Optimal ENERGY

Integrated Energy Resources

Introduction to Delaware Low-Income Demographics and Available Housing Services
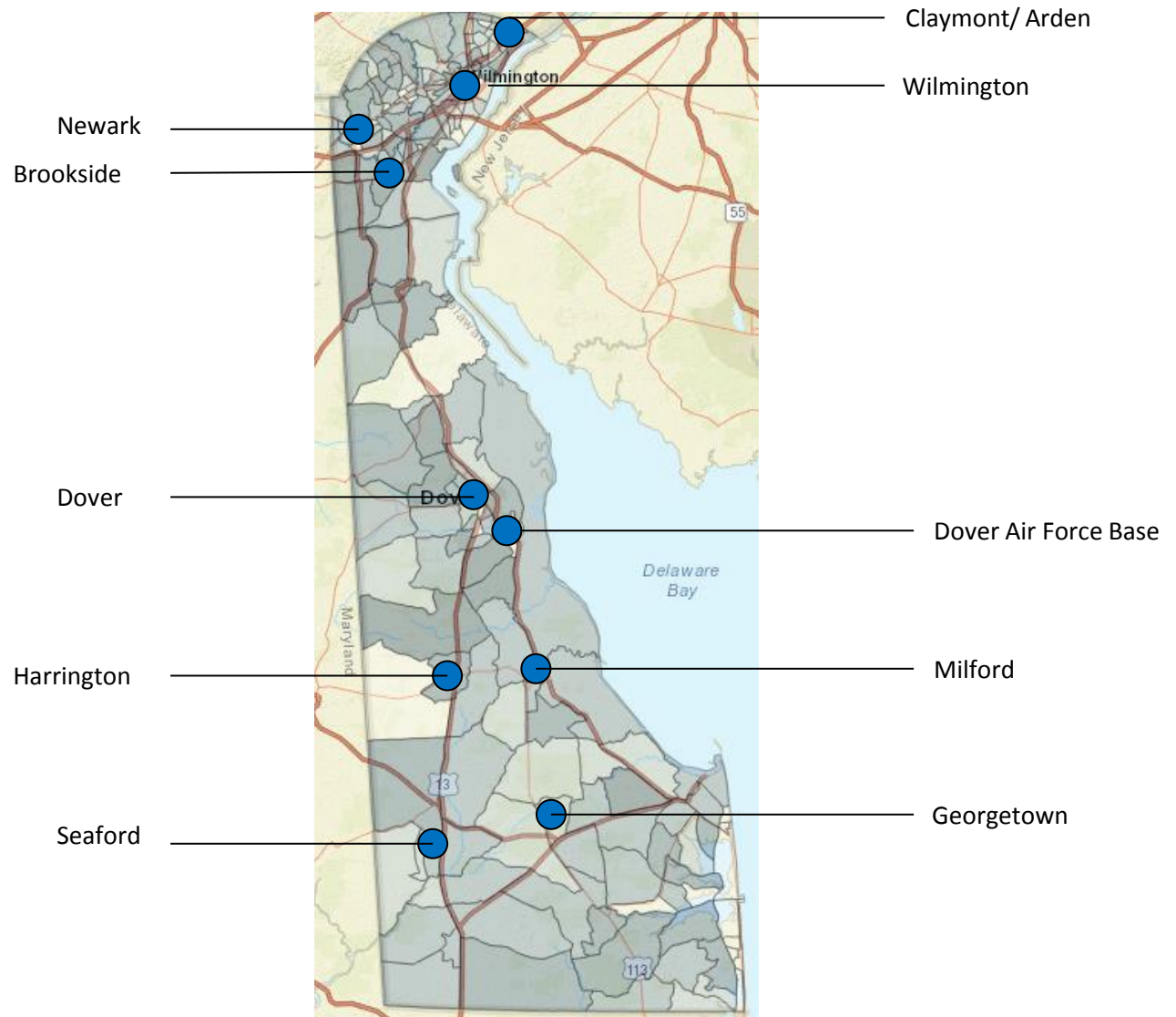
Low-Income Working Group

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Mission and Goals of this Working Group

- *Mission:* To support all Delaware low-income energy efficiency programs and initiatives by providing feedback and guidance on the development and implementation of cost-effective program offerings for all low-income Delaware households.
  - *Specific tasks:*
    - *Energy Efficiency Plans for the EEAC*
      - *General Feedback and guidance*
    - *Settlement Program Development*
      - Source and analyze the housing demographics to have clearer understanding of population
      - Cataloguing of current, or planned, initiatives that support enhancement to affordable housing and low income energy efficiency
      - Research and evaluate program options and considerations
      - Prepare and present recommendations to DE EEAC and other low income program stakeholders
    - *Weatherization Assistance Program*
      - *General feedback and guidance*

Areas of Concentrated Need

Primary Factors

- High # of Rentals

- High # <80%AMI

- Cost Burdened

- Substandard Housing

Claymont/ Arden

Wilmington

Newark

Brookside

Dover

Dover Air Force Base

Harrington

Milford

Seaford

Georgetown

Delaware Bay

Maryland

Low Income Energy Programs

- Weatherization Assistance Program (WAP); Catholic Charities
- Pre-WAP Program; Catholic Charities; Catholic Charities
- Low-income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP); Catholic Charities
- LIHEAP Heater Repair/ Replacement and Cooling Program
- SHARING Fund ; Chesapeake Utilities
- Grants Fund; Chesapeake Utilities
- Beat the Peak; Delaware Electric Co-op
- Assisted Home Performance with ENERGY STAR

Next Steps

- Chart out all available resources and scale of activity of identified services
- Identify low-income program service gaps and opportunities for settlement funds
  - Some preliminary considerations:
    - Statewide or place based?
    - Extremely low income or working poor?
    - Single family or multifamily?
    - Leverage with other programs?
- Collect stakeholder feedback on potential program concepts
- Draft initial recommendations and collect comments/ edits
- Draft final recommendations report