On August 10, 2016, Governor Jack Markell announced Harrington’s designation as a Downtown Development District (DDD). The designation will last for a period of 10 years. Qualified investors in the designated district will be eligible for a variety of incentives from the State, Kent County, and the City of Harrington. Grant rebates of up to 20% of construction costs from the State of Delaware for qualifying projects over $15,000 are available, along with other State incentives. The County will match a portion of the State’s rebate and the City is offering a variety of incentives relating to the Downtown Development District and Citywide.

Downtown Development District Incentives:
→ Business License Fee Waiver for New Businesses
→ Category A or B Plan Review Fee Reduction
→ Category A or B Priority Review Status
→ First-Time Home Buyer Tax Abatement
→ Downtown Revitalization Property Tax Reduction Program

Citywide Incentives:
→ Transfer Tax Waiver for First-Time Home Buyers
→ Sewer Impact Fee Reduction
→ Impact Fee Waiver based on Direct Job Creation
→ Permit & Other Fee Reduction based on Direct Job Creation for Harrington Residents
→ Single Family Impact Fee Waiver
→ Sewer Impact Fee Step Increase Schedule

Downtown Development District Resources

Please visit the following websites for additional information on available DDD programs:

City of Harrington
http://harrington.delaware.gov/downtown-district/

Delaware State Housing Authority
www.destatehousing.com/Developers/dv_ddd.php

Office of State Planning Coordination
www.stateplanning.delaware.gov/ddd/

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A map of the Harrington DDD is provided on the back!