



# Sussex Housing Group

A Committee of the Delaware Housing Coalition

Hon. Vance Phillips, President, Sussex County Council  
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Georgetown, DE 19947

March 18, 2010

Dear Mr. Phillips:

The Sussex Housing Group is encouraged to see the start to the creation of ordinances and the designation of the ad hoc committee on Manufactured Housing in follow up to the Comprehensive Plan.

Our hope is that Council will fully consider ordinances which address the need for affordable housing for extremely low and low-income Sussex Countians. Issues of importance include:

- Land Use, including appropriate density to achieve affordable housing goals;
- Manufactured Housing;
- MPHU and SCRP reviews;
- Substandard housing rehabilitation/preservation.

SHG members were pleased to participate in the Comprehensive Plan process by attending-- and encouraging others to participate in-- public meetings, and to have submitted written comments.

Other Sussex Housing Group work includes the presentation to County Council this past April on Sussex County affordable housing needs and solutions as well as our ongoing productive collaboration with the Community Development & Housing Dept. staff especially Mr. Bill Lecates and Ms. Brandy Bennett.

On behalf of the SHG, the ad hoc planning committee offers you assistance in the design and creation of ordinances to achieve the Housing Element goals of the Comprehensive Plan.

We are grateful for the County Council grant to the Delaware Housing Coalition to further the Sussex Housing Group's work on fair and affordable housing in Sussex.

We thank you for your consideration and look forward to your response.

Sincerely,

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Sussex County  
Habitat for Humanity

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Amy Walls  
Discover Bank

cc: David Baker, Sussex County Administrator;  
Sussex County Council members