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- Step 1:** Draft prepared by local government.
- Step 2:** Planning Commission and/or Legislative Body approves to send to PLUS at the time the plan is released for public review.
- Step 3:** PLUS meeting, application submitted by 1<sup>st</sup> business day of the month for that month's meeting.
- Step 4:** State comments submitted to local government within 20 business days of meeting.
- Step 5:** Local government replies to state comments in writing and submits revised plan to Office of State Planning Coordination (O S P C) for review.
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- Step 9:** Once you receive your certification letter, please forward two (2) bound paper copies and one electronic copy of your plan to our office for our records. It is suggested that you incorporate a copy of the State's PLUS letter and the Governor's certification letter into the final comprehensive plan document.

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## **Comprehensive Plan / Amendment Checklist<sup>1</sup>**

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<b>Population Data and Analysis</b>	<b>Yes</b>	<b>No</b>	<b>Page #</b>
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Demographics			
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Housing Stock Inventory			
Housing Pipeline			
Housing Needs Analysis			
Position on Housing Growth			
Affordable Housing Plan			

<b>Annexation</b>	<b>Yes</b>	<b>No</b>	<b>Page #</b>
Analysis of Surrounding Land Uses			
Annexation Plan			

<b>Redevelopment Potential</b>	<b>Yes</b>	<b>No</b>	<b>Page #</b>
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<b>Community Character</b>	<b>Yes</b>	<b>No</b>	<b>Page #</b>
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Physical Conditions			
Significant Natural Features			
Community Character			
Historic and Cultural Resources Plan			
Community Design Plan			
Environmental Protection Plan			

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Land Use Plan			

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Inventory of Community Infrastructure			
Inventory and Analysis of Community Services			
Water and Wastewater Plan			
Transportation Plan			
Community Development Plan			
Community Facilities Plan			

<b>Intergovernmental Coordination</b>	<b>Yes</b>	<b>No</b>	<b>Page #</b>
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Intergovernmental Coordination Strategy			
Analysis and Comparison of Other Relevant Planning Documents			

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Economic Base / Major Employers			
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Income and Poverty			
Economic Development Plan			

<b>Open Space and Recreation</b>	<b>Yes</b>	<b>No</b>	<b>Page #</b>
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Zoning Map Revisions			
Zoning and Subdivision Code Revisions			
Implementation Plan			
Coordination with Other Government Agencies			

<b>Other State Programs, Policies, and Issues</b>	<b>Yes</b>	<b>No</b>	<b>Page #</b>
Total Maximum Daily Loads			
Corridor Capacity Preservation Program			
Agricultural Preservation Program			
Sourcewater Protection			

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The Town of  
**HARTLY**

Kent County  
Delaware

A Small Community Dating Back to the Early 1700's

*A plan to restore and revitalize our town.*

# Town of Hartly Comprehensive Plan

January 2016

Prepared by:  
Hartly Comprehensive Planning Commission

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**A MUNICIPAL COMPREHENSIVE DEVELOPMENT PLAN FOR  
HARTLY, DELAWARE  
JANUARY 2016**

**INTRODUCTION**

The Town of Hartly initiated the development of this Comprehensive Plan in December 2007. Beginning in 2009 the town experienced an influx of council resignations and over the next 5 years the Town of Hartly council was unable to form a quorum to conduct proper business. It was not until April 2015 that a full five (5) member functional town council was in place. This comprehensive plan, drafted in 2009 and reviewed/revised in 2015, is intended to provide the framework needed to bring back a small family oriented community with a plan to restore and revitalize the town.

This Comprehensive Plan serves as an official statement about current issues and the future of the town. First and foremost, the plan is a unified advisory document to the Council on land use and growth ideas. It should be used to guide future development decisions, re-zonings, annexations, and capital improvements throughout the town.

The plan is also an informational document for the public. Citizens, business people, and government officials can turn to the plan to learn more about Hartly and its policies for future land use decisions. Potential new residents can use the document as an informational resource about the town, its characteristics and facilities. This document contains the most current information available on population, transportation, housing, employment and the environment.

And lastly, the Hartly Comprehensive Plan is a legal document. The Delaware Code specifies that “...any incorporated municipality under this chapter shall prepare a comprehensive plan for the city or town or portions thereof as the commission deems appropriate.” The code further specifies that, “after a comprehensive plan or portion thereof has been adopted by the municipality in accordance with this chapter, the comprehensive plan shall have the force of law and no development shall be permitted except as consistent with the plan.” (§ 702, Title 22, Delaware Code).

## CHAPTER 1. BACKGROUND

### 1-1. The Authority to Plan

Delaware law requires that municipalities engage in comprehensive planning activities for the purpose of encouraging “the most appropriate uses of the physical and fiscal resources of the municipality and the coordination of municipal growth, development, and infrastructure investment actions with those of other municipalities, counties and the State....” This plan was written to comply with the requirements of a municipal development strategy as described in the Delaware Code for towns with population of 2000 or fewer.

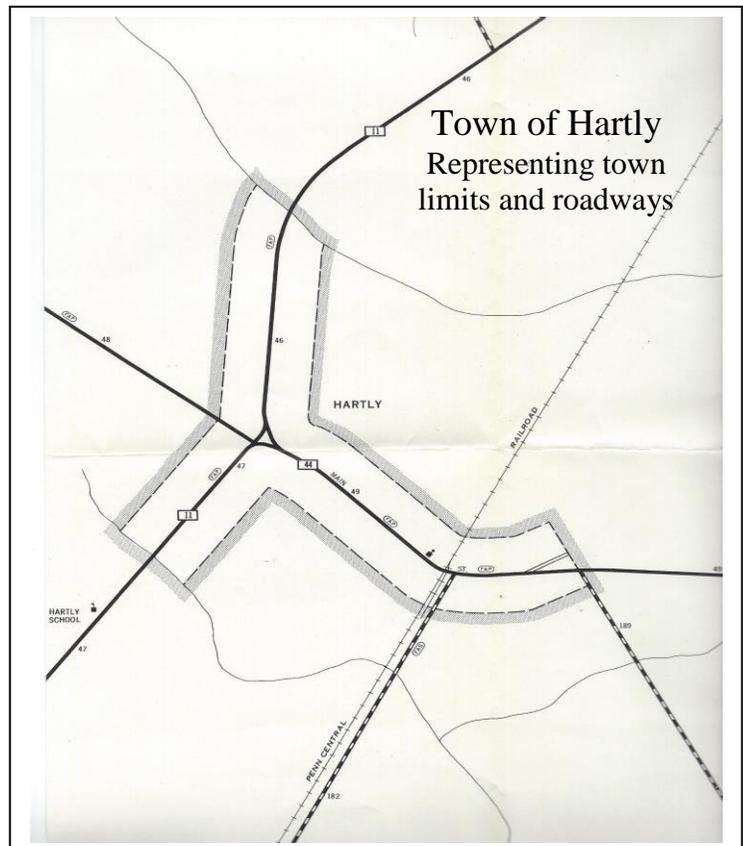
The municipal development strategy for small communities (such as Hartly) with fewer than 2000 people is to be a “document in text and maps, containing, at a minimum, a municipal development strategy setting forth the jurisdiction’s position on population and housing growth within the jurisdiction, expansion of its boundaries, development of adjacent areas, redevelopment potential, community character, and the general uses of land within the community, and critical community development and infrastructure issues.” In addition, the town’s comprehensive planning process must demonstrate coordination with other municipalities, the county, and the state during plan preparation. (22 Del. C. 1953, § 702; 49 Del. Laws, c. 415, § 1.)

State law requires that planning be an ongoing process and that municipalities identify future planning activities. This document is Hartly’s municipal development strategy as required by state law. It is intended to cover a ten-year planning period and be reviewed at least every five years.

### 1-2. Overview of the Community

#### 1-2a Location

The Town of Hartly is arranged around Arthursville Road (RT #11), Main Street (a.k.a. Hartly Road or RT#44) runs west to Arthursville Road, and Everetts Corner Road (RT#44) runs east to Arthursville Road; forming Hartly’s core intersection within town limits. The town limits encompass approximately 36 acres of land. Arthursville Road is approximate .43 miles in length and Main Street is approximately .41 miles in length. The town is located approximately 10 miles west of Dover, Delaware. To the north of Hartly is Kenton, to the south is Marydel.



### ***1-2b History of the Town***

In December of 1734, Thomas J. Scharf’s “History of Delaware” states that Hartly is located three miles north of Marydel on a tract of land that was called “Proctors Purchase.” On a survey dated 1872 by Surveyor William A. Atkinson, there was a marked stump of an old White Oak tree that was located near what is today the intersection of Main Street, Arthursville Road, and Everettes Corner Road. It was the corner marker for four tracts of land known as; “Jones Fancy,” “Proctors Outlet,” “Watery Plains,” and “Cornels (Colonels) Quarters.” These were Maryland Land Grants under the Manor of Baltimore.

The Hawkins Chapel Church was built in 1840. The crossroads were then known as Hawkins Chapel or Hawkins Corner. According to the Beers Atlas, published in 1868 the name of the town at that time was Arthursville. When the Post Office was established in 1882 there were two houses, a store, a school, and a church. A railroad station was built around the same time. In 1883 the Hartly Hotel was built. It could accommodate twenty five guests. By this time the town name had been changed to Hartly for a Mr. Hart who had been a railroad employee that had much influence in getting the Hartly railroad station built.

By 1888, the town had one hundred and five residents. In 1916 – 1917 the West Dover Trust Company Bank was built by the farmers of West Dover Hundred. Through the years the Bank was rebuilt once and changed hands a few times before closing in 1979. During the late 1920’s and 1930’s there was a strawberry market, a large tomato market and grain business. Through the years there have been many other small and thriving businesses.

In 1926, the Hartly Volunteer Fire Company was formed after a firebug set nine fires in a two week time period. The town was virtually under marshal law while vigilantes searched for the firebug. The fires ended and the firebug was never caught however the Fire Company still exists to serve the surrounding community.

During World War II, the members of the Ground Observer Corps of Hartly were the first to construct their own observation post. The object was for spotters on duty 24 hours a day to scan the skies for enemy planes. They would telephone reports to the filter station in Baltimore.

As with many small towns, patterns of transportation have affected the historical development of the Town of Hartly. Businesses located in Hartly, as the popularity of the railroad increased, disappeared or changed hands as the railroad’s importance was superseded by other modes of transportation. Today, Hartly is a small-town, largely residential where only a few businesses remain.

### 1-3 Existing Land Uses

#### 1-3a Land Within Hartly

The Comprehensive Planning Commission conducted a walking survey of existing land uses within Hartly. The predominant land use in town is residential. Most of the residential structures consist of older, one and two-story homes. There are a few vacant residential lots interspersed throughout the town as well.

There are two non-profit land uses located in Hartly, both identified as residential use. The Hartly Methodist Church is located on the northeast corner of Main Street and Arthursville Road. Hartly Volunteer Fire Company is located on the east side Arthursville Road next to the church property.



There are 14 properties identified as commercial use in town limits. There are two children learning centers, a feed/hardware store, a Verizon building and a school bus service. There are four vacant commercial lots. Additionally, in the center of town on Main Street the Hartly Post Office is located. There are four parcels identified as commercial but are used as residential.

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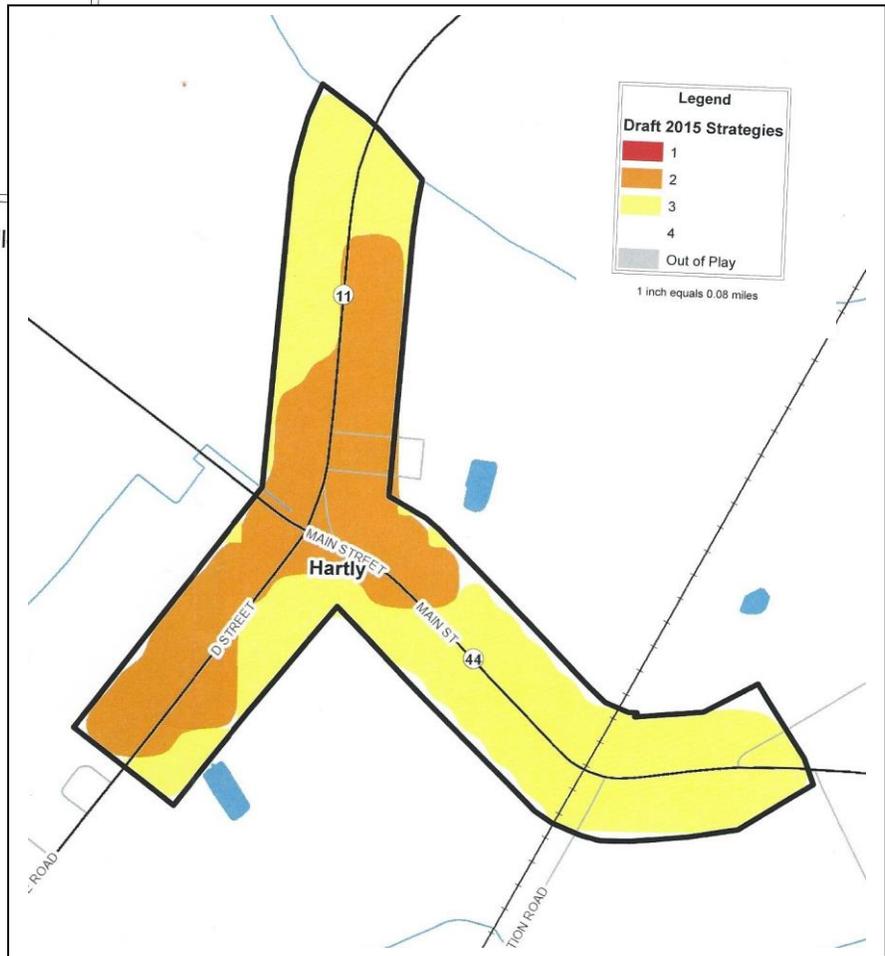
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These areas can be composed of less developed areas within municipalities, rapidly growing areas in the counties that have or will have public water and wastewater services and utilities, areas that are generally adjacent to or near Investment Level 1 Areas, smaller towns and rural villages that should grow consistently with their historic character, and suburban areas with

public water, wastewater, and utility services. These areas have been shown to be the most active portion of Delaware's developed landscape. They serve as transition areas between Level 1 and the state's more open, less populated areas. They generally contain a limited variety of housing types, predominantly detached single-family dwellings.

- Investment Level 3 Areas generally fall into two categories:
  - The first category covers lands that are in the long-term growth plans of counties or municipalities where development is not necessary to accommodate expected population growth during this five-year planning period (or longer). In these instances, development in Investment Level 3 may be least appropriate for new growth and development in the near term.
  - The second category includes lands that are adjacent to or intermingled with fast-growing areas within counties or municipalities that are otherwise categorized as Investment Levels 1 or 2. These lands are most often impacted by environmentally sensitive features, agricultural-preservation issues, or other infrastructure issues. In these

instances, development and growth may be appropriate in the near term, but the resources on the site and in the surrounding area should be carefully considered and accommodated by state Agencies and local governments with land-use authority.

### **1-3b Adjacent Land Uses**

Hartly is located in a rural area. The surrounding land uses are primarily residential and agricultural in nature. Residential uses in the form of single-family homes line the roads leading to and from the town, with much of the land still in agricultural production. Additionally, there is a strong presence of Amish community, their culture and religion must be respected and considered in future land uses.

All of the land surrounding Hartly is within the jurisdiction of Kent County. Both the Kent County Comprehensive Plan and the State Strategies for Policies and Spending designate the area surrounding Hartly as a predominantly rural area; investment level four (4) areas. Level 4 area is described as rural in nature, and are where the bulk of the state's open-space/natural areas and agricultural industry is located. These areas contain agribusiness activities, farm complexes, and small settlements. This designation in both planning documents indicates that no large-scale new infrastructure investments or development projects are anticipated in the vicinity of Hartly.

### **1-4 Public Participation**

The Hartly Town Council established the town's first Planning Commission in December 2007 for the primary purpose of facilitating the development of the town's first Comprehensive Plan. IPA provided a training session in October 2007 to explain the basics of land use planning and the comprehensive planning process. In December 2007 the Planning Commission held its first meeting and began the development of the Town's vision for the future. In 2009 a draft plan was near completion. As described in the introduction of this document, in 2015 the current Planning Commission was formed and began revision of the 2009 drafted plan.

To incorporate public input into the comprehensive plan a questionnaire was developed. The Comprehensive Plan Committee distributed the questionnaire to all town residents based on Hartly Town tax records. A total of 24 questionnaires, completed by town residents, were returned. Given the small number of properties in Hartly, this represents a 50% response rate, which is very high for a survey of this type. (Appendix A)

The questionnaire asked citizens a variety of planning questions and there was space for additional comments. Property maintenance and speeding through town were the most prevalent issues identified by citizens in the comments section of the questionnaire (Appendix B).

The Town of Hartly Planning Commission held public meetings to discuss drafts of the plan. The meeting was attended by members of the Planning Commission, Town Council, and members of the general public.

On November 30, 2015 the Hartly Town Comprehensive Plan was submitted to the State Planning Office via a Preliminary Land Use Service (PLUS) Application Review Request for review and comment. On (date goes here) the State Planning Office comments and suggestions were reviewed by the Planning Commission and revisions incorporated into this document. The Planning Commission held a public hearing to review the final document on (date goes here). The revised document was resubmitted to OSPC for final review and certification.

## **1-5 Hartly’s Planning Goals and Vision**

The Town of Hartly is a very small community, based on Census 2010, a residential base of just 74. Through public participation, the community questionnaire, and planning committee research, the following goals and vision were developed for Hartly’s future:

### ***1-5a Planning Goals***

- Preserve and restore Town of Hartly’s traditional friendly small-town character and quality of life in ways that coordinate with Kent County zoning and growth projection.
- Encourage maintenance and conservation of the town’s small-town character and appearance through revision and increased enforcement of property maintenance ordinances for existing and future structures.
- Encourage the redevelopment of vacant homes and parcels within the town boundaries.
- Evaluate and update all town ordinances.
- Explore the feasibility of incorporating a trash removal district amongst the community.
- Improve the ability of pedestrians to safely move through the town by investigating best methods and practices for enforcing traffic laws, attending to sidewalk repair, as well as incorporate a “Safe Route to School” plan.
- Restore law and order in town by investigating feasibility of police patrol.
- Partner with local organizations to schedule social activities in town to maintain community spirit and increase civic engagement.
- Encourage a review of local area parcels for development of land for the use of public park and recreational needs for local area residents.
- Encourage annexation of current split town parcels and neighboring or near properties thus inspiring a slow, but steady growth for the Town of Hartly.

- Revise zoning ordinances and map to provide certainty to land use within the Town of Hartly, protect property values, and encourage proper use of land in the town in support of this plan.
- Encourage discussion regarding the potential for future commercial activity in the town.
- Review small parcels of land currently identified as commercially zoned area to determine whether the parcels are still practical for commercial activity.
- Coordinate with nearby municipalities, Kent County, and the state to mitigate the impacts of development of surrounding areas on the Town of Hartly, promoting the preservation of open space when possible.

***1-5b A Vision for Hartly***

Hartly is a small community that will maintain its small town character while allowing for modest growth and development that is consistent with a family oriented atmosphere and rural surroundings.

## **CHAPTER 2. MUNICIPAL DEVELOPMENT STRATEGY**

### **2-1 Town Governance**

The Town of Hartly was founded in 1734. A five member Town Council governs the Town and elections are scheduled annually on the last Saturday in April. Members are elected for two-year staggered terms, with two council members elected in even years and three in the odd years. The minimum requirements for holding office are (a) a bona fide resident of the Town of Hartly for at least one year next preceding the annual election; (b) at least eighteen (18) years of age; (c) be non-delinquent in his town taxes to the extent subject to same; and (d) each of the qualifications for Town Commissioner shall be continuing qualifications to hold office and the failure of any Commissioner to have any of the qualifications required by this town charter during his term of office shall create a vacancy in the office.

Within a reasonable time following the election the Council must hold an organizational meeting to appoint a President, Treasurer, Town Clerk, Public Works/Building Inspector, and such other officers as may deem necessary. The Town Council minimally meets “quarterly” throughout the year; on the second Tuesday in February, May, August, and November. Three members of the Council must be present to constitute a quorum for conducting business.

In December 2007, the Town Council established the town’s first Planning Commission. The Commission consists of town property owners and local residents within the Hartly zip code, 19953. The Commission was assembled for the initial task of coordinating the development of the town’s first Comprehensive Plan. In 2009 a draft plan existed however was not fully executed at that time. In June 2015 the draft of the Comprehensive plan was resurrected and in August 2015 a new council was established to complete Hartly’s Comprehensive Plan. The new Planning Commission consists of five town property owners.

The Town owns no buildings or land, and has no employees. Town meetings are conducted at the Hartly Volunteer Fire Company. The Town Council conducts town business and is responsible for issuing building and other project permits. Kent County Inspection maintains responsibility of actual building inspections. One of the purposes of this planning effort is to begin the process of updating the land use regulations and ordinances for the town.

### **2-2 Demographics, Future Population, and Housing Growth**

This section outlines data on population, demography, and housing in Hartly and the surrounding areas. Where appropriate, comparisons are also made to Kent County and the State of Delaware.

#### ***2-2a Population and Housing***

This section contains information about Hartly derived from the United States Census. In the United States Census, which is intended to be a count of all persons, there are undoubtedly errors, omissions, and over/under counts. Population estimates and projections for small areas, such as Hartly and the surrounding areas are notoriously difficult to devise. While it may be possible to get reasonably accurate representations of a state or county, in areas the size of Hartly, small errors or omissions can

have a significant impact on the results. In Hartly, the extremely small population makes these figures particularly unreliable. However, it is useful to compare Hartly with similar data at the State and County level in order to illustrate trends. This section has been included for this purpose.

A review of information collected from the United States Census indicates that from 1990 to 2010 the population in Delaware and Kent County steadily increased. The population in Hartly has an overall decrease:

	1990	2000	2010
Hartly	107	78	74
Kent County	110,993	126,697	162,344
State of Delaware	666,168	783,168	897,934

**2-2b Population Projections**

Population projections for areas as small as the Town of Hartly are extremely difficult to calculate with any degree of accuracy. It is important to note that a single large project could have a significant impact on the town’s rate of growth.

There has been one housing unit constructed in town limits in the past 20 years. That housing unit replaced an existing dilapidated home, thus posing no growth. In early 2008 there was building plans established for a small business strip to be built at the intersection of Rt 11 and Rt 44 however that construction fell through and to date has not come to fruition. The run-down condition of many homes within town limits will hinder growth potential for the town. A concentration on improving the town’s appearance and annexation of neighboring parcels will enhance the future population of the town.

**2.2c Position on Population and Housing Growth**

Hartly is a small town located within a mostly agricultural area of Kent County. The Town’s position on population and housing growth is to encourage the redevelopment, restoration and/or repair of existing homes, encourage construction of new homes on existing empty lots within town limits, and entertain housing growth on neighboring lots and neighboring properties for annexation. Additionally the town would welcome interests of small commercial business that would fit with the town’s family atmosphere.

**2-2d Racial Composition**

The table below details the racial and ethnic composition of the Town of Hartly as compared to Kent County and the State of Delaware. Hartly is less racially diverse than Kent County and the State as a whole. As noted in section 2-2b, due to the extremely small size of the population of Hartly, it only takes a few individuals to produce a large statistical impact on the Hartly composition; for example a family of four (4) represents 5.5% of Hartly’s population.

**Racial Composition of Hartly, Kent County and Delaware**

Race	Hartly			Kent County			Delaware		
	1990	2000	2010	1990	2000	2010	1990	2000	2010
White	99.0%	91.0%	97%	79.0%	73.0%	67.8	80.0%	75.0%	68.9
Black	1.0%	3.8%	0%	19.0%	21.0%	24.0	17.0%	19.0%	21.4
Other	0.0%	1.3%	3%	2.0%	6.0%	8.2	3.0%	6.0%	9.7

Source: US Census

**2-2e. Age Profile**

Town of Hartly	1990	%	2000	%	2010	%
Under 5 years	13	12.2 %	7	8.9 %	4	5.4%
5 – 17 years	16	14.9 %	20	25.6 %	12	16.2%
18 – 20 years	2	1.9 %	5	6.4 %	4	5.4%
21 – 24 years	1	1.0 %	2	2.6 %	4	5.4%
25 – 44 years	43	40.2 %	31	39.7 %	20	27.0%
45 – 54 years	6	5.6 %	8	10.3 %	16	21.6%
55 – 59 years	7	6.5 %	2	2.6 %	3	4.0%
60 – 64 years	3	2.8 %	1	1.3 %	5	6.8%
65 – 74 years	9	8.4 %	1	1.3 %	4	5.4%
75 – 84 years	4	3.7 %	1	1.3 %	1	1.4%
85 year and over	3	2.8 %	0	0 %	1	1.4%
	107		78		74	

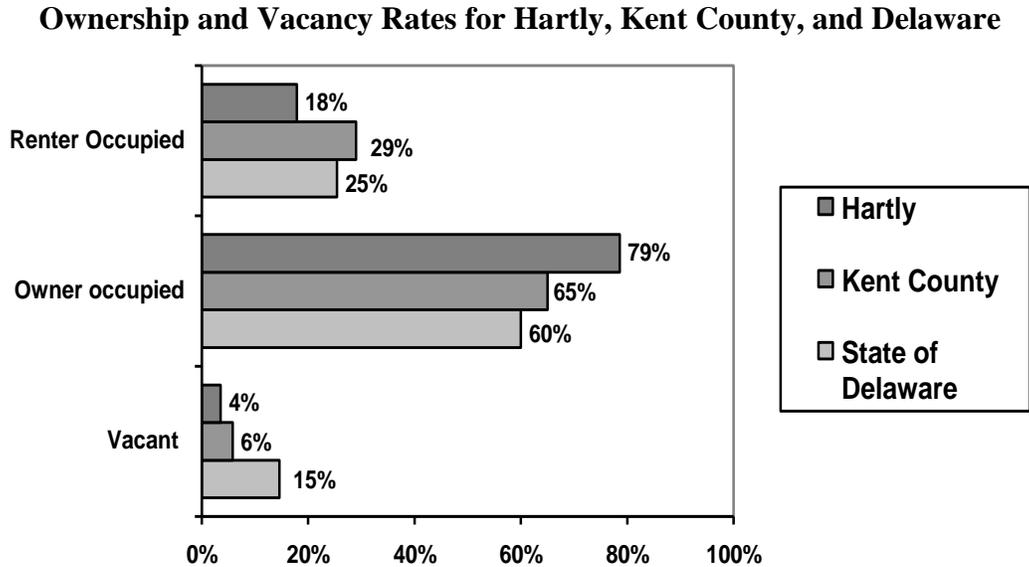
Hartly currently maintains an Adult population (21 – 54) if 54.1%. In 2010, school age children (ages 5-20) accounted for 27% of the population. The 2010 Census indicates that the youth population decreased over the past decade in Hartly. The 2010 Census indicated only 18.9% of the town of Hartly population is over the age of 55. Census 2010 indicates that the median age of a resident of Hartly is 38.3 years.

**2-2f Housing**

This section describes Hartly’s housing stock. According to the US Census, from 1990 to 2000 there was a net loss of 16 dwelling units in Hartly, a decrease of 34%. This was in contrast to the growth rate of housing in Kent County (34%) and that of the State (18%). This change is somewhat consistent with the decrease in population that Hartly has experienced in the last decade. However, it should be noted that due to the extremely small population size the US Census results for Hartly are likely to be highly variable and inaccurate. The Town of Hartly Comprehensive Committee conducted a walking survey and identified 37 housing units in town limits. This represents a net loss of 10 dwellings since 1990, a 21% decrease.

	1990 (USCensus)	2000 (USCensus)	2010 (Actual count)
Hartly Housing Units	47	31	37

The Chart below compares the proportion of vacant units, owner-occupied units, and renter occupied units found in Hartly with those in Kent County and the State. As seen from the chart below, Hartly fares quite well, with fewer renters and more owners in housing than in Kent County and Delaware.



Source: US Census

**2-3 Future Land Use**

The Town of Hartly contains residential and commercial land uses as described in Section 1-3.

**2-3a Residential Land Uses**

The majority of the town is designated residential land use. It is the intent of the town that these areas will remain as single and duplex family homes. Here are some general policies that will guide land uses in Hartly:

- The preservation and rehabilitation of existing homes in Hartly is encouraged and ordinances should be updated and created in order to encourage and insure homes are maintained.
- Modular homes are acceptable in town to meet the need for affordable housing, but they should be designed and placed in a way that resembles a single family home.
- Ordinances and land use regulations should specify that manufactured homes must be installed on foundations.
- Encourage development of vacant parcels that will improve and inspire home ownership in the Town of Hartly.

### **2-3b Commercial Land Uses**

There are 14 commercial properties located in Hartly, and they are scattered throughout the town. The intent of the town is to allow and encourage general commercial businesses that are consistent with the nature of a small family oriented town.

The Town of Hartly recognizes that two of the primary limitations to future commercial growth either inside or outside of the town is water capacity (which is described below in Section 2-5a) and capacity of the Kent County Public Works sewer. Commercial entities interested in the area must insure that an individual well will suffice for the business, as a public water system is not a project that the town would initiate in the next 10 years. Interested commercial entities must also work with the Kent County Public Works to insure sewer capacity is available.

Here are some general policies that will guide commercial land uses in Hartly:

- Existing commercial uses will be allowed to continue to operate.
- It is desirable to promote retail, service, and office uses that provide needed goods and services and jobs to the town.

### **2-3c Community Land Uses**

There are a number of community land uses in town. It is the intent of the town to encourage their continued operation and role in the community. These uses include the Hartly Volunteer Fire Company, Hartly Methodist Church, and the U.S. Postal Service Office. Here are some general policies that will guide community land uses in Hartly:

- The existing community land uses will be encouraged to continue their roles in the community, and be allowed to grow and expand in a reasonable fashion that is consistent with the character of Hartly.

### **2-3d Main Street Land Uses**

Main Street in Hartly is currently a mixture of many different land uses, which is the typical land use pattern for a small town. It is the desire of Hartly to promote this mixture of uses by designating the properties fronting along Main Street as the “Main Street” district. Residential, commercial, and community land uses are all acceptable as long as they are compatible with the scale and character of the town and do not negatively impact the town. Here are some general policies that will guide the Main Street district uses:

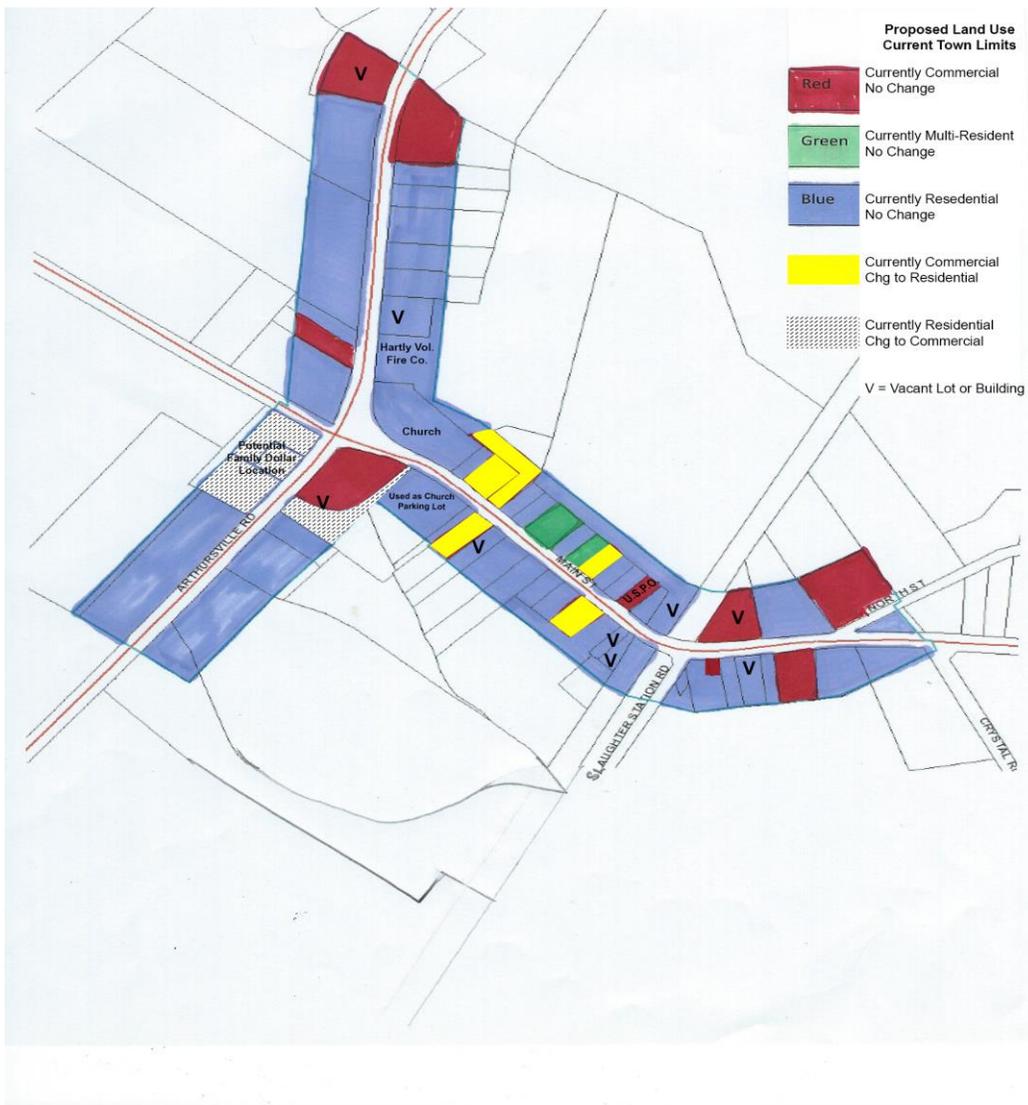
- The existing land uses along Main Street are expected to remain and property owners should be encouraged to revitalize their buildings and improve their businesses in a way that is consistent with the character of the town.

- Current small Main Street property parcels located between Arthursville Road and Slaughter Station Road identified as commercial should be reviewed to determine if these small parcels downtown should remain as such.

## 2-4 Growth and Annexation

### 2-4a Growth inside Hartly

There is potential growth inside the Town of Hartly town limits. Growth through the rebuilding of infrastructure to fit updated building standards would be encouraged. Additionally town parcels should be reviewed and revised as deemed necessary and agreeable to all parties involved. The map below identifies proposed changes to parcels within town limits, as well as identifies the many vacant lots scattered throughout the town.



### 2-4b Annexation

The immediate goals of Hartly’s annexation plan are to annex parcels that are split between the town and county boundary and to annex properties adjacent or near to town. These properties are already established, hence water and sewer already exist for these properties.

The map presented in this plan is only a suggestion of an annexation plan.

### 2-5. Public Utilities and Services

#### 2-5a Water System

There is no public water system in the town. Water supply in the town is currently provided by individual wells located on each property. Domestic wells in the area are normally shallow, in the 60 -70 foot range, and draw from the Columbia aquifer. The Columbia aquifer is a surface aquifer potentially subject to contamination from the high density of individual septic systems that were in place prior to the Kent County septic system installation. All permits and water allocations are under the jurisdiction of The Delaware Department of Natural Resources and Environmental Control (DNREC).

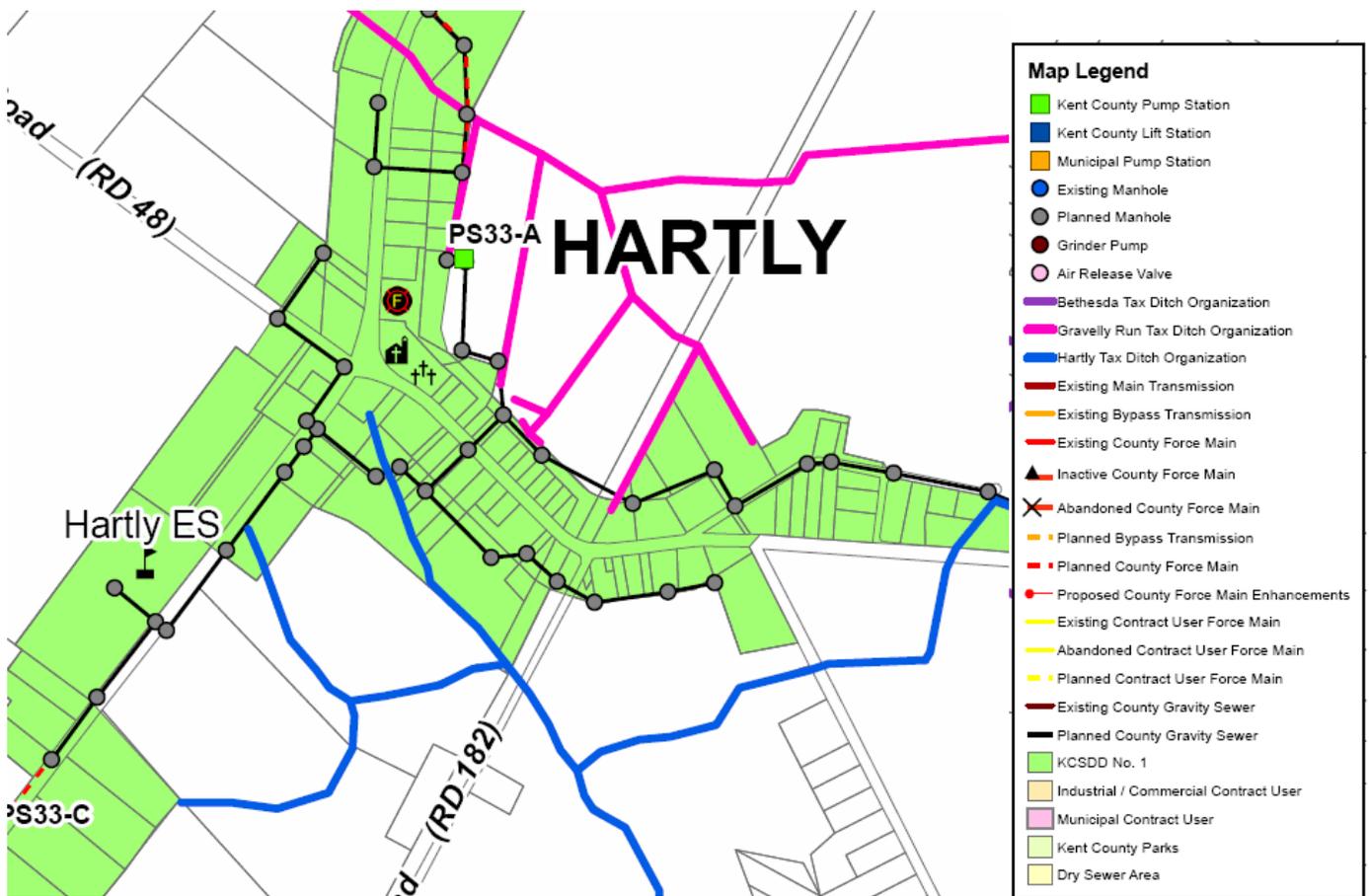
Fire protection water in the Hartly area is provided by fire service tankers and one hydrant.

During the public participation process and community meetings, the need for a public water system was discussed but it was not identified as an issue or concern. However, those who answered a question about the need for public water all considered it an important or extremely important issue for the town to address in the future.



**2.5b Wastewater Treatment System**

The Town of Hartly and surrounding areas are served by Kent County Public Works sewer service. The Hartly area sewer expansion project began in 2007 was completed in 2012. The Hartly Area Sewer Expansion Project eliminated failing septic systems and now provides sewer service for the Town of Hartly, Forest Grove Mobile Home Park, Rehak Subdivision, Hartly Mobile Home Park, Oak Forest Estates, and some properties along Arthursville Road, North Street, Myers Drive and Burriss Road. The project provided wastewater collection and conveyance to the Kent County Wastewater Facility near Frederica via the existing County infrastructure in Kenton. Kent County Public Works manage and maintains this sewer service.



**2-5c Solid-Waste Disposal**

Refuse collection services are the responsibility of each individual property owner. Residents and businesses in Hartly arrange collection through one of several private companies operating in the area.

- Explore the feasibility of incorporating a trash removal district amongst the community.

### **2-5d Storm water Management**

Storm water management is an issue for many towns, especially small towns like Hartly that may not have a well-defined storm water management infrastructure. Most of the town's storm water runoff is collected in strategically located catch basins. Rainfall is transported to the catch basins by storm sewers. The storm water system is separate from the sewage-collection system. All new development must meet Kent County Conservation District standards for storm water management. No new development can be approved without the approval of the Kent Conservation District.

### **2-5e Plan Recommendations, Public Utilities and Services**

- Continue working with the Kent County Public Works to manage and maintain the sewer service.
- Discuss neighboring local government desire and need for a public water system. When and if a collaborative effort is found, determined a path forward for a public water system.

## **2-6 Community Services and Facilities**

### **2-6a Police**

Police services are provided, 24-hours a day, to Hartly when needed through the Delaware State Police. The town does not currently contract with the state police for additional patrol services beyond emergency response. During the public participation process and those who answered a question about the need for Police presence in town all considered it an **important or extremely important issue** for the town to address; it was noted that speeding, parking, and town security were top concerns.

### **2-6b Fire and Ambulance Emergency Services**

The Hartly Volunteer Fire Company (HVFC) provides both fire protection and emergency medical service for the residents of Hartly and surrounding area. Even though the town of Hartly is rather small, the fire district is actually fairly large, 55 square miles. Sharing borders with Camden (Sta. 41), Cheswold (Sta. 43), Clayton (Sta. 45), Dover (Sta. 46), Marydel (Sta. 56), and Sudlersville MD (Queen Anne's County Sta. 6). HVFC runs around 200 fire alarms a year while the ambulance is constantly busy running 600-700 emergencies a year. Hartly Volunteer Fire Co currently consists of:

- Two engines (51-3 and 51-5)
- Heavy Duty Rescue 51-6
- Tanker 51
- Telesquirt 51-7
- Two brush trucks (51-0 and 51-9)
- Three ambulances (A, B, and C-51)
- A van (51-8)
- Light and air unit (Light and Air 51)
- Decontamination trailer

Antique Engine (51-4) as a parade piece

There are over 100 personnel associated with HVFC. In addition, HVFC employees Emergency Medical Technicians (EMT) to provide response to emergencies; as well as there are several volunteer EMT's that respond to emergency situations during the off hours of the employed EMT.

**2-6c Other Emergency Medical Services**

Kent County Emergency Paramedic Medical Service provides emergency medical services that are above and beyond the expertise of HVFC EMT personnel. There are three paramedic stations in Kent County located in Dover, Smyrna, and Harrington.

**2-6d Education and Library Facilities**

The Town of Hartly is located in the Capital School District. Hartly Elementary School is located at 2617 Arthursville Road, just outside the Town of Hartly town limits. The elementary school serves approximately 400 students in kindergarten through fourth grade. In the areas of reading, writing, math, science and social studies; students consistently score above the state averages on the Delaware Student Testing Program.

The Kent County Public Library offers free services to the residents of Kent County. The library is located at 497 South Red Haven Lane, Dover Delaware, just off of US Route 13 and north of Woodside, Delaware. The Kent County Library also operates a mobile unit. The bookmobile visits the Town of Hartly one day a week. It parks in the Hartly United Methodist Church parking lot on Main Street. This schedule is subject to change but can be verified by contacting the Kent County Public Library

**2-6e Senior Services**

No senior services are available in Hartly; however, there are resources for seniors outside of the town. The Mamie A. Warren Senior Center, Inc. is located at 1775 Wheatley's Pond Road, Smyrna, Delaware; 7 miles from town. Delaware's largest multi-purpose Senior Center, Modern Maturity Center is located at 1121 Forrest Ave, Dover Delaware; 9 miles east from town. The town is also serviced by Meals on Wheels and paratransit bus services.

**2-6f Health Care**

There are no health care facilities located within Hartly. The Bay Health Medical Center in Dover is the closest hospital that provides health care to Hartly residents. There are multiple Urgent Emergency Care facilities located in both the Smyrna and Dover area as well.

**2-6g Postal Service**

Hartly has a post office in town. Town residents receive mail via a post office box. The surrounding area receives mail via route delivery from the Hartly Postal Service. The postal code for Hartly is 19953.

## **2-6h Parks and Recreation**

There are no public developed parks within or near the town.

During the public participation process and community meetings, the desire for a public park and/or recreation area was discussed. With many children and young adults in and near the Town of Hartly a public park would be beneficial to the community. Nearly 22% of Hartly residents are under the age of 17 and a public aware for children to congregate would be beneficial to the community.

## **2-7 Transportation**

### **2-7a Regional Transportation**

The main routes that serve the town are under the jurisdiction of the State, through the Delaware Department of Transportation. Route 44, also know as Main Street, runs in an east/west direction and is one of the primary roads through town. Route 44/Main Street intersects with Route 11 (Arthursville Road), the other primary road through town. Arthursville Road runs in a north/south direction.

### **2-7b Local Roads**

The Town of Hartly consists of 2 roads, Main Street and Arthursville Road; as well as a small portion of Everett's Corner Slaughter Station Road and North Street. DelDot provides maintenance, snow removal and cleaning for all the roads.

### **2-7c Transit**

There are no regular state-operated DART bus routes passing through or near the town. As in all of Delaware, para-transit service is available through DART, for a nominal fee, by reservation to eligible elderly and disabled residents.

### **2-7d Railroad**

There is currently no station or other active rail facilities in the town.

### **2-7e Traffic and Parking Issues**

Both Rt 44 and Rt 11 are frequently used as a connection (by commercial tractor trailer) between main corridors and for local deliveries. The majority of town and surrounding area residents are employed in other municipalities. Dover, a 20 minute drive east on Rt 44; Wilmington, a 60 minute drive north on Rt 11; Annapolis Maryland, a 60 minute drive west on Rt 11, all bear the burden of commuters because there is no public transportation faculties available in or near the town. Also, many homeowners use street parking for their personal vehicles. However, Main Street is narrow and at times is cause for caution when traveling it; especially when passing by a tractor trailer or wide load vehicle. Arthursville

Road is slightly wider and does not have the same width issues that are regularly encountered on Main Street.

There is a distinct feeling among residents that people travel too fast on both Main Street (Rt 44) and Arthursville Road (Rt11). There have been several accidents due to high speed travel at the curve on Main Street where it intersect with Slaughter Station Road. Most recent accidents were the cause of the house located directly in the curve's path to be condemned because the vehicle accident knocked it off of its foundation. The house is no longer there and the homeowners have moved from the area. They suffered a great loss of real estate property due to the situation.

Additionally, town residents often reported that at the intersection of Rt 11 and Rt 44 (currently a 4-way stop with flashing caution light) traffic continually disobeys the stop and use excessive speed. The Hartly Elementary School is located directly outside town limits on Arthursville Road.

The town does not have a police department and is dependent on the Delaware State Police to patrol the area in regards to enforcement of the speed and proper stopping.

### ***2-7f Recommendations, Transportation***

When considering current and potential transportation issues the Town must have a clear idea of where improvements and additional evaluation need to be made. Some potential solutions that the Town should consider and review are:

- Conduct a surveillance of traffic and traffic patterns to document and support town resident's sense of traffic violations.
- Based on documented surveillance, pursue an enforcement plan.
- Determine best method of enforcement; i.e. hire off duty State Police officers to enforce traffic laws in town limits; contract with other small towns' law enforcement.
- Consider pros and cons of installing digital speed limit alert traffic signs on both Main Street and Arthursville Road.
- Review current approaching speed limit signage and work with Kent County and State government to determine if existing signage is appropriately placed for incoming traffic.
- Research other options for clearly identifying the speed limits and stop signs to incoming traffic.
- Review and discuss the potential for a round-a-bout at the intersection of Slaughter Station road and Main Street.

- Pursue the ability to eliminate Tractor Trailer/Commercial vehicles traveling down Rt 44 between Rt 8 and Rt 11 (except for local deliveries).

## **2-8. Community Character and Design**

### **2-8a Context**

The town of Hartly is arranged around Arthursville Road (RT #11) that runs north-to-south, Main Street (a.k.a. Hartly Road, RT#44) runs west to Arthursville Road, and Everetts Corner Road (RT#44) runs east to Arthursville Road; forming Hartly core intersection within town limits. The town is located approximately 10 miles west of Dover, Delaware; to the north of Hartly is Kenton; to the south is Marydel. Hartly is very typical of the many “railroad” towns in the western parts of Kent and Sussex Counties that grew in association with the rail line in the late 1800s and early 1900’s. It was in April of 1982 the last train run was made. Hartly has a further distinction as being the smallest of Delaware’s small towns, with a population of only 74 persons in the year 2010. The town truly has a small town atmosphere that the residents value.

### **2-8b Land Use and Design**

The land use within the town limits is residential and commercial. The town is also surrounded largely by agricultural, forestry, and open space uses.

The majority of the houses in town limits are of the single-family, detached variety. They are typically on smaller lots than modern homes. A few residents have purchased adjacent properties to enlarge the footprint of their residency. Additionally, a few property parcels are split up, meaning part of the residency is in town limits and part in Kent County. Most homes and buildings along Main Street have small setbacks from the street. There are a few homes in a dilapidated state that must be addressed.

Many of the commercially zoned properties within Hartly’s town limits are now empty lots or vacated structures. Several of the commercial properties are in need of major repair. At various times throughout the years, the Town of Hartly was home to a small market/sub shop, bank, car sales/repair shop, video store, and small tavern.

Currently Hartly’s land use and zoning ordinance/code is very outdated; leaving the town somewhat vulnerable.

### **2-8c Recommendations, Community Character**

- Preserve the Small Town’s Family Atmosphere. Hartly should protect its small town footprint by limiting annexation of properties to encompass split properties and/or neighboring properties to the current Town of Hartly limits. Additionally the town must take into consideration a balance between commercial and residential zoned properties.

- Redefine Zoning for Properties within Town limits. Currently there are some properties zoned as commercial that are now being used strictly as residential. It may be advantageous for the town to perform a comprehensive rezoning opportunity for residents to define their current zoning need.
- Explore Community Parks and Recreation opportunities. Over 50% of Hartly town residents have children under the age of 18 residing in their household. The nearest community playground park is approximately 13 miles east of Hartly. A small recreational/picnic type (pet-friendly) park for children and families to visit would help to provide a safe place for them to play.
- Encourage Family-like Commercial Development. The town should encourage any new construction to be family oriented and small community type commerce.
- Encourage maintenance and conservation of the town’s small-town character and appearance through revision and increased enforcement of property maintenance ordinances for existing and future structures.
- Encourage the redevelopment of vacant homes and parcels within the town boundaries.

## **2-9 Redevelopment**

### **2-9a Redevelopment Potential**

A new Ruritan Club has been chartered in the town of Hartly. Ruritan’s primary focus is on building stronger communities. The new club will focus on fellowship, good will, and community service while working to help revitalize our community.

Although the majority of houses in Hartly are fairly maintained, there are three or more residential properties in the town that are in extremely poor condition and in need of repair and maintenance. For the benefit of all of the town’s residents, steps should be taken to redevelop these blighted properties. The redevelopment will improve the aesthetic appeal of the town, and has the potential to improve property values throughout Hartly, thus attracting new residents. The town needs to remain cognizant of property maintenance issues because older homes, which make up most of the housing stock in Hartly, often have more maintenance issues than newer homes.

### **2-9b Recommendations, Redevelopment**

- Code Enforcement. The town should update and develop code enforcement plans to ensure that housing is properly maintained. It is crucial that the inspections be systematic, fair, and consistent in order to be effective. Due to Hartly’s size it is unlikely that a full time enforcement officer is needed or could be funded by the town. Hartly should explore other options, such as developing a MOU with Kent County for enforcement in the town.

- Assist homeowners with maintenance and repair. Some homeowners may lack the expertise or resources needed to properly maintain their homes. The following list includes ideas for how the town could become proactive in assisting residents with repair and maintenance issues for older homes:
  - Start a library of information on the repair and upkeep of older home.
  - Keep a list of reliable registered contractors that citizens may use for home improvement.
  - Explore the feasibility of publishing and distributing a brochure to all homeowners explaining the Ordinance requirements for maintenance and listing resources for help
  - Develop a mechanism to publicly recognize well-maintained and newly fixed-up properties.
  - Promote and publicize existing state and county resources for repair and redevelopment of housing. Most of these programs are intended to either preserve historic housing or assist low to moderate income citizens.
  
- Take steps to redevelop vacant properties. The town could make it a priority to redevelop the few vacant properties that are in the worst condition. These steps might include working with absentee property owners on code enforcement, acquiring the properties through condemnation and repairing or demolishing them, or actively seeking new owners who would want to repair or replace the structures. Due to Hartly's small size it will certainly be necessary to solicit assistance from other groups. Potential partners in this sort of effort include the Community Development Block Grant program administered by the County, realtors and developers interested in preservation, or non-profit housing groups.

## **Chapter 3      Implementation**

This Town of Hartly Comprehensive Plan represents many years of effort from two different Comprehensive Plan committees, the Town of Hartly council, Hartly residents, as well as consultation from Kent County Delaware and State of Delaware government representatives. The committee believes this is a starting point for the Town of Hartly to begin the process for revitalizing the town. However, it is obvious that many of the issues addressed and recommendations made in this planning document are unattainable by the town council alone. It will take considerable efforts and cooperation from town residents, local organizations, Kent County, and the State of Delaware to accomplish the many recommendations within this document.

The remainder of this chapter will recount the plan's recommendations and suggest avenues for intergovernmental coordination and implementation.

### **3-1      Recommendations and Coordinated Actions**

- Town Council to work with town residents to preserve and restore Town of Hartly's traditional friendly small-town character and quality of life, coordinate efforts with Kent County zoning and growth projection.
- Town Council should encourage maintenance and conservation of the town's small-town character and appearance through revision and increased enforcement of property maintenance ordinances for existing and future structures.
- Town Council to work with residents to encourage the redevelopment of vacant homes and parcels within the town boundaries.
- Town Council must evaluate and update all town ordinances; review and work with other local governments to determine best practices and enforcement.
- Town Council should work with local governments to explore how they regulate and determine best practice for incorporating a trash removal district amongst the community.
- Town Council should work with Kent County and State government officials to improve the ability of pedestrians to safely move through the town by investigating best methods and practices for enforcing traffic laws, attending to sidewalk repair, as well as incorporate a "Safe Route to School" plan.
- Town Council should work with local governments and law enforcement to determine best practices in restoring law and order in town; investigate feasibility of police patrol.
- Town Council should partner with local organizations to schedule social activities in town to maintain community spirit and increase civic engagement.

- Town Council should work with town property owners and Kent County government to review local area parcels for the possibility of development of land for the use of public park and recreational needs for local area residents.
- Town Council should work with residents and Kent County to annex current split town parcels and neighboring or near properties.
- Town Council should review and revise, if necessary, zoning ordinances and maps to provide certainty to land use within the Town of Hartly, as well as discuss enforcement with Kent County government.
- Town Council must work with potential commercial interest groups to encourage proper commercial activity in the town; this would include working with Kent County and State of Delaware agencies to insure plans adhere to all governing agency regulations.
- Coordinate with nearby municipalities, Kent County, and the state to mitigate the impacts of development of surrounding areas on the Town of Hartly, promoting the preservation of open space when possible.
- Town council must continue to work with Kent County Public Works to manage and maintain the sewer service that runs through town.

**Appendix A**

Appendix A  
Town of Hartly  
Comprehensive Planning Committee  
Residential Questionnaire

*The Town of Hartly Comprehensive Planning Committee wants to know your thoughts...*

1. Do you  reside in or  rent your Town of Hartly property?

2. Please list your top three areas of interest or concerns pertaining to the Town of Hartly Vision and Goals.

1.
2.
3.

3. List three things that you like best about living in the Town of Hartly.

1.
2.
3.

4. List three things that you like least about living in the Town of Hartly.

1.
2.
3.

5. Would you like to see Hartly's town limits expanded?

Yes       No

Comments:

*Forging a "Community Vision" for the future is important and challenging work.  
It requires your support and involvement.*

6. Existing residents town property lines are set at 250 feet from the centerline of the road. Would you like to see your property lines expanded to include your entire parcel of land?

Yes                       No

Comments:

7. Would you consider supporting an effort to contract a town trash service?

Yes                       No

Comments:

8. Would you consider supporting an effort to solicit the feasibility of a municipal water supply?

Yes                       No

Comments:

9. Would you support an effort to contract the State of Delaware Police to run radar within town limits?

Yes                       No

Comments:

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**10. Do you feel a traffic signal is needed at the intersection of Main Street and Arthursville Road?**

Yes       No       Maybe after the Zimmerman Project

Comments:

**11. Have you participated in or do you use:**

Town of Hartly Meetings	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
Christmas Tree Lighting Ceremony	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
Use of Recycle bins behind the Fire house	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No

If you answered No to any of the above, please offer comments as to why:

**12. What other community events would you like to see take place and would like to participate in?**

Comments:

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**Appendix B**

Hartly Comprehensive  
Planning Committee  
Survey Results

## Hartly Comprehensive Planning Committee Survey Results

### Survey's returned: 24

Reside In Town: 21

Rental Owner: 1

Tenant:

#### 2. Areas of Concerns

I would like to see Main St cleaned up- sidewalks fixed  
Neighborhood Crime watches to keep the town safe  
Overall turning the town into something we can be proud of again  
Clean up  
Expand  
No rental properties  
Clean up run down properties  
Water and sewer needed  
Street lights  
Play ground  
Police  
Good looking town  
Deplorable conditions of some houses on Main St. Is it abandoned? Why can't the town do something?  
Police surveillance for the residents and to enforce speed limits.  
Sidewalk maintenance.  
Sewer  
Town water supply  
Code enforcement  
Clean up the town  
Stop speeding thru town  
I would like to see the people in the town take pride in their small town and clean it up.  
Yards with trash.  
Make this town clean and decent again.  
Clean up the very junky houses in the middle of town. They should be condemned.  
When is the sewer going to get started?

*Clean up*

3. Likes

The quiet of living in a small town  
Having one of the states best elementary schools  
Small town life  
Good neighbors  
Home town  
Nice people  
Low government involvement  
Quiet  
Small town  
The people  
Small town appeal  
Quiet  
Away from the bustle of Dover  
Small town atmosphere  
Low city/town taxes  
Out of the way  
Great school  
Low taxes  
Small town environment  
Small town  
Quiet  
Good people  
Small community  
Traffic is not overwhelming  
Not a lot of development happening here, too much elsewhere else.  
Rural atmosphere  
Privacy  
Proximity to RT 301  
Quiet  
Nice little town (can be) church, Fire co, school, Post office, Hardware store  
Clean  
Quiet country living  
People friendly and helpful  
It's quiet  
Small town environment  
The elementary school/ Fire house/ Ambulance club  
Sense of community  
Small town atmosphere  
Rural charm  
Quiet  
Small  
Uncomplicated/uncongested  
Hartly Elementary  
Quiet

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Small  
Uncomplicated/uncongested  
Hartly Elementary  
Quiet

Close to Dover and close to MD  
Close proximity to fire house, church, daycare, school and local stores  
Quiet place to live  
Excellent snow removal during inclement weather  
Friendly people  
Post Office  
Fire Company  
Nice people  
Sewer coming  
Fine house close  
Quiet  
Friendly  
Country atmosphere

4. Dislikes

Need more small business – more shopping available  
Main Street looking so run down  
People with trash all over their yards  
Not enough community events  
We used to have parades in the summer  
Trashed houses  
No septic  
No water  
No stores  
Loud cars  
Speeding cars  
The homes on Main St need to be torn down  
Condition of buildings in town  
Unkempt yards  
Speeding in town  
Break inns  
Run down condition of houses on Main St.  
Poor sidewalks  
Speed of traffic thru town  
Garbage in yards  
Abandoned and delectated homes should be torn down  
Houses with trash.  
You don't have to have the house on the block but it can be clean of trash.  
Town does not take pride in their town to make people clean it up.  
It does affect all of out property values.  
No more bar.  
Junky places in the middle of town- should be condemned.  
Lack of control over zoning issues

Three properties need attention  
Cars and or trucks or vans not needed off the main street  
The condition of the houses on Main St  
The garbage and filth around these houses  
Run down properties and the fact that nothing is or has been done about it  
The way the homes look. (Business too, thrift shop, car lot)  
People set in there ways and don't like change  
The lack of power of the town council  
Having to pick up mail at the post office  
Lack of pride by some homeowners  
Curbs & sidewalks need repairs  
Display of some properties in town  
The push of outside interference  
Delayed police response  
Slum houses  
No gas station  
Not enough parades  
Lack of police presence  
Speeders have it easy when going through town  
Sidewalks are not maintained  
Other resident's pets trespassing on our property  
Neighbors violating burn ban laws  
Littering  
Vacant properties  
Traffic  
No eat businesses  
A few low lives  
No bar  
No stores/eat places  
The junked up homes  
Speeding through town  
Looks disgraceful  
Lack of police protection/ speed enforcement  
Lack of business  
Main St houses trashy

5. Town expanded.

Yes: 15

No: 5

Depends.

We could use some growth

Would like to see the town get a water supply and expand town limits in all directions

To capture all the people living near the town

Not necessarily

Maybe in 10-20 years

Not if it means we are going to include a lot of developing.

Some expanding would be ok but I like liveling in a small town.

No comment

If it would control the unending destruction of our community as seen in the town of Smyrna and Clayton then yes.

Also if we maintained our small town character, promoted sustainable growth and new businesses were permoted.

Increase taxbase

I would need to know more about the pros and cons before I could support a position on these issues

Help control growth

Like the small town

Atmosphere

A town that doesn't grow will die

6. Expanding current 250 foot town lines.

Yes: 15

No: 5

Want to see the town expand all, more owner properties

Need to speak to someone concerning this

Undecided on this

½ properties in town ½ outside town limits

We have one little tiny strip of property in the county. It would make everything easier.

Owner may build

7. Town trash service:

Yes: 15

No: 7

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If taxes will pay  
There would be less trash in town and stop trash burning  
Depends on cost.  
Would this be incorporated into annual taxes or how would it work.  
If it's the same or less than what I am paying now.  
Hopefully this would stop trash burning.  
Curbside recycling would be good  
We are currently using the landfill which is cheaper

8. Town water supply.

Yes: 15

No: 7

Not at this time, one project at a time  
Water may become an important factor in town growth  
Study the costs involved  
I would consider it.  
Need more details before agreeing to any efforts  
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9. State police to run radar in town.

Yes: 18

No: 3

I am so tired of people flying through the town without a care in the world.  
They speed by school. I have little children to think of.  
Only if they pay for themselves  
To much speeding through town  
Only is financially feasible  
Sick of cops and their radar.  
Maybe after Zimmerman project  
It is currently unsafe to ride bicycles in town.  
There was an accident right in front of the store where my son sometimes rides his bike  
and skateboards.  
But be sure town of Hartly benefits from some of the fees received  
You can feel/hear the vibration of the windows in my house when vehicles especially  
truckers go by  
Yes safety has become an issue. Too much speeding and incomplete stops at the light as  
long as fines would cover the majority of the costs.  
Too many speeders

10. Traffic signal at the intersection.

Yes: 5

No: 5

Maybe: 18

I am concerned about this because of the apartments it could bring all kinds of people  
including criminal types.  
I don't want to see more section 8 types here with the chance to bring crime to the town.  
Should help to slow traffic  
At this time no  
What's there works fine now.  
I don't know what it will be like after the Zimmerman project.  
Might or might not need it.  
People seem to be curious at the stop light.  
I don't know of any accidents because the light is being run.  
That's yet to be seen  
Looks busy  
People run stop sign

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11. Participated in.

Town Meetings:	Yes: 17	No: 7
Christmas tree:	Yes: 10	No: 14
Recycle Bins:	Yes: 19	No: 5
Fire House Open House	Yes: 1	No: 0

Not sure why, but I guess because it's not always easy to feel like we are apart of this town.

Just haven't

Unsure of when events are held

Work 11-7 shift, so sleeping during these times.

Always use recycle bins

Don't recycle

Was at the Christmas tree lighting once with neighbors kids otherwise not that interested for just me.

Have not been available to attend

I'm just not interested

Always seems to conflict with other priorities

Town meeting lets you know current concerns

Christmas tree lighting didn't know when

Recycle helpful to have so close

Not widely advertised

Did not know about Christmas tree lighting

Not much of an event

Just don't

Don't know when they are

12. Other community events.

We used to have parades and the fire house used to have competitions with other fire houses.

Parades

Picnic

I would like to see the town cleaned up first & then maybe an annual town yard sale event & an annual town block party

Clean up day

I would like to see a youth center or a playground to assist with or provide a place other than the streets for our children to play

Once the town is cleaned up I think it would be nice to have some type of annual event during warmer weather.

Parades

Town Picnic

Money making functions carnival

Unsure

Unsure due to appearance of town properties

Attend meeting.

Yes: 10    Attending # 11

No: 2

Not sure.