# **Draft Community Vision**

Drawing from Greenwood's (2019) and Bridgeville's (2018) current comprehensive development plans, a summary of the community vision for the future is to retain traditional small-town qualities (safety, walkability, connectedness, etc.) and attract new development and redevelopment that emphasizes a vibrant town center with managed development and preservation on the periphery that promotes sustainability (fiscal, environmental, and social) of the community overall.

Guiding principles of the community vision are:

• Preserve community character

Enhance agribusiness

Connect and unite the community

• Contain / manage growth

• Improve infrastructure sustainably

Applying this vision to issues that relate most directly with transportation, the project team and stakeholder committee developed the following transportation-related goals and objectives. These reflect goals and approaches found in recent community plans and studies for Greenwood, Bridgeville, and the surrounding area.

## Transportation-related goals and objectives:

## Transportation

- **Safety** the transportation system supports the safe movement of people and goods.
- **Sufficient capacity** the transportation system accommodates existing and near-term increases in traffic volumes at acceptable levels of service.
- **Connectivity**—the network of roads, pathways, and sidewalks interconnect; new development connects with existing community and historic town centers.
- **Accommodation of all modes of transportation** the transportation system provides comfortable travel options for all modes of transportation, including walking, bicycling, and transit.
- Streetscape enhancements (enhancements of those physical elements of a street that create its visual character)— infrastructure, amenities, and decorative features in the public right-of-way support the character of the community.

#### Land use

- **New development contiguous to existing development**—new development extends from, connects with, and complements the towns and developed areas.
- **Preservation of rural character**—development and infrastructure support the rural and agricultural character of the community rather than breaking it up (visually and physically).
- Strategic growth and preservation on periphery of towns—growth outside of town (e.g., US 13, around schools) supports the existing towns rather than competing or detracting.

### **Economic development**

- Downtown revitalization— increased investment and commercial activity in the centers of Greenwood and Bridgeville.
- Agribusiness corridors corridors outside of town, such as Alternate 404 (Newton Road), support agribusiness.

#### **Environment**

- **Protection and enhancement of water quality—**infrastructure protects/enhances local waterways and Chesapeake Watershed; non-point source water pollution (i.e., runoff from paved surfaces) is minimized.
- **Stormwater management** transportation infrastructure is designed to mitigate flooding; current best management and sustainability practices are used to handle stormwater runoff and to address climate change.
- **Preservation and expansion of open space, including public parks and recreation spaces** preserve open space in ways that support the rural and agricultural character of the community and other transportation goals.