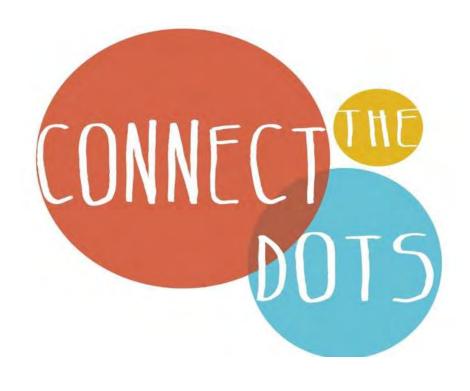




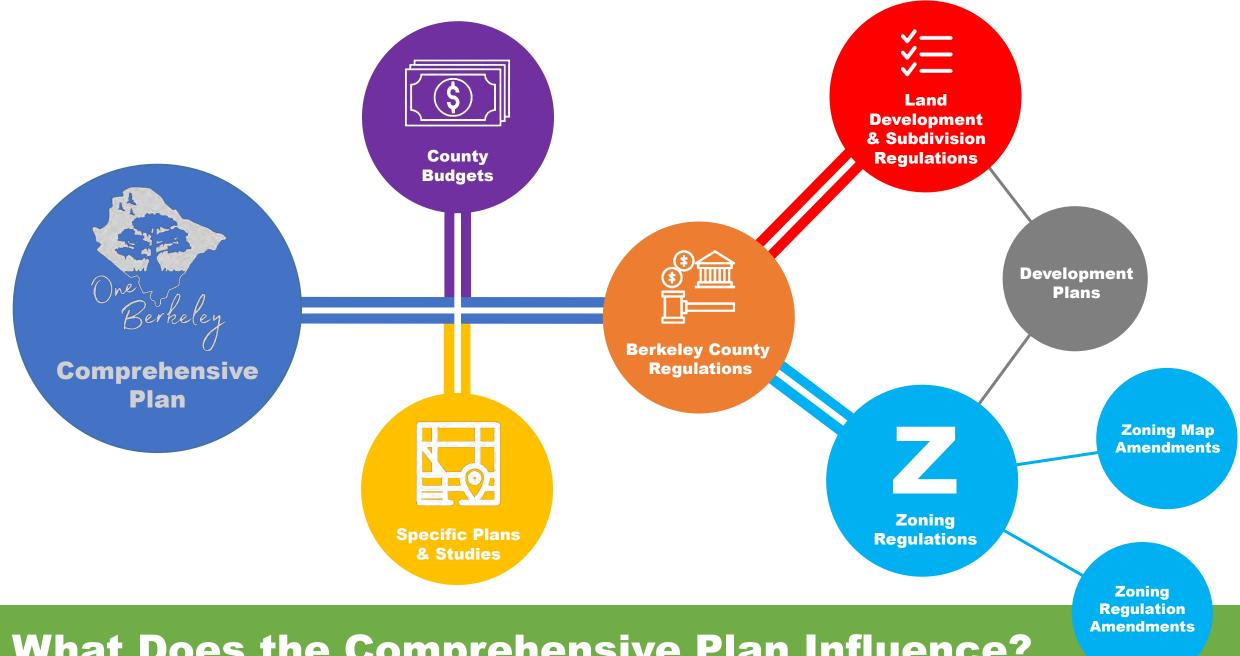
The Comprehensive Plan will be the official adopted statement for future conservation, growth, and development in Berkeley County. It will establish a long-term vision for the community, analyze existing conditions and emerging trends, set forth the framework for a future land use map that invites investment and does not overburden the County, and establishes a strategy for sensitive implementation.

Recommendations in the document will be used to set public policy and provide a more predictable environment for public investment, private development, and returns-on investment.

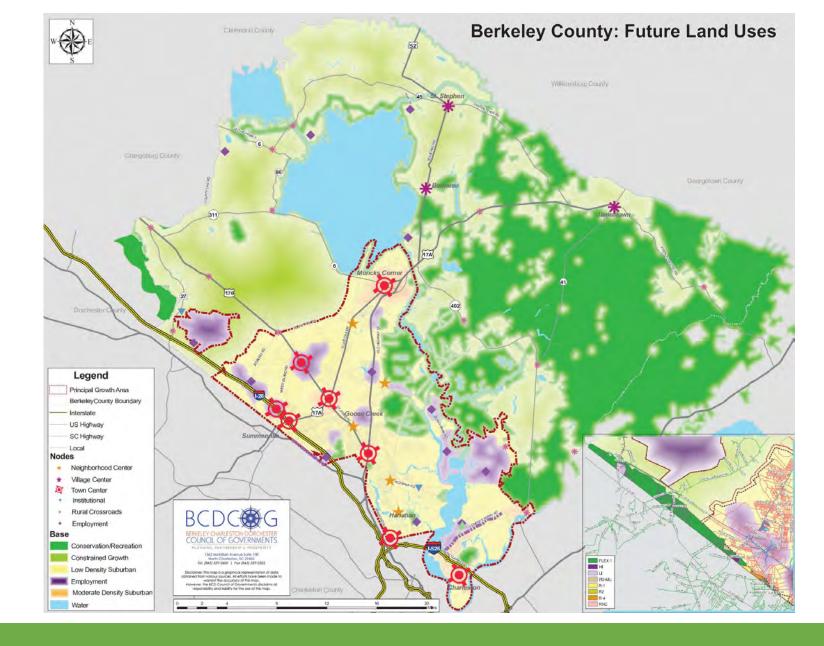
The long-term horizon (20 years) keeps the document somewhat general. However, the broad range of topics and issues addressed in the Plan make it a true playbook for County officials.

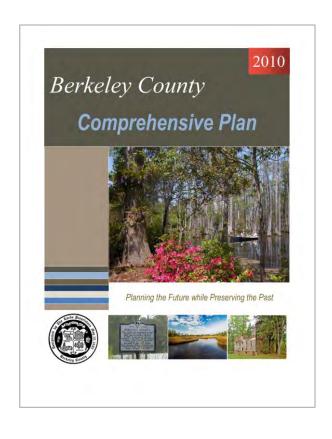


#### What is a Comprehensive Plan?

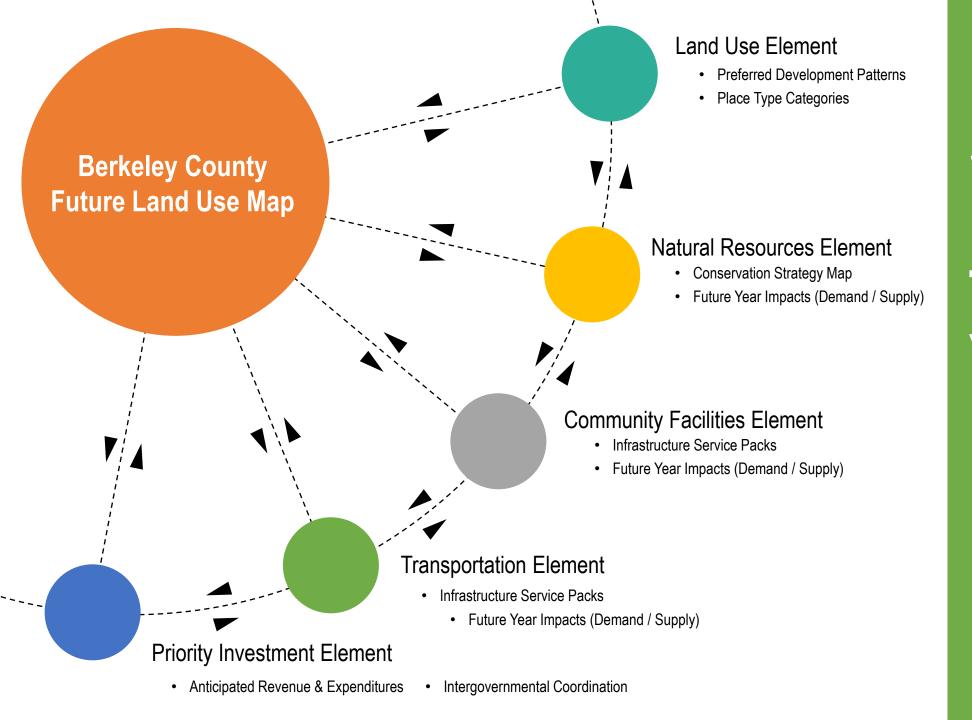


What Does the Comprehensive Plan Influence?





**FLUM: the Heart of a Comprehensive Plan** 



**Build** a **Strong Foundation** for the Plan with the **Future Land Use** Map



A hybrid scenario for Berkeley County will be developed from one or more parts of the four scenario concepts presented at the Growth Choices Workshop on February 17, 2022.

Community feedback from the Workshop and further work on the planning themes and topics by the Project Steering Committee will influence the hybrid scenario.

The hybrid scenario will be shared with the community in the draft Comprehensive Plan document released for public comment.

#### **Choosing a "Best Path Forward" for the County**



**Growth Choices Workshop** 

The Growth Choices Workshop is an opportunity for you to learn about and provide feedback on different scenarios for growth, development, and preservation, and the related key decision points important to planning for the County's future.



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prehensive Broadband

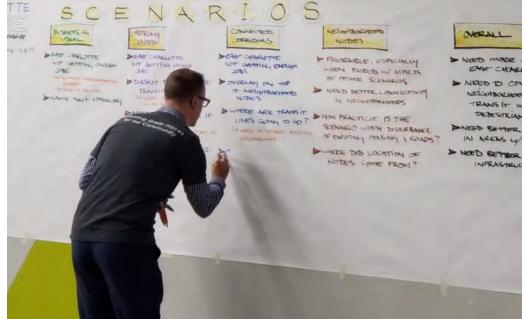
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**How Do I Participate?** 



Ask Questions
After this
Presentation

**February 17, 2022** 



Speak with Project
Team Members at the
Different Stations

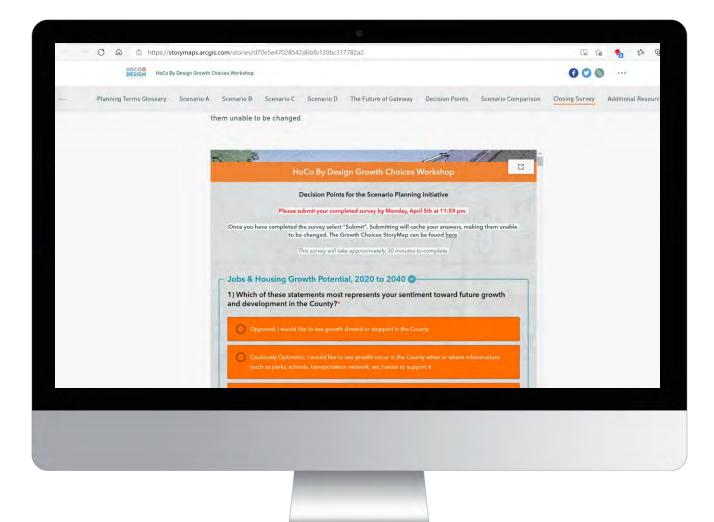
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Participate in the Online Survey

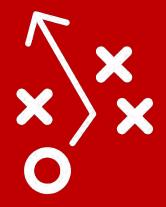
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Online Survey for the Growth Choices Workshop



Big Issues (Decision Points) for the County's Future



## Public Meetings



SUMMERVILLE

LINCOLNVILLE &

NORTH CHARLESTO

#### • Open to some growth, particularly affordable

- Want greater access to Lake Moultrie and recreational, entertainment options
- Improve internet coverage

housing

#### South & Central:

North & East:

- Recent development patterns unsustainable
- New housing encroaching on open space and outpacing infrastructure
- Appetite to implement impact fees and shift financing of service-related needs to developers

#### West:

- · Retain rural character
- Improve cell and internet coverage
- Provide walkways and bikeways

7 Public Meetings WikiMaps "Place Types Exercise" 994 Comments Received Categorized by 5 main topics

Grouped by Planning Area

**Building on Prior Community Engagement for the Plan** 



#### PREVIOUS PUBLIC INPUT

**OUR GREATEST ASSETS** 

Affordability

Public parks, trails & waterways Quiet/Country/Rural Large, open spaces

Clean, protected natural environment

Proximity to amenities

Not over-populated

Localized growth

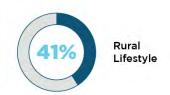
Historic Preservation and Awareness Family-friendly

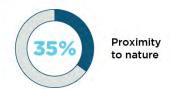
NUMBER OF RESIDENTS
WHO HAVE
PROVIDED INPUT ON THE
PLAN'S DIRECTION



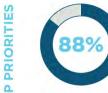
















Implementing Growth Management Policies







Enhancing Emergency Services



## Opportunities Identified

Area	Transportation & Infrastructure				Services, Facilities & Amenities					Housing & Land Use				Natural Resources		
	Improved roads (capacity, pavement, maintenance)	Expanded public transportation options	Non-motorist infrastructure for errands or leisure	Improved internet access, connectivity and speeds	Expanded recreational opportunities	Improved educational opportunities	Improved emergency services	More retail, restaurants, and entertainment options	Resources for small businesses and start-ups	Better growth management policies	Greater variety of housing options for varied preferences	More mixed-use development	Expanded employment opportunities	Preservation of rural, ag., cultural and historical areas	Creation or preservation of new open spaces	Improved stormwater mgmt and flood prevention
County	88%			54%		57%	65%			79%				76%	63%	61%
West BC	82%			64%		68%	77%		50%	84%				89%	61%	
North BC	86%			69%		57%	80%		55%	88%				92%	71%	53%
East BC	87%			78%		70%	83%		57%	70%			57%	91%	65%	57%
South BC	85%		52%	53%	53%	54%	63%			76%				72%	64%	62%
Central BC	90%			52%		57%	64%			80%				75%	63%	63%



# **Engage in Strategic Growth Management Practices:**



- Foster communication and cooperation among County leaders, decision-makers, businesses, and new and existing residents alike, to collaboratively address needs and concerns of the community;
- Implement streamlined, transparent, and fiscally responsible development decision-making;
- Prioritize investment in public infrastructure, facilities, and services concurrent with new development to maintain operational integrity and quality of life standards; and
- Establish and enforce thresholds for development impact analyses and mitigation of developments on fiscal resources, the environment, infrastructure and public facilities and services.



### **Prioritize Highly-Valued Resources:**



- The character of the county's diverse and distinct communities;
- The rural countryside, open space, trees, water resources, natural and wildlife habitats;
- Culturally and historically-significant areas; and
- Expansion of public recreational amenities and access thereto countywide.

**Guiding Principles for the New Comprehensive Plan** 



# **Create Great Places for People:**



- Cultivate contextually-compatible and strategically located employment growth areas that are served by multiple modes of transportation and align with community objectives in the adopted plan;
- Incorporate non-motorist infrastructure in new developments and promote in existing developments to facilitate safe, efficient, and affordable mobility options; and
- Encourage family-friendly, mixed-use neighborhoods with a variety of housing options and amenities where residents can live, play, work, dine, shop, and enjoy life in Berkeley County – all in our own backyards.

Magnitude, Timing & Location of Future Development

Character & Its Influence on Everything Else in the County

Commitment to Open
Space in Terms of Type,
Size & Connectedness

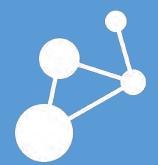
Preferred Home Choices to Meet the Needs of a Growing & Diverse Community

Ability to Expand Infrastructure to Keep Pace with Future Growth Preferred Travel Options for Work, Shopping, Leisure, Etc.

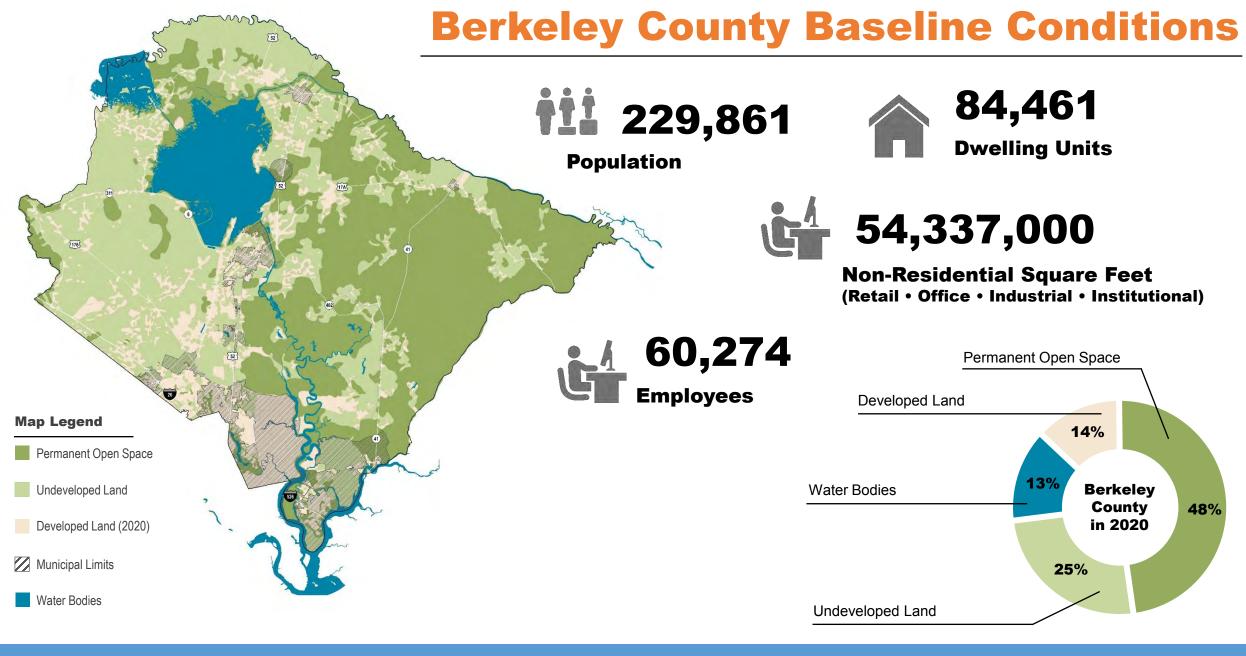
Rules, Requirements,
Policies or Fees to
Influence Future
Development

Financial Implications to the County & Its Residents

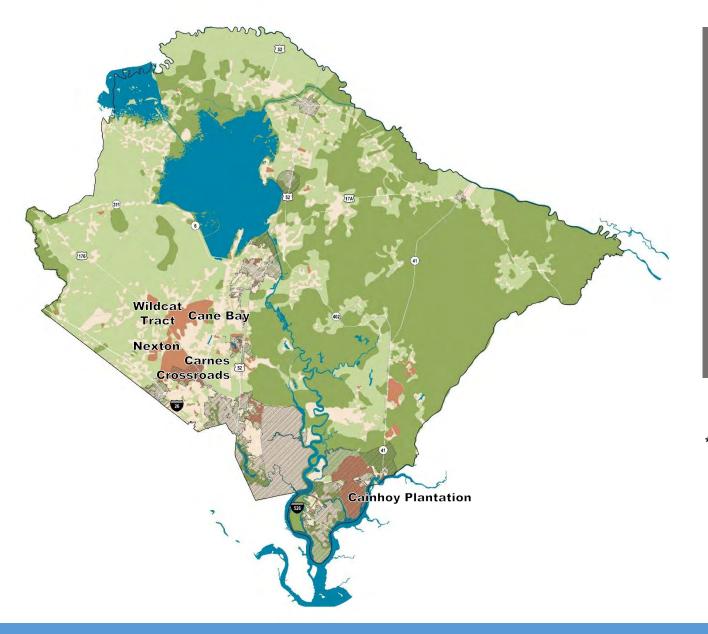
#### **Decision Point Topic Menu for the Different Scenarios**



**Alternative Growth Scenarios** 



Frame of Reference for the Scenario Comparisons



#### **Committed Development\*:**

#### Residential Categories

Single Family Detached 38,929 d.u. Single Family Attached 3,717 d.u. Stacked Multifamily 7,000 d.u.

#### Non-Residential Categories

General Commercial 855,000 s.f.
Office/Medical 466,000 s.f.
Industrial 2,573,000 s.f.

\* = Represents expected build-out at this time based on information available to staff (not full build-out in approved entitlements)

Frame of Reference for the Scenario Comparisons



# Committed Development (A)



Trend Development (B)



Accelerated Trend
Development
(C)



Managed Growth (D)

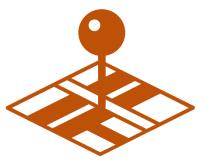
# How are the Scenarios the Same?



Planning Area



Committed
Development Inventory



Existing
Development Patterns



Existing Land in Permanent Open Space

# How are the Scenarios Different?



Development Types



**Development Locations** 



Development Intensities & Patterns



Open Space Preservation



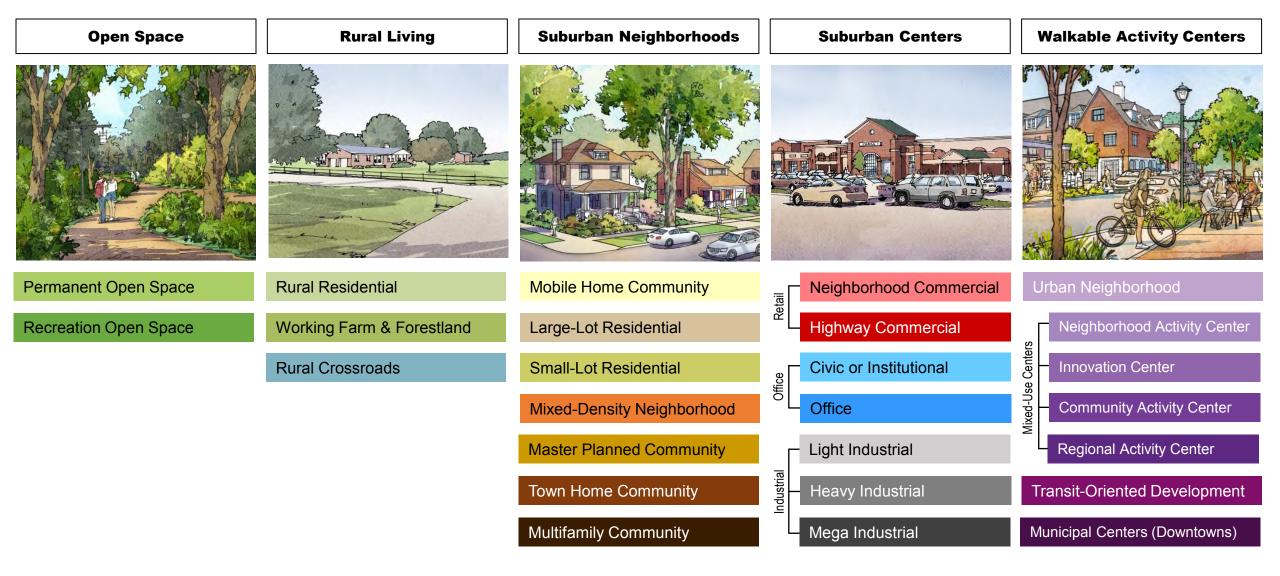
Supporting Infrastructure



Anticipated Growth



**Character Areas Considered for the FLUM in Berkeley County** 

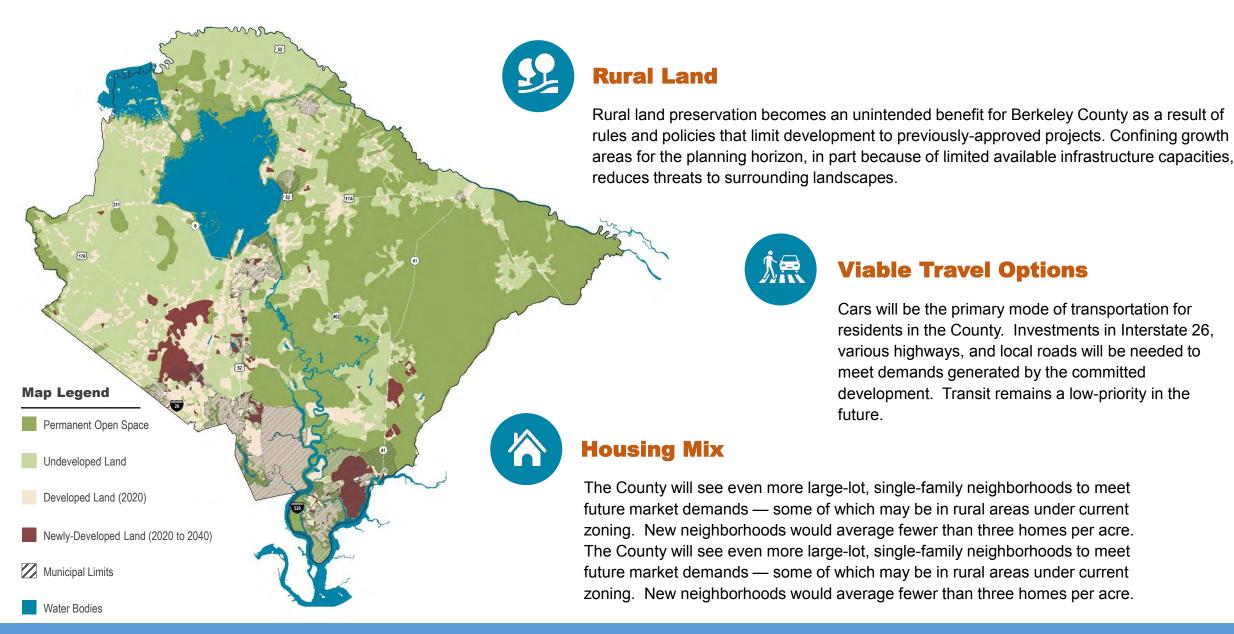


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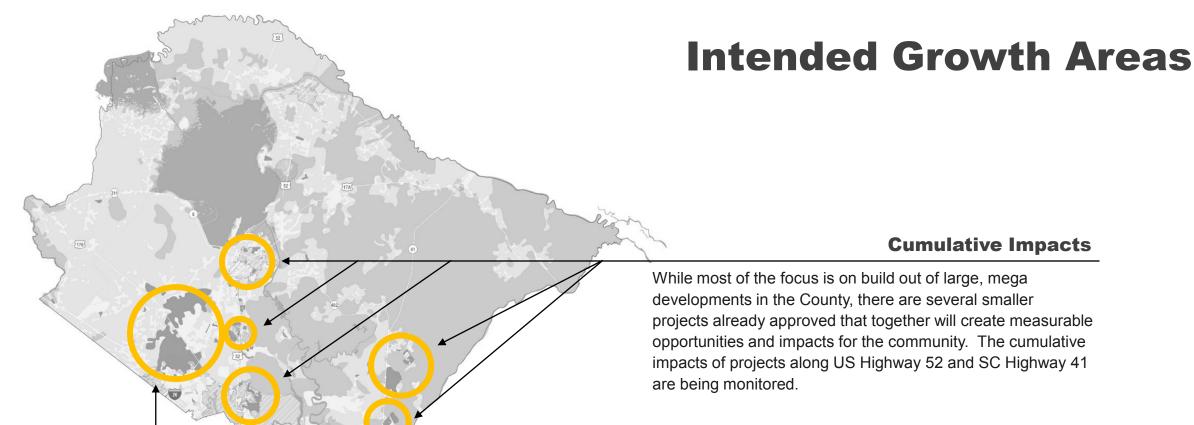
## **SC A | Committed Development**



#### Scenario A | Committed Development



#### **Scenario A | Committed Development**



**Cumulative Impacts** 

While most of the focus is on build out of large, mega developments in the County, there are several smaller projects already approved that together will create measurable opportunities and impacts for the community. The cumulative impacts of projects along US Highway 52 and SC Highway 41 are being monitored.

#### **Cainhoy Plantation Development**

Development inside the boundaries for Cainhoy Plantation will literally transform this area of Charleston and surrounding Berkeley County. 18,000 residential dwelling units are entitled in this location; however, County planning staff anticipated up to 11,000 units will be built over the twenty-year planning horizon, 2020 to 2040. Both opportunities and impacts from this development will be tremendous. Officials anticipated significant traffic congestion in the area — especially on and near Clements Ferry Road.

The overwhelming majority of committed development noted for Berkeley County is focused on the area between Summerville, Goose Creek, and Moncks Corner. Major developments in this area include: Cane Bay, Nexton, Carnes Crossroads, and the Wildcat Tract. Together, these projects may account for over 20,000 new residential dwelling units over the twenty-year planning horizon, 2020 to 2040.

**Large Concentration** 

of Development

**Scenario A | Committed Development** 

# Performance Measures of the COMMITTED DEVELOPMENT SCENARIO

This scenario answers the question, "What happens if we only allow what has already been approved as of 2020, and nothing more, through 2040"?

# Population Change

8%

Population will increase by approximately 122,000 new individuals from the 2020 baseline population of 229,861. The total population in 2040 will increase to approximately 351,000. This is a 53% increase from the 2020 baseline, or about 2.65% per year over 20 years.

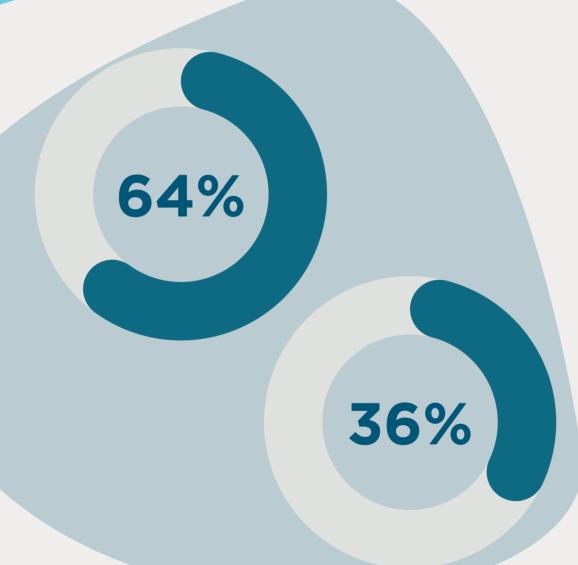


Job Growth

Committed Development will add approximately 5,000 new jobs to the existing 60,274 jobs in 2019, totaling about 65,000 jobs in 2040. This is an 8% increase from the 2020 baseline job numbers.

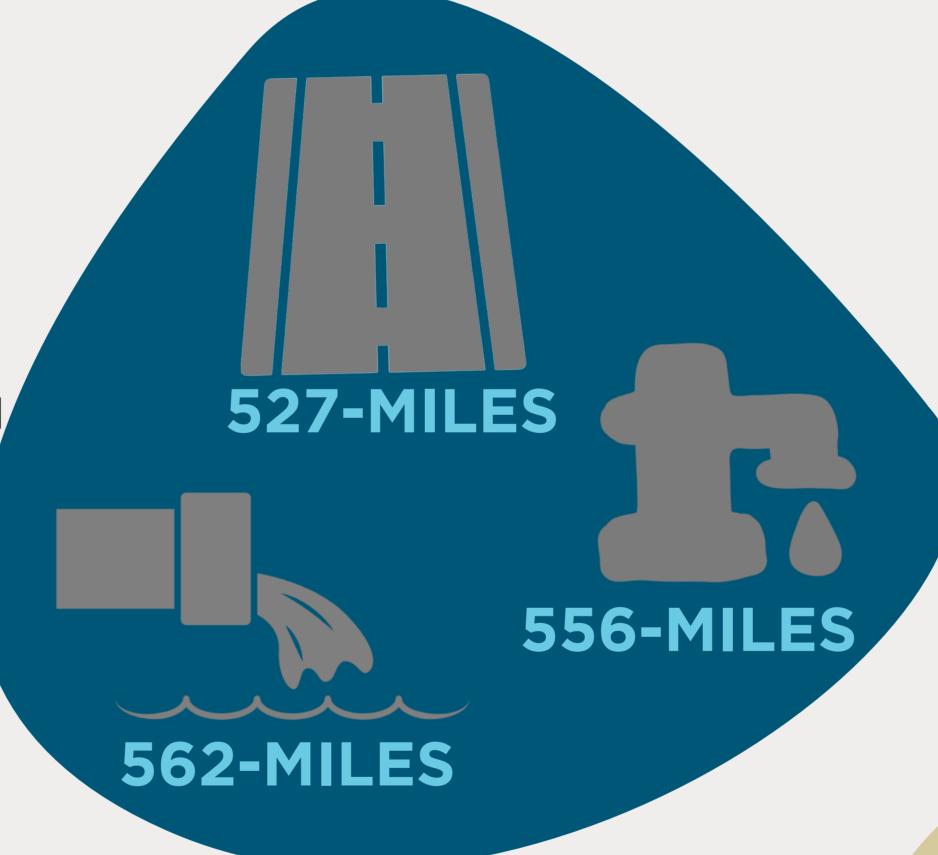
## **ACCESS TO AMENITIES BY 2040**

Percent of all homes within 1/2-mile of existing parks and 1/4-mile of existing transit



## ADDED INFRASTRUCTURE **BY 2040**

Newly Added Roadway, Sewer, and Water Line Miles

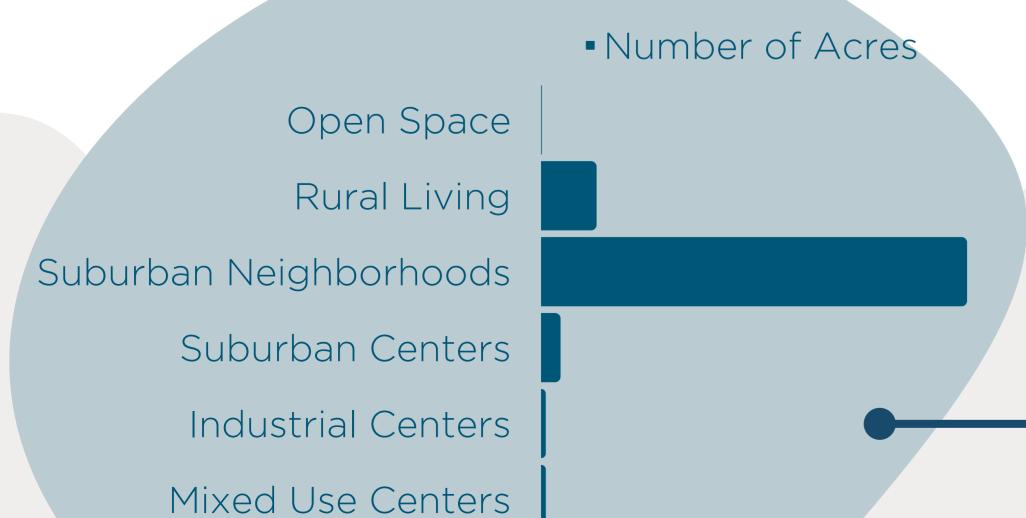


# FINANCIAL RETURN ON COMMITTED **DEVELOPMENT**

Anticipated Return on Investment (Net Return ÷ Cost)

# Housing Units

In 2020, the County had approximately 84,461 total housing units. Committed Development will add 49,600 units resulting in a total of about 134,000 units by 2040, or a 59% increase.



Of the total 689,323-acres in the County, about 14% of land was already developed in 2020. An additional 8,505 acres of **NEWLY DEVELOPED** development are committed through 2040.

**COUNTY ACRES** 



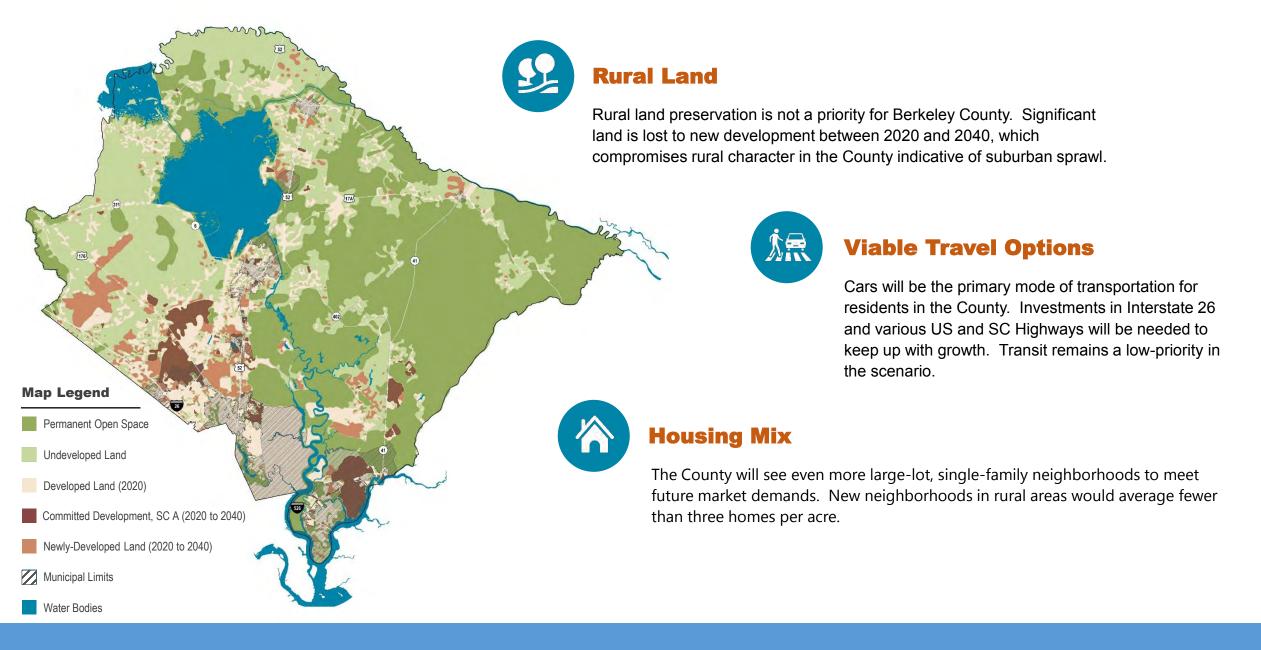
# Development Types

The 8,505 newly developed acres can be categorized into six primary development types: Open Space, Rural Living, Suburban Neighborhoods, Suburban Centers, Industrial Centers, and Mixed Use Centers. 2,500 5,000 7,500

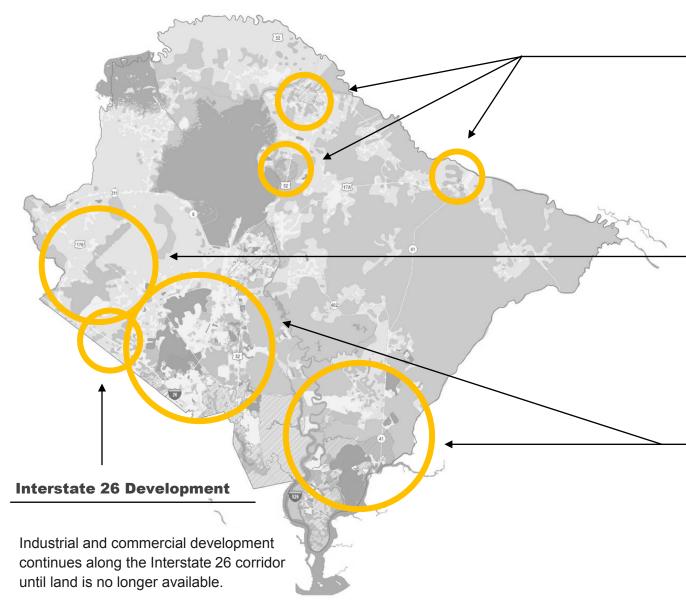
## **SC B | Trend Development**



#### Scenario B | Trend Development



### Scenario B | Trend Development



#### **Slow-Growth in Northern Communities**

Most of the County's incorporated communities in the north – St. Stephen, Jamestown, and Bonneau – will see very little development pressures for the period between 2020 and 2040.

#### **Western Berkeley County Growth Pressures**

Areas east of Camp Hall will develop in the future as infrastructure is extended in the area – in particular the Palmetto Railroad. Areas along US Highway 176 and Volvo Car Drive continue to transform into a residential and industrial enclave within the County.

#### **Development Around Large Planned Neighborhoods**

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### Scenario B | Trend Development

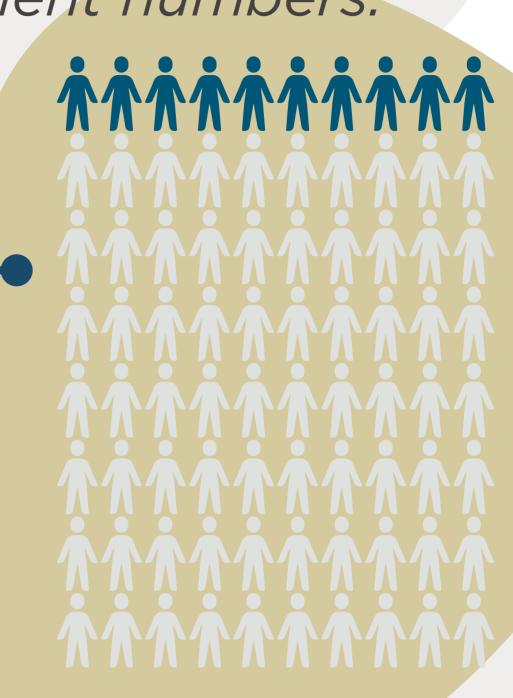
# Performance Measures of TREND DEVELOPMENT SCENARIO

This scenario answers the question, "What happens by 2040 if we continue developing in the same way as we have been in the recent past?" It shows the "business-as-usual" scenario. Reported measures include baseline and committed development numbers.

# Population Change

123%

Population would increase by approximately 48,000 more individuals from the baseline and committed population subtotal of 351,000, totaling about 399,000. This is a 74% increase from the 2020 baseline population, or 3.7% per year over 20 years.

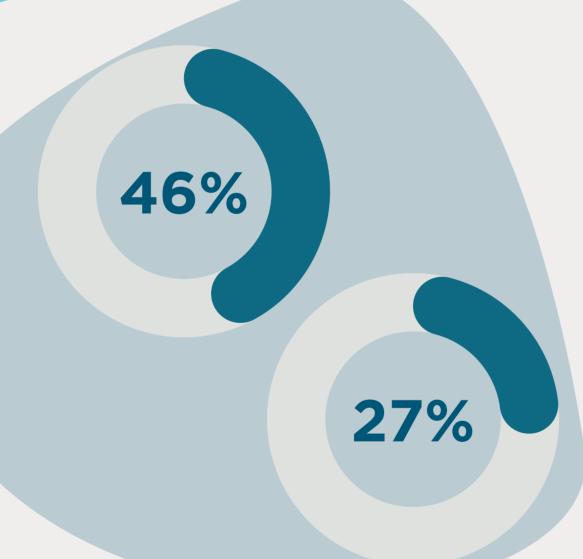


Job Growth

Trend Development will add another 69,200 more jobs to the baseline and committed subtotal of 65,000, totaling about 134,500 jobs in 2040. This is a 123% increase from the 2020 baseline.

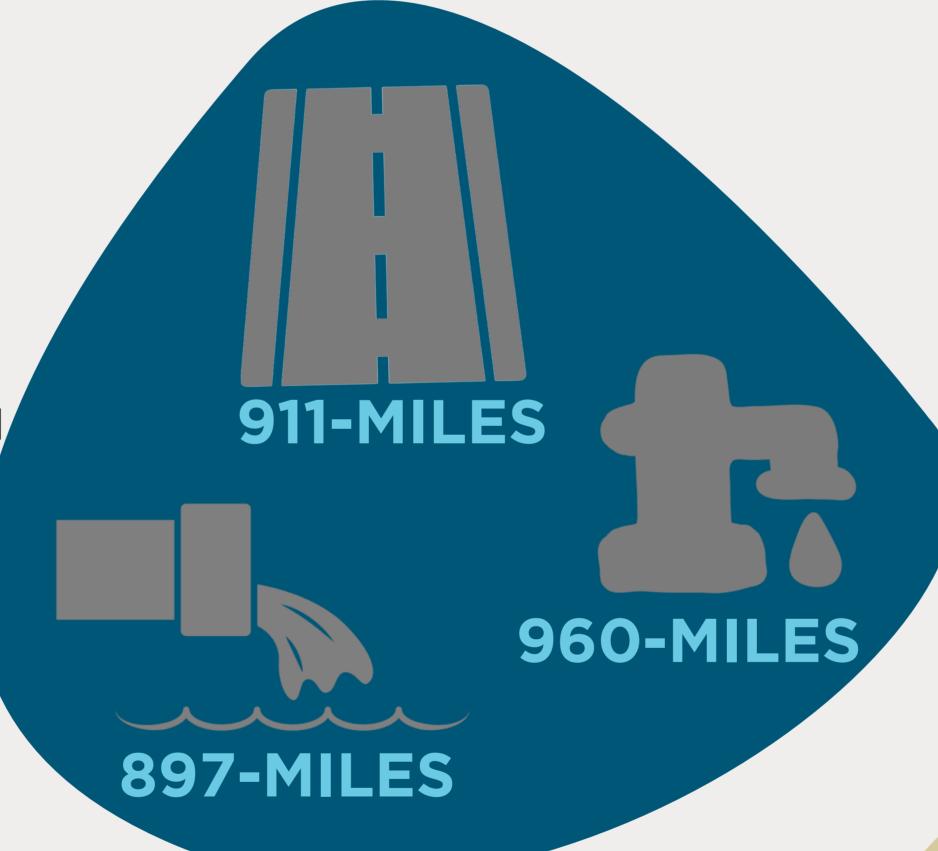
## **ACCESS TO AMENITIES BY 2040**

Percent of all homes within 1/2-mile of existing parks and 1/4-mile of existing transit



## ADDED INFRASTRUCTURE **BY 2040**

Newly Added Roadway, Sewer, and Water Line Miles

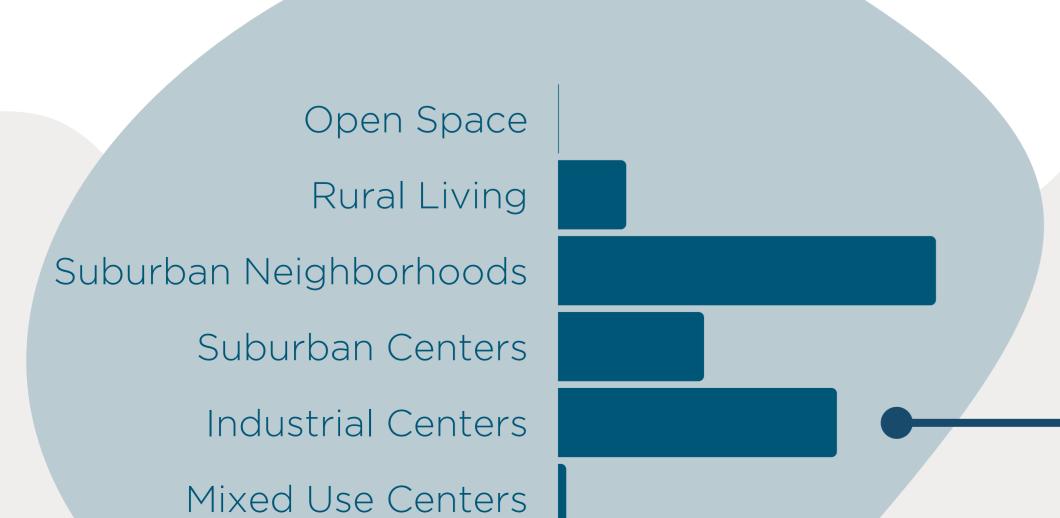


## FINANCIAL RETURN ON COMMITTED **DEVELOPMENT**

Anticipated Return on Investment (Net Return ÷ Cost)

# Housing Units

Existing and committed housing totaled 134,000 units. Trend Development will add another 19,600 housing units, resulting in a total of 154,000 units by 2040, or an 82% increase from 2020.



Of the total 689,323-acres in the County, about 14% of land was already developed in 2020. In addition to the 8,505 committed acres, another NEWLY DEVELOPED 11,730 acres of development would occur in the

Trend Scenario COUNTY ACRES



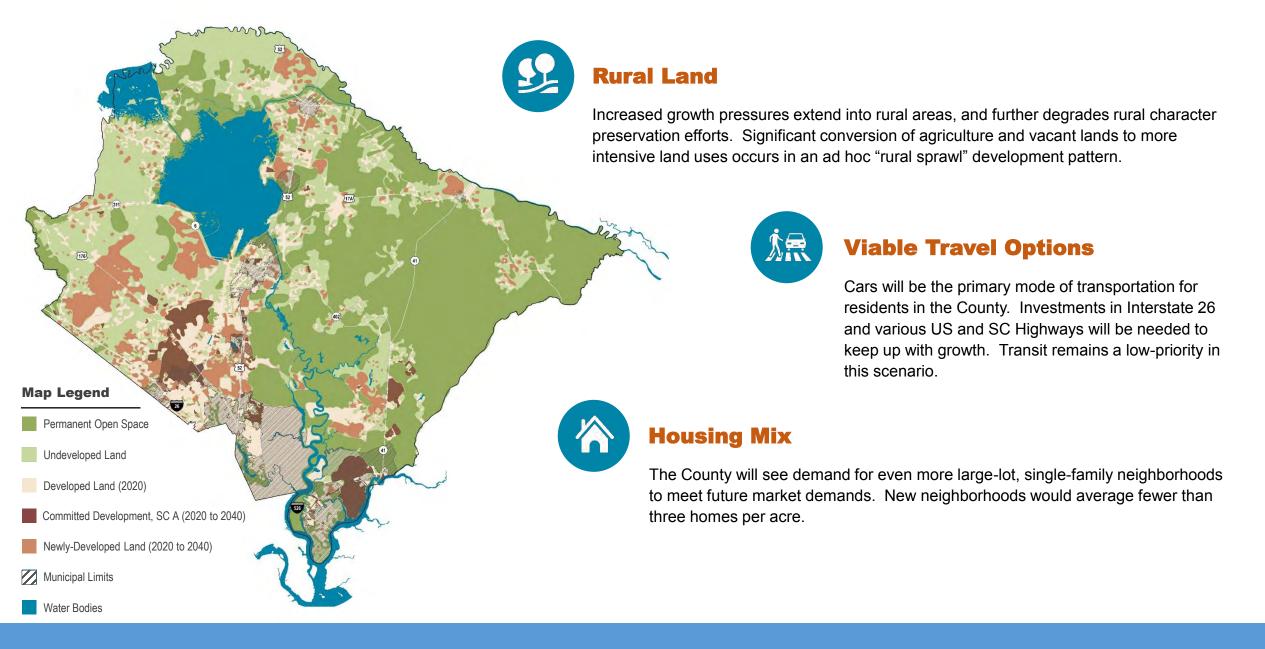
# Development Types

The 11,730 newly developed acres can be categorized into six primary development types: Open Space, Rural Living, Suburban Neighborhoods, Suburban Centers, Industrial Centers, and Mixed Use Centers. 4,000 6,000

### **SC C | Accelerated Trend Development**



### Scenario C | Accelerated Trend Development



### Scenario C | Accelerated Trend Development

# W. Berkelev County Growth Pressure **Interstate 26 Development**

Areas east of Camp Hall will develop in the future as infrastructure is extended in the area – in particular the Palmetto Railroad. Areas along US Highway 176 and Volvo Card Drive continue to transform into a residential and industrial enclave within the County.

#### **Faster Growth in Northern Communities**

Most of the County's incorporated communities in the north – St. Stephen, Jamestown, and Bonneau – will see moderate development pressures for the period between 2020 and 2040. Spillover growth in less-developed areas of the north will also occur as future year growth forecasted for the County increases significantly.

#### **Low-Density, Sprawl Development Patterns**

New development continues to sprawl outward from existing communities, and/or leapfrogs into new areas that require expensive infrastructure investments to increase service areas.

#### **Development Around Large Planned Neighborhoods**

The scenario assumes all committed development from Scenario A is completed, and new planned developments are attracted to the County, in part, because of their proximity to existing neighborhoods and jobs.

Industrial and commercial development continues along the Interstate 26 corridor until land is no longer available.

### Scenario C | Accelerated Trend Development

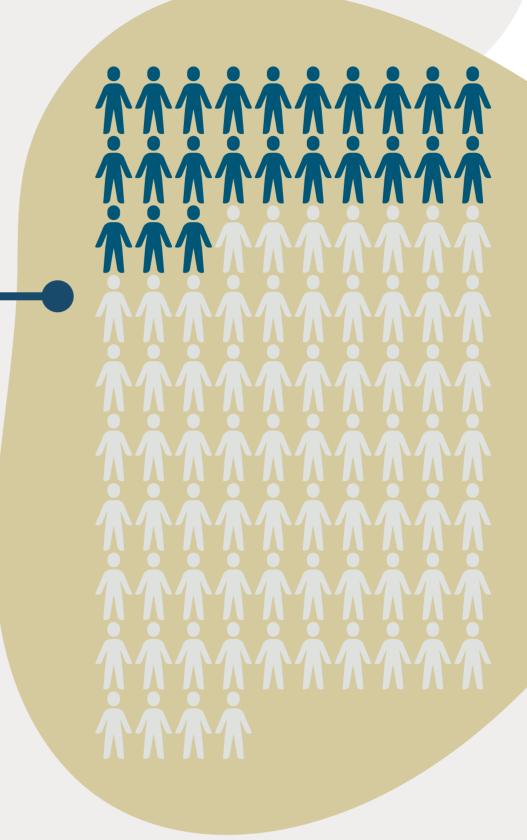
# Performance Measures of ACCELERATED TREND DEVELOPMENT SCENARIO

This scenario answers the question, "What happens by 2040 if growth in the County approaches the maximum end of the forecasted range?" Reported measures include baseline and committed development numbers.

# Population Change

123%

Population would increase by approximately 117,000 more individuals from the baseline and committed population subtotal of 351,000, totaling 468,000. This is a 104% increase from the 2020 baseline population, or 5.2% per year over 20 years.

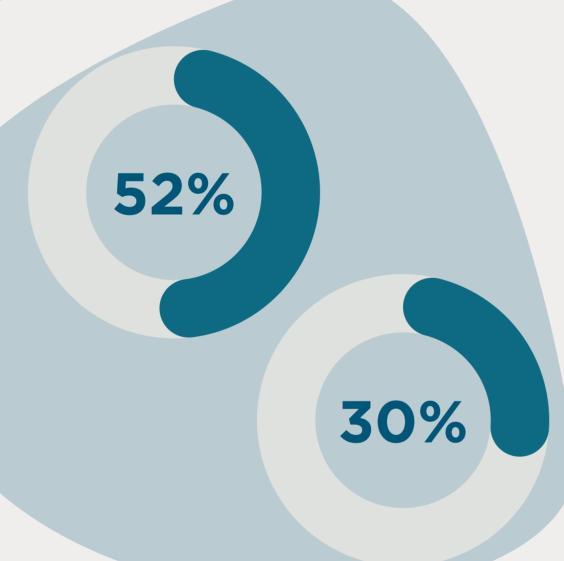


Job Growth

Accelerated Trend Development will add another 69,200 more jobs to the baseline and committed subtotal of 65,000, totaling 134,500 jobs in 2040. This is a 123% increase from the 2020 baseline.

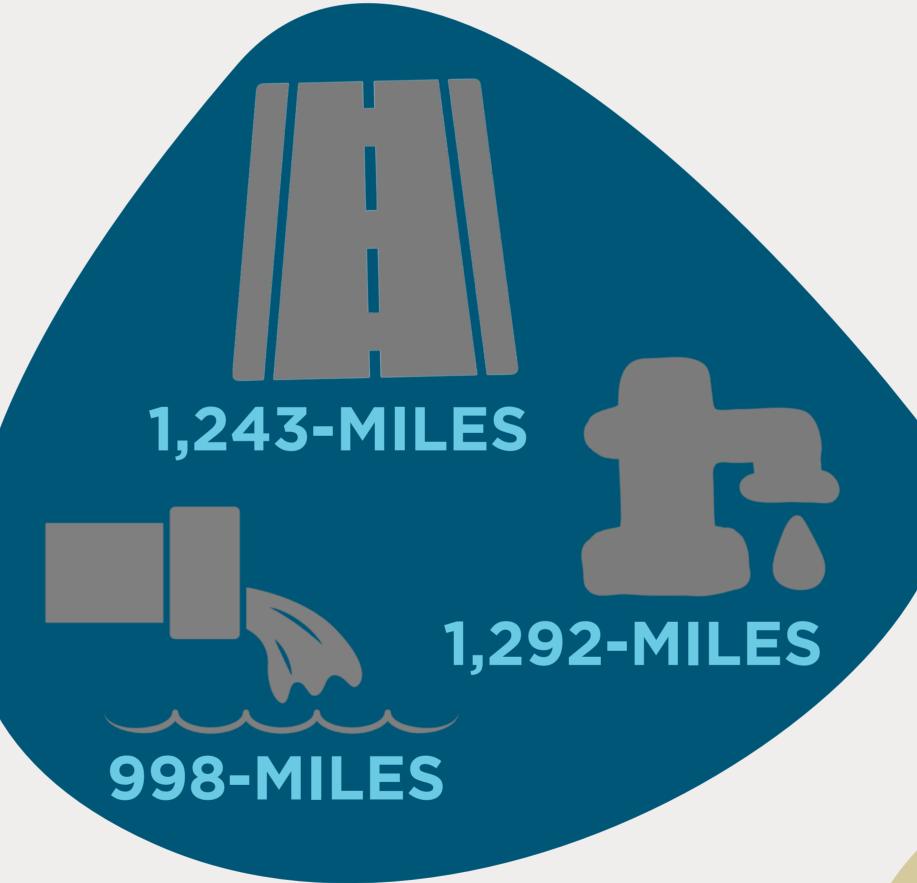
## **ACCESS TO AMENITIES BY 2040**

Percent of all homes within 1/2-mile of existing parks and 1/4-mile of existing transit



## ADDED INFRASTRUCTURE **BY 2040**

Newly Added Roadway, Sewer, and Water Line Miles

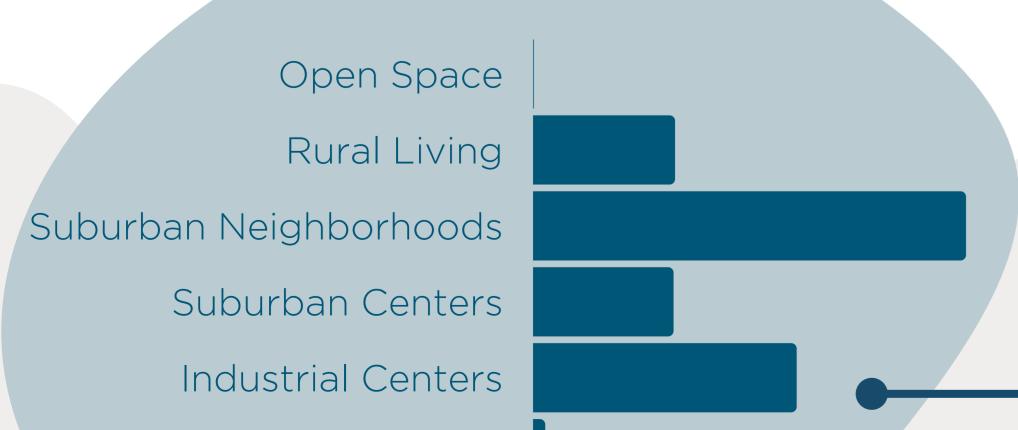


## FINANCIAL RETURN ON COMMITTED **DEVELOPMENT**

Anticipated Return on Investment (Net Return ÷ Cost)

# Housing Units

Existing and committed housing totaled 134,000 units. Accelerated Trend Development would add another 47,500 units, resulting in a total of 181,500 units by 2040, or a 115% increase from 2020.



Mixed Use Centers

Of the total 689,323-acres in the County, about 14% of land was already developed in 2020. In addition to the 8,505 committed acres, another 16,537 acres of development would occur in the

NEWLY DEVELOPED Accelerated Trend Scenario COUNTY ACRES



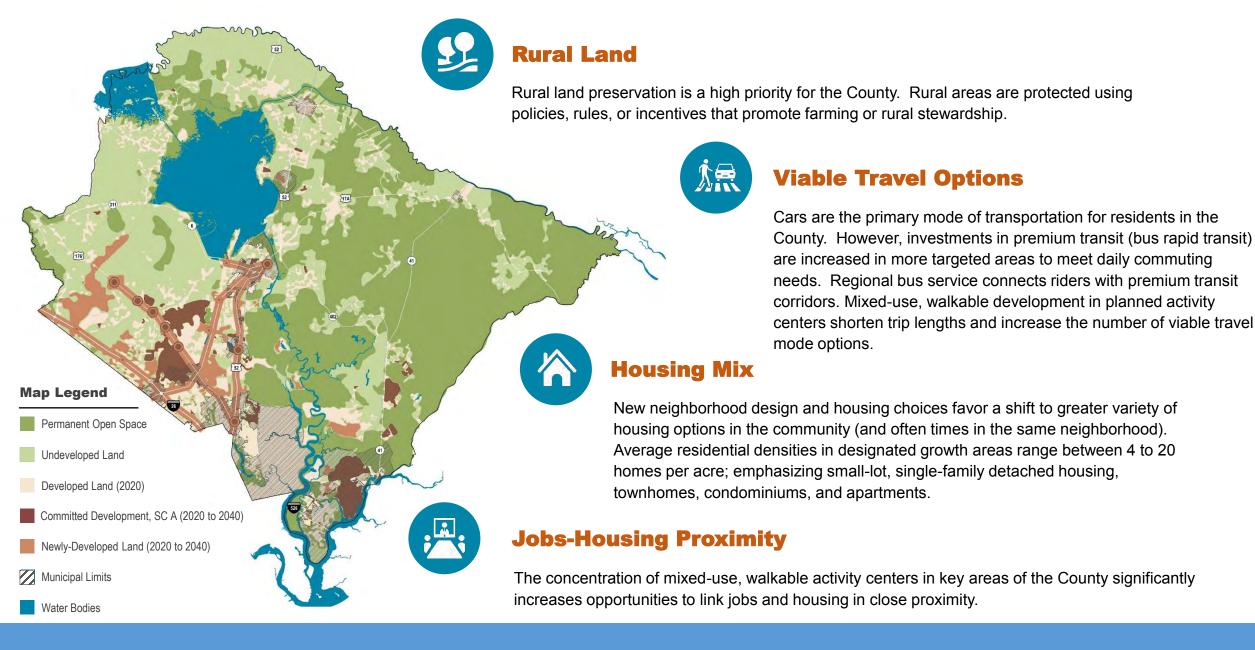
# Development Types

The 16,537 newly developed acres can be categorized into six primary development types: Open Space, Rural Living, Suburban Neighborhoods, Suburban Centers, Industrial Centers, and Mixed Use Centers.

## **SC D | Managed Growth**



### Scenario D | Managed Growth



### Scenario D | Managed Growth

# W. Berkeley County Growth Pressure **Interstate 26 Development**

Areas east of Camp Hall will develop in the future as infrastructure is extended in the area – in particular the Palmetto Railroad. Areas along US Highway 176 and Volvo Card Drive continue to transform into a residential and industrial enclave within the County.

#### **Mixed-Use Development Activity Centers (B)**

Multiple mixed-use, walkable activity centers are planned along Interstate 26 and US Highway 17A to concentrate new development in the County. A more compact development area concentrates infrastructure investments and aims to realize different efficiencies and economies-of-scale.

#### **Transit-Oriented Development Nodes (A)**

Multiple station areas for a bus rapid transit (BRT) are planned along the US Highway 52 corridor as an extension of the region's planned service south of Berkeley County. A new BRT corridor along the US Highway 176 creates a "development spine" for the priority growth area generally bounded by Interstate 26, US 52, US 176, and the Berkeley-Orangeburg County Line. A more compact development area concentrates infrastructure investments and aims to realize different efficiencies and economies-of-scale.

#### **Development Around Large Planned Neighborhoods**

The scenario assumes all committed development from Scenario A is completed, and new planned developments are attracted to the County, in part, because of their proximity to existing neighborhoods and jobs.

Industrial and commercial development continues along the Interstate 26 corridor until land is no longer available.

### **Scenario D | Managed Growth**

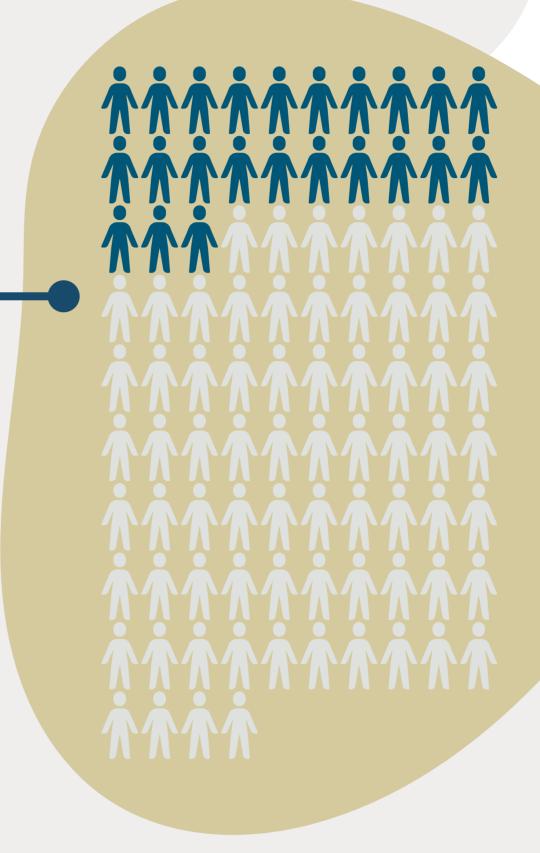
# Performance Measures of MANAGED GROWTH DEVELOPMENT SCENARIO

This scenario answers the question, "What happens by 2040 if the County implements land development regulations consistent with public feedback?" Reported measures include baseline and committed development numbers.



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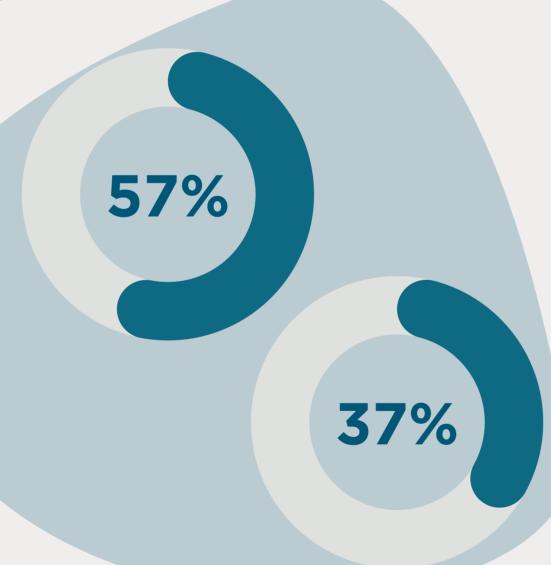


Job Growth

The Managed Growth scenario would add another 69,200 more jobs to the baseline and committed subtotal of 65,000, totaling 134,500 jobs in 2040. This is a 123% increase from the 2020 baseline.

## **ACCESS TO AMENITIES BY 2040**

Percent of all homes within 1/2-mile of existing parks and 1/4-mile of existing transit



## ADDED INFRASTRUCTURE **BY 2040**

Newly Added Roadway, Sewer, and Water Line Miles



## FINANCIAL RETURN ON COMMITTED **DEVELOPMENT**

Anticipated Return on Investment (Net Return ÷ Cost)

# Housing Units

Existing and committed housing totaled 134,000 units. Managed Growth would add another 47,500 units, resulting in a total of 181,500 units by 2040, or a 115% increase from 2020.

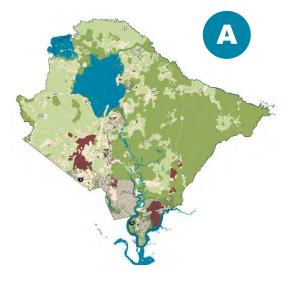


Of the total 689,323-acres in the County, about addition to the 8,505 committed acres, another NEWLY DEVELOPED 11,706 acres of development would occur in the Managed Growth Scenario. COUNTY ACRES



# Development Types

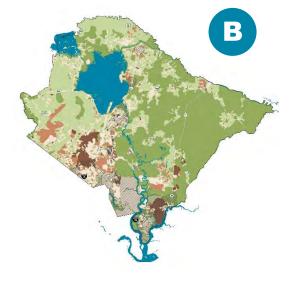
The 11,706 newly developed acres can be categorized into six primary development types: Open Space, Rural Living, Suburban Neighborhoods, Suburban Centers, Industrial Centers, and Mixed Use Centers.



#### **Committed Development**

Population (2040)	351,000
Employment (2040)	65,000
Total Housing Units (2040)	134,00
New Development Footprint Context (2040)	

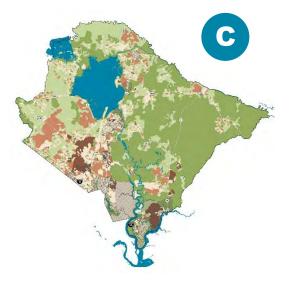
Rural Living	11%
Suburban Neighborhoods	83%
Suburban Centers	4%
Industrial Centers	1%
Mixed-Use Centers	1%



#### **Trend Development**

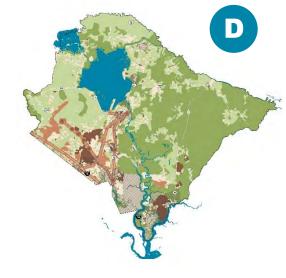
399,000

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Employment (2040)	134,500
Total Housing Units (2040)	154,000
New Development Footprint Context (2040)	)
Rural Living	8%
Suburban Neighborhoods	43%
Suburban Centers	16%
Industrial Centers	32%
Mixed-Use Centers	1%



#### **Accelerated Trend Development**

Population (2040)	468,000
Employment (2040)	134,500
Total Housing Units (2040)	181,500
New Development Footprint Context (2040)	
Rural Living Suburban Neighborhoods	14% 44%
Suburban Centers	14%
Industrial Centers	27%
Mixed-Use Centers	1%

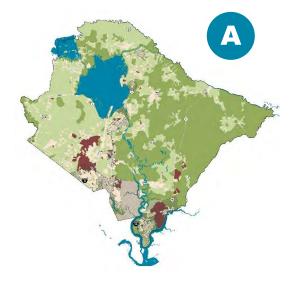


#### **Managed Growth**

Population (2040)	468,000
Employment (2040)	134,500
Total Housing Units (2040)	181,500
New Development Footprint Context (2040	)
Rural Living	5%
Suburban Neighborhoods	52%
Suburban Centers	5%
Industrial Centers	34%
Mixed-Use Centers	4%

### **Side-by-Side Scenario Comparison**

Population (2040)



## Committed Development

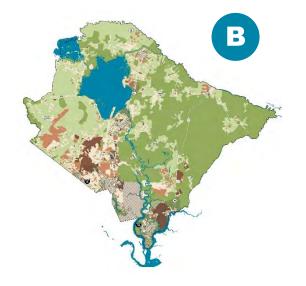
New Home Construction Choices (2040)

Single-Family Detached

Townhome, Duplex or Triplex	7%
Apartment or Condominium	14%
Commitment to Open Space	No Change
Increase in Development Footprint	+8,505 acres
Access to Amenities (2040)	

79%

Homes within ½-Mile of Existing Parks
Homes within ¼-Mile of Existing Transit
36%



## Trend **Development**

New Home Construction Choices (2040)

Single-Family Detached Townhome, Duplex or Triplex Apartment or Condominium	83% 6% 11%
Commitment to Open Space	No Change
Increase in Development Footprint	+11,730 acres
Access to Amenities (2040)	
Homes within ½-Mile of Existing Pa	arks 46%

Homes within 1/4-Mile of Existing Transit

27%



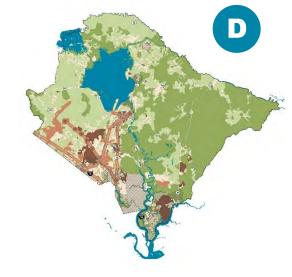
#### Accelerated Trend Development

New Home Construction Choices (2040)

Single-Family Detached Townhome, Duplex or Triplex Apartment or Condominium	83% 6% 11%
Commitment to Open Space	No Change
Increase in Development Footprint	+16,537 acres
Access to Amenities (2040)	
Homes within ½-Mile of Existing Par	ks 52%

Homes within 1/4-Mile of Existing Transit

30%



### Managed Growth

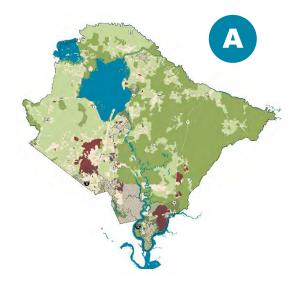
New Home Construction Choices (2040)

Single-Family Detached	60%
Townhome, Duplex or Triplex	20%
Apartment or Condominium	20%
Commitment to Open Space	Big Increase
Increase in Development Footprint	+11,706 acres
Access to Amenities (2040)	

Homes within ½-Mile of Existing Parks
Homes within ¼-Mile of Existing Transit

37%

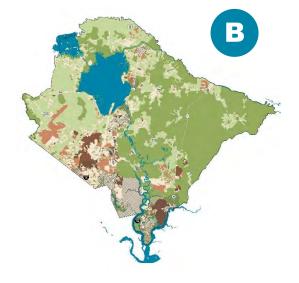
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## Committed Development

Increased Infrastructure Needs (2040)

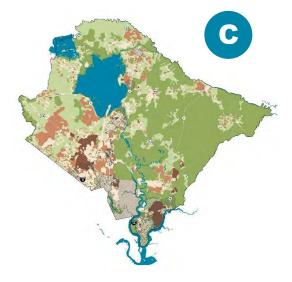
New Road Centerline Miles	527
New Water Line Miles	556
New Sewer Line Miles	562
Financial Return-on-Investment Index	1.38



## Trend **Development**

Increased Infrastructure Needs (2040)

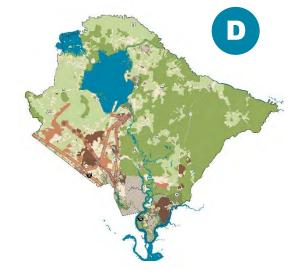
New Road Centerline Miles	911
New Water Line Miles	960
New Sewer Line Miles	897
Financial Return-on-Investment Index	1.51



## Accelerated Trend Development

Increased Infrastructure Needs (2040)

New Road Centerline Miles	1,243
New Water Line Miles	1,292
New Sewer Line Miles	998
Financial Return-on-Investment Index	1 39



### Managed Growth

Increased Infrastructure Needs (2040)

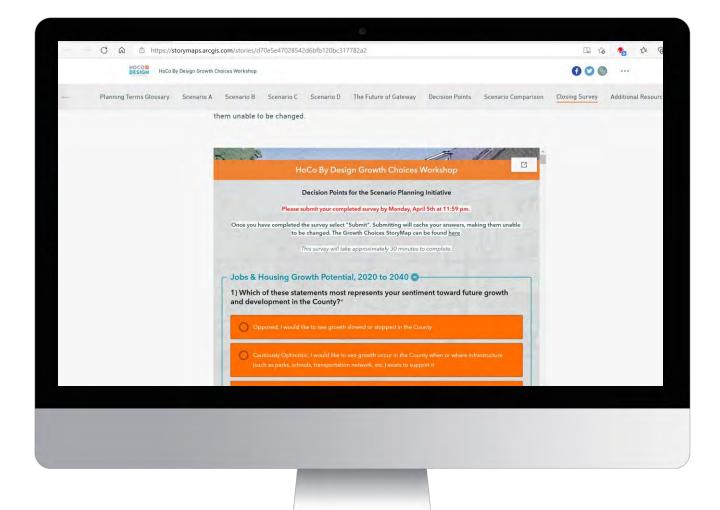
New Road Centerline Miles	981
New Water Line Miles	1,076
New Sewer Line Miles	1,098

1.48

Financial Return-on-Investment Index

### Side-by-Side Scenario Comparison





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