

Above: Hamlet plan view showing compact business and residential groupings sited around park-like spaces and rural area features. The landscaped entrance corridor serves as a welcoming boulevard. Residential density may be expanded using a Traditional Neighborhood Development.



Diverse housing types, front landscaping



Small cottages and commercial buildings



Community spaces with character

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Activity

Above: Hamlet perspective view showing compact development pattern and grouping of small residential and commercial buildings around park features and landscaped corridor entrances. A branch public building is shown to the far right. A Traditional Neighborhood Development is to the far left.

NEW KENT COUNTY STRATEGIC PLAN

Hamlet

Develop compact communities in rural landscapes that are smaller than villages to serve as special cultural and social neighborhoods. A hamlet has a limited number of small commercial uses and may include a branch public building.

Housing is grouped in a small core around shared park-like features. A hamlet may contain a larger planned residential development. Typically, a hamlet is not served by public utilities; however it may be served by utilities over time.

| | Hamlet Characteristics |
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| | Small commercial uses Branch public building(s) (e.g., post office, fire station, market) Diverse residential types and choices |
| gs | Compact development Small buildings, cottages Grouped patterns around attractive, shared spaces Simple architecture Historic or cultural features |
| Spaces | Landscaped entry corridors Reflects community character and identity Comfortable pedestrian setting Small parks, trails, nearby recreational amenity |
| ctivity | Walk-to commercial buildings Connected to everything: sidewalks, trails, wayfinding signage |
| / | Social and communications center |