Medicaid Lifespan Waiver through the Division of Developmental Disabilities Services. Easterseals assists in accessing annual funds, which can be used for in-home respite services, camp services, or personal care. This service allows families to remain together in their homes while permitting individuals with I/DD to live as an integral part of their community.

### **Recreational Respite at Camp Fairlee**

Located in Chestertown, Maryland, Camp Fairlee is a residential camp that offers recreation experiences for children and adults with disabilities ages six and older. Age-appropriate activities promoting independence and self-confidence are provided. Camp offers respite for families and caregivers, giving them a break from their daily responsibilities while knowing their loved one is in a safe and enriching environment.

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## Delaware's Problem

Too many Delawareans struggle to understand, access, and act on health information. This leads to worse health outcomes, more hospitalizations, higher healthcare costs, and deeper disparities; especially in rural and underserved communities.

### Low health literacy makes it harder to:

- ▣ Follow care instructions
- ▣ Manage chronic conditions
- ▣ Navigate insurance and health systems
- ▣ Use preventive services

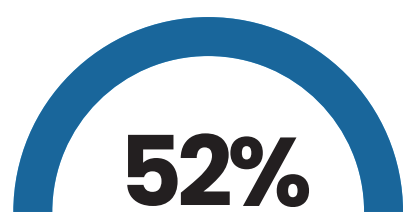
This silent crisis affects every aspect of health and equity in our state.



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## Our Challenge



**52%**

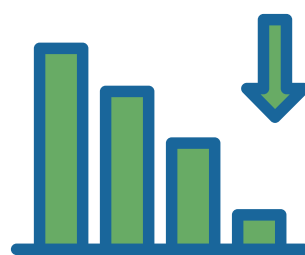
52% of Delaware adults have inadequate or problematic health literacy, hindering their ability to access, understand, and use health information effectively.



Low health literacy is linked to poorer health outcomes, including higher rates of chronic disease, increased hospitalizations, and lower self-rated health.



Populations most affected include older adults, individuals with limited English proficiency, and those with lower socioeconomic status, exacerbating existing health disparities.



The economic impact is significant, with low health literacy contributing to increased healthcare costs due to preventable hospital visits and complications.

## What You Can Do

### Engage with Your Community

Talk with community members about how they receive and understand health information—and where they face challenges.

### Support Local Efforts

Champion funding and visibility for community organizations, health systems, and schools working to improve health literacy.

### Raise Awareness

Promote opportunities to learn more about health literacy through town halls, newsletters, and public events.

### Connect with HLCD

Refer community members and local organizations to the Health Literacy Council of Delaware for resources, partnerships, and support.

### Use Clear Communication

Talk with community members about how they receive and understand health information; and where they face challenges.

### Reach Out

Contact HLCD if you'd like to collaborate or have questions about advancing health literacy in your community.

**For More Information** 

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## **Brief Overview:**

### **The Mission and Work of the League of Women Voters of Delaware** **January 2026**

Our organization's mission is to empower voters and defend democracy by promoting informed and active participation in government.

We are guided by these words of early 20<sup>th</sup> Century Supreme Court Justice Louis Brandies: "The only title in our democracy superior to that of President is the title of citizen."

We work to ensure that each citizen has easy access to voting and is provided with all the rules governing elections.

We work to ensure that voters can make informed decisions about candidates running for local and state-level offices via our Vote 411 initiative.

We promote our policy positions by actively monitoring the work of the General Assembly and advocating for (or against) proposals in a variety of areas, starting with our signature issue: voting.

Other areas of focus in our advocacy include climate change and energy; criminal justice; environmental protection; gun safety; health care access and quality; land use; reproductive choice; transportation; and overall good government.

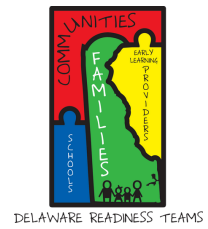
We interact with state legislators and administrative officials, both informally to advise them of the League's positions and formally by testifying at committee hearings.

Our full policy program, as well as other details about our organization, can be found on our website: [www.lwvde.org](http://www.lwvde.org).

*Linda Barnett / chairperson / LWVDE Advocacy Corps*



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# HELP MORE DELAWARE FAMILIES ACCESS EARLY CARE AND EDUCATION!

## Delawareans United in Need for Child Care Supports

Families and child care providers in Delaware continue to struggle to make ends meet, despite some positive gains in recent years. Local employers are losing out on their workforce and having to scramble to cover shifts, hampering the local economy.

Let's help Gov. Matt Meyer and his administration follow through on their commitment to provide access to universal pre-K throughout the state. This year, serve at least 5,500 more children by investing more state dollars and allow more families to access care by increasing eligibility. Today, Delaware's challenges include:

- **Less than 1 in 5 children are served in public programs**
- **Care is too expensive for many families, costing as much as a mortgage payment**
- **Parents can't work, which holds back our economy**
- **Employers face daily disruptions, a shrinking workforce, and business losses**
- **Child care providers want to offer more openings to families but cannot**

## Policymakers: Invest Today

### Department of Education: Increase access to state-funded pre-K (ECAP)

1. Expand access for 500 more children and increase eligibility to serve families up to at least 300% of the Federal Poverty Level.
2. Provide infrastructure funds to expand early care and education capacity through grants and by allowing public school capital funding to cover pre-K.

### Department of Health and Social Services: Increase access to child care (Purchase of Care) for more families

3. Increase per-child Purchase of Care rates to at least the federal benchmark of the 75th percentile so programs can open more classrooms and increase staff pay and benefits.
4. Expand eligibility to serve families up to at least 300% of the Federal Poverty Level (making about 5,000 more families eligible).

Tell lawmakers today: [bit.ly/ECEAN25](http://bit.ly/ECEAN25)

Contact your legislator: [legis.delaware.gov/FindMyLegislator](http://legis.delaware.gov/FindMyLegislator)

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Learn more at: [www.firststateprek.com](http://www.firststateprek.com)

## **Legislative Brief on Speak Out Against Hate - January 2026**

Speak Out Against Hate (SOAH) was initiated in early 2023 after there was no official response or action taken regarding the commitment of antisemitic and racist hate acts in the community. As a result, discussions took place between members of the Southern Delaware Alliance for Racial Justice (SDARJ) and members of the Seaside Jewish Community Social Justice Committee about the fact that hate was on the rise and that very few, if any, public-facing officials were speaking out about it. The answer of the nine organizers (soon to become the first board of directors of SOAH) to the question of “what to do?” was to demonstrate to our communities the importance of making unacceptable the hate that has become normalized in our culture, and of urging the public facing officials in our communities to speak out early and often against the palpable rising tide of hatred, and before hateful acts or incidents occurred.

As a nonpartisan 501(c)3 organization, the mission of SOAH is simple:

Speak Out Against Hate (SOAH) has been formed for the express purpose of confronting and countering the rising tide of hate, wherever and whenever it exists in a direct, focused and ongoing manner. SOAH seeks to engage in this effort with all people of good faith: community leaders, businesses, elected officials, clergy, law enforcement personnel, young and old, regardless of color, creed, sexual orientation, national origin, or religion. SOAH will speak out early, often and follow up on the rising incidents and expressions of hate and join forces in this effort with all similarly motivated individuals and organizations. SOAH will insist that those in positions to execute policies and regulations, speak out and develop strategies for legislation and policies to prevent this hateful and potentially destructive behavior. SOAH’s goal is to make “No hate here” a reality in Delaware. All who are against hate are welcome to join SOAH.

After organizing, planning, and communicating SOAH’s mission throughout Sussex County, SOAH held its first public meeting in October 2023. The

response was incredibly gratifying; more than 170 people registered to attend either in person or via Zoom. At that meeting, SOAH announced that it was forming five Action Groups to meet with public-facing officials: Faith Leaders, Youth and School officials, Elected Officials, Business Leaders, and First Responders. Attendees were invited to join one or more of these Action Groups, and soon thereafter, the Action Groups began to meet and design plans for going forward. Since then, approximately every other month, SOAH has held hybrid Community Meetings. Panels and speakers have confronted issues such as the Role of Clergy in Defusing the Hate and Divisiveness in our current Political and Social Environment; the need for collaboration between organizations all focused upon diminishing the harm caused by hatred; policing in Delaware and Police Accountability Boards and public involvement in that process; the launch of a major initiative throughout the State of Delaware, "hate has no home here". On January 21, SOAH's Community Meeting will focus on hate in the classroom. January 23-25, SOAH will hold its first Film Festival at the Rehoboth Beach Cinema Arts Theater, at which eight films depicting hatred in its various forms will be shown. Each film will have a moderated Q&A session upon its conclusion. More information about SOAH may be found at [soah-de.org](http://soah-de.org).

### **SOAH Executive Board**

President, Patty Maloney

VP, Leslie Slan

Treasurer, Allan Slan

Secretary, Providenza Rocco

#### **Board Members**

Tara Sheldon

Gail Jackson

Charlotte King

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Peter Schott



SOAH is a registered 501(c)(3) non-profit organization in Delaware whose mission is to speak out and counter the rising tide of hatred and hate incidents wherever and whenever it exists with like-minded individuals and those in power, as allies in this mission, to make "No Hate Here" a reality in Delaware. [Infoforsoah@gmail.com](mailto:Infoforsoah@gmail.com), [www.soah-de.org](http://www.soah-de.org)

Tax deductible donations may be sent to: SOAH at P.O.Box 1102, Rehoboth Beach, DE 19971

# 2026 ACTION ALERT!



Your help is needed to reduce single-use plastic pollution & reduce waste

[www.PlasticFreeDelaware.org/be-an-advocate/](http://www.PlasticFreeDelaware.org/be-an-advocate/)



## Senate Bill 130 Ban retail sales of EPS Foam

This legislation follows SB51 (2023) which restricted food establishments (restaurants, cafeterias, etc) from using “disposable” expanded polystyrene foam food ware for takeout. SB130 will restrict the **retail sales** of EPS foam such as cups, plates, bowls, as well as packing peanuts and foam coolers.

Passed the Senate 17-4 (bipartisan). Passed House Committee.  
Awaits House vote.



## House Bill 111 - Skip the Stuff Act

More than 561 billion food service items are discarded annually in the U.S., equal to 4.9 million tons of waste, most having never been used! They fill our kitchen ‘junk drawers’, cost businesses unnecessary expense, cannot be recycled, pollute our environment, and impact our health. Plastic never biodegrades but breaks into tiny micro particles that leach toxins into the air, land, and water and make us sick. Since 2014, online food ordering has increased 300% faster than dine-in, furthering the plastic pollution problem. If restaurants only gave out single-use cutlery and condiments upon request by customers, we could reduce litter, landfill less, save resources, reduce health impacts, and save small businesses money!

The Skip the Stuff Act reduces waste by encouraging restaurants and food delivery services to stop automatically including disposable items such as utensils, straws, napkins, and condiment packets in takeout and delivery orders and instead provided them only upon customer request. Saves restaurants \$4-20k/year! Passed House Committee. Awaits House vote.

We support the concepts behind the following bills with some recommended modifications:



## House Bill 176

Agricultural Equipment Right-to-Repair Act



## House Bill 235

Expand Opportunities for Composting

**RETHINK - REFUSE - REDUCE - REUSE - REPAIR -  
REPURPOSE - ONLY THEN RECYCLE!**



# SPRINGBOARD — DELAWARE — ALL HOUSED | VIBRANT LIVES

## Springboard Delaware Low-Barrier Navigation & Housing Support

### Who We Serve

Springboard Delaware supports individuals and families experiencing housing instability, substance use challenges, and system barriers through low-barrier, trauma-informed navigation.

### What We Do

- Housing navigation & stabilization
- Connection to treatment, recovery, and behavioral health supports
- Employment and benefits navigation
- Harm-reduction-oriented, participant-centered services

### Our Approach

Our approach centers dignity, choice, and access, meeting people where they are and removing barriers to stability rather than creating new ones.

### Why It Matters

Removing barriers reduces system strain, improves outcomes, and creates faster pathways to housing stability.

## Stable housing is the foundation for long-term success and recovery



Safe housing gives people the space to stabilize, regain independence, and reconnect with community.



### What Support Looks Like

#### More Than Housing

- **86%** connected to a primary care provider
- **156** IDs obtained (critical for housing & employment)
- **97%** receiving mental health care
- **48%** accessing substance use treatment

*(nearly double the national average)*

**160 people served since January 2023**

**42** individuals currently residing in our  
Georgetown community

**Avg. stay:** 4 months

**62%** employed

**40%** transitioned to housing

### Stay Connected!



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### From Crisis to Stability

These outcomes reflect a low-barrier approach centered on dignity, safety, and long-term stability.





## Curiosity never retires

### Lifelong learning and enrichment for age 50-plus

The University of Delaware’s Osher Lifelong Learning Institute (OLLI) is proud of its legacy as one of the earliest and largest lifelong learning programs in the country.

As a volunteer-based learning cooperative, UD’s OLLI program hosts classes and social opportunities throughout Delaware and online for adults age 50-plus to learn, teach, exchange ideas and enjoy the camaraderie of their peers.

With the continued growth of Delaware’s older population in the coming years, OLLI fills a vital need for adults seeking a vibrant community environment that helps foster lifelong intellectual engagement and social connection.

### OLLI members join us for fun, learning and camaraderie

- Learning for the fun of it – no tests, no degrees, no stress
- Building new friendships and belonging to a community of people with similar interests
- Participating in travel and social engagement opportunities
- Sharing passions through teaching and volunteering
- Staying physically active and mentally sharp in retirement
- Enjoying UD-affiliated benefits like a UD email account, library access and digital resources, UD course audits, football season ticket discount and more
- *One low membership fee – unlimited UD OLLI courses*
- *Financial assistance available*
- *Delaware residence not required!*

### UD’s OLLI program is serving Delaware and beyond

- **5 Delaware sites** – Dover, Lewes, Newark, Ocean View and Wilmington, plus vibrant online classes and activities
- **3,223 active members** and 1,800 nonmembers served
- **10% membership increase** last semester
- **300+ classes offered each semester**, including in-person, hybrid, online, on-demand and special interest presentations and events
- **800+ volunteers statewide**



## Join us for fun and learning at OLLI

The upcoming 2026 spring semester features over 300 classes and activities, in subjects like history, entertainment, dance, health, exercise, current events, technology, book clubs and more.

**Register now! Classes start Feb. 2 | [olli.udel.edu](http://olli.udel.edu)**





# SUSSEX PRESERVATION COALITION

## Why SPC

- In 2022, Sussex County accounted for 78% of residential development in Delaware.
- 24% of development was in areas designated for conservation and preservation by the State.
- Sussex County has lost 36,000 acres of forest since 1986, or about 1000 acres a year.
- Sussex County has no protections for its forested lands, unlike Kent & New Castle Counties.
- Development has outpaced infrastructure - roads, schools, health services.
- The county has insufficient affordable, workforce housing.

## Our Goals

County Ordinances and State laws that:

- preserve and protect our forests, wetlands and natural resources;
- promote resiliency and sustainability;
- create livable communities for all.

## Who We Are

A Coalition of Sussex Citizens, Non-profit Groups, Civic Organizations & Faith Groups.

## What We Do

**Educate:** Inform Citizens about Codes, policies, practices and processes affecting land use. Alert citizens to consequences of proposed developments.

**Advocate:** Engage with policy makers to secure responsible growth policies.

**Impact:** Achieve changes that prioritize the well-being of the natural environment and quality of life for everyone.



## Learn More About SPC

**Website:** [SussexPreservationCoalition.org](https://SussexPreservationCoalition.org)

**Facebook Page:** [Sussex Preservation Coaliton](https://www.facebook.com/SussexPreservationCoalition)

**Instagram:** [sussexpreservation](https://www.instagram.com/sussexpreservation)

Attend our Monthly Meetings In-person or by Zoom

Listen to Our Podcasts - Read our Fact Sheets

## Join SPC

Membership is free!

Sign up on our website:

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# WE SHOULDN'T HAVE TO HOPE FOR MORE CRIME TO FUND VITAL GOVERNMENT SERVICES

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## POLICE, EMTS, COURT SECURITYS' BUDGETS DEPEND ON CRIME; **HB133** & **HB132** OFFER HOPE

When someone is convicted of a crime in Delaware, they get financial obligations as a part of their sentence. These fines and fees are used to fund vital government services in our state, including everything from EMTs to bailiffs. As crime in our state has over the decades gone down, these vital services don't have enough money to function as they once did. At the same time, families in our state are experiencing financial hardship now more than ever, and when defendants can't pay, they are often issued arrest warrants, they can't get expungements they would otherwise be eligible for, and more. It's inefficient, counterproductive, and cruel.



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