



DISCOVER CHESTER COUNTY

PENNSYLVANIA

VALUING PROGRESS
AND PRESERVATION



CHESTER COUNTY, PA

Live, Work, and Thrive

A message from the Chester County Board of Commissioners:

Chester County, Pennsylvania is a suburban community located west of Philadelphia. The combination of bustling boroughs, preserved open space, concentrated business parks and sprawling farmland helps balance progress and preservation for a county that is consistently ranked among the best in the state and across the nation. With a focus on smart growth, Chester County boasts a vibrant and healthy economy, a concentration of key industries, an educated workforce and a broadening culture of innovation. Combined with a quality of life that is second-to-none, Chester County is truly the perfect location to make a home for your business and your family.



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UNMATCHED QUALITY OF PLACE

- Median household Income is \$85,373, the highest in Pennsylvania
- More than 280 miles of surfaced trails
- Longwood Gardens voted the #1 Public Garden in the U.S.
- Five high schools among the Top 500 in the nation
- More than half of preserved land in southeastern Pennsylvania's five-county region is located here
- Home to #2 West Chester and #5 Phoenixville of the Top 10 Most Exciting Places in PA
- Four of the top five Philadelphia suburbs in which to raise a family are located here
- One of fewer than 50 counties in the nation to earn a Triple-A bond rating from all three rating agencies



27%
OF LAND IN THE COUNTY IS
**DEDICATED
OPEN SPACE**



CHESTER COUNTY IS
**THE TOP
TECH HUB**
IN PENNSYLVANIA

DIVERSE INDUSTRY CLUSTERS

Chester County has nine
designated high priority
industries:

Agriculture
Education
Energy
Financial Services
Health Care
Life Sciences
Manufacturing
Technology
Tourism

49.3%
OF RESIDENTS
HAVE A BACHELOR'S
DEGREE OR HIGHER

12
TRAIN STATIONS
SERVICED
BY REGIONAL RAIL
AND/OR NATIONAL RAIL



COLLABORATIVE INNOVATION CULTURE

- Companies within Keystone Innovation Zones (KIZ) have invested more than \$142,705,000 in research, development, test and evaluation
- Exton named a Google eCity - designating it as the Digital Capital of PA

Philadelphia Magazine, notes four of the region's "Coolest Companies" can be found here:

- AmerisourceBergen
- Evolve IP
- QVC Network, Inc.
- Victory Brewing Company

VIRTUAL AND PHYSICAL COLLABORATIVE SPACES:

- Amptech
- Artisan Exchange
- BiZtract
- Evolve IP Innovation Center (IT)
- Franklin Commons
- HeadRoom
- Innovation Center at Eagleview (BIO)
- Uncommon Individual Foundation



UNPARALLELED TALENT MAGNET

- Of residents aged 25 and older, 49.3% have a bachelor's degree or advanced degrees, the highest percentage in PA
- The wealthiest county in Pennsylvania and 12th in the nation
- More than 100 colleges/universities are located within 50 miles
- Chester County's schools consistently rank top in both the county and the state

TOP PRIVATE SECTOR EMPLOYERS:

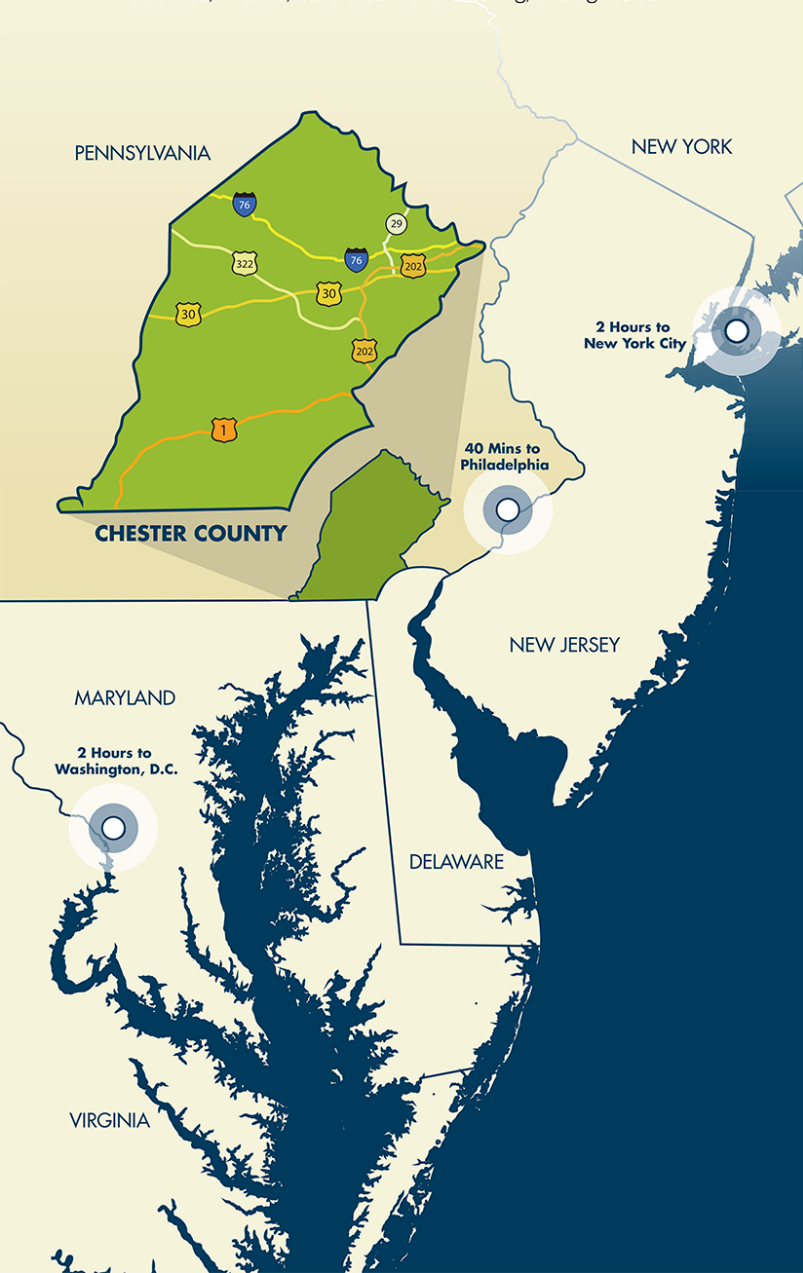
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| • Cerner Health Services | • Main Line Health System |
| • Comcast | • Penn Medicine - Chester County Hosp. |
| • CTDI | • QVC Network, Inc. |
| • J&J Pharma R&D | • Synthes |
| • Janssen R&D | • UPS |
| • Johnson Matthey | • Vanguard Group, Inc. |
| • Krapf's Coaches | |

EXPANDING SMART GROWTH OPPORTUNITIES

- Population: 512,784
- Projected job growth of 30% by 2045
- Ranked #5 mega-sized community in the U.S. ideally positioned to attract modern investment and manage economic growth
- With 164,495 acres of farmland, Chester County ranks #2 in PA in total of agricultural products sold
- Emerging transit-oriented developments in thriving urban settings
- 44 sites within Chester County have been designated as KIZ Zones, concentrated along the main transportation corridors of Routes 29, 30, 100, 202, and Interstate 76

...In a Convenient Location

With easy access to major cities between New York and Washington, D.C. and in close proximity to rail stations and airports, Chester County is home to significant concentrations of industries including technology, life sciences, finance, advanced manufacturing, and agriculture.





VISTA2025 is a Chester County public-private partnership effort that is focused on creating and implementing an economic development strategy for the county. Its fundamental premise is that progress and preservation are complementary elements of a strategy that will support economic health while maintaining the “sense of place” that makes Chester County so attractive to residents and businesses.

IF YOU NEED HELP WITH:

Business retention and expansion support

Commercial loan financing and tax credits

Community revitalization services

Grant administration and management

Emerging technology and/or incubator access

Site selection

International business assistance

Industry-specific solutions

Workforce development – recruiting, hiring and training

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