

Citywide Quality of Life Results

The quality of life experience among residents in a neighborhood can vary from person to person. Thus, quantifying a concept as personal as “quality of life” is a complicated chore. However, in order to assess all aspects of what makes a community a desirable, safe, and socially healthy place to live, it is necessary to reduce the complex idea into a manageable set of measurable information.

In Chesapeake, a community with widespread residential diversity, the concerns and issues surrounding neighborhood livability are closely linked to community character and form. Using the Developing, Sustaining, and Revitalizing categories to categorize these attributes, the analysis delineated 17 Developing NSAs, 80 Sustaining NSAs, and 20 Revitalizing NSAs. These results are presented on Figure 3 and the companion Table 2. Figure 4 provides a guide for the identification of individual NSA results.

Strong, livable residential communities are the backbone of a successful city. Acknowledging the interrelated issues of quality of life is the first step in creating a program to routinely assess progress toward healthy NSAs and focus efforts on addressing the individual needs of each neighborhood. The use of the Developing, Sustaining, and Revitalizing framework aligns NSAs with other communities facing similar challenges and dynamics. In this fashion, public actions to address neighborhood issues may be targeted throughout the city, based upon common concerns rather than local geography.

Table 2
2006 NSA Quality of Life Groupings

Developing		Sustaining			Revitalizing
16	2	31	74	104	1
27	3	36	75	106	30
29	4	37	76	108	32
57	5	38	77	110	33
86	6	39	78	111	35
93	7	40	79	112	42
100	8	41	80	113	45
101	9	43	81	114	46
107	10	58	82	116	47
109	12	59	87	123	48
115	14	62	88	128	50
117	15	63	89	130	51
118	17	64	90	131	52
120	18	65	91	137	53
125	21	67	92	138	54
126	22	68	95	139	55
129	23	69	96	142	56
	24	70	97	145	60
	25	72	98	147	61
	28	73	99	148	66

Figure 3
2006 Quality of Life Groupings

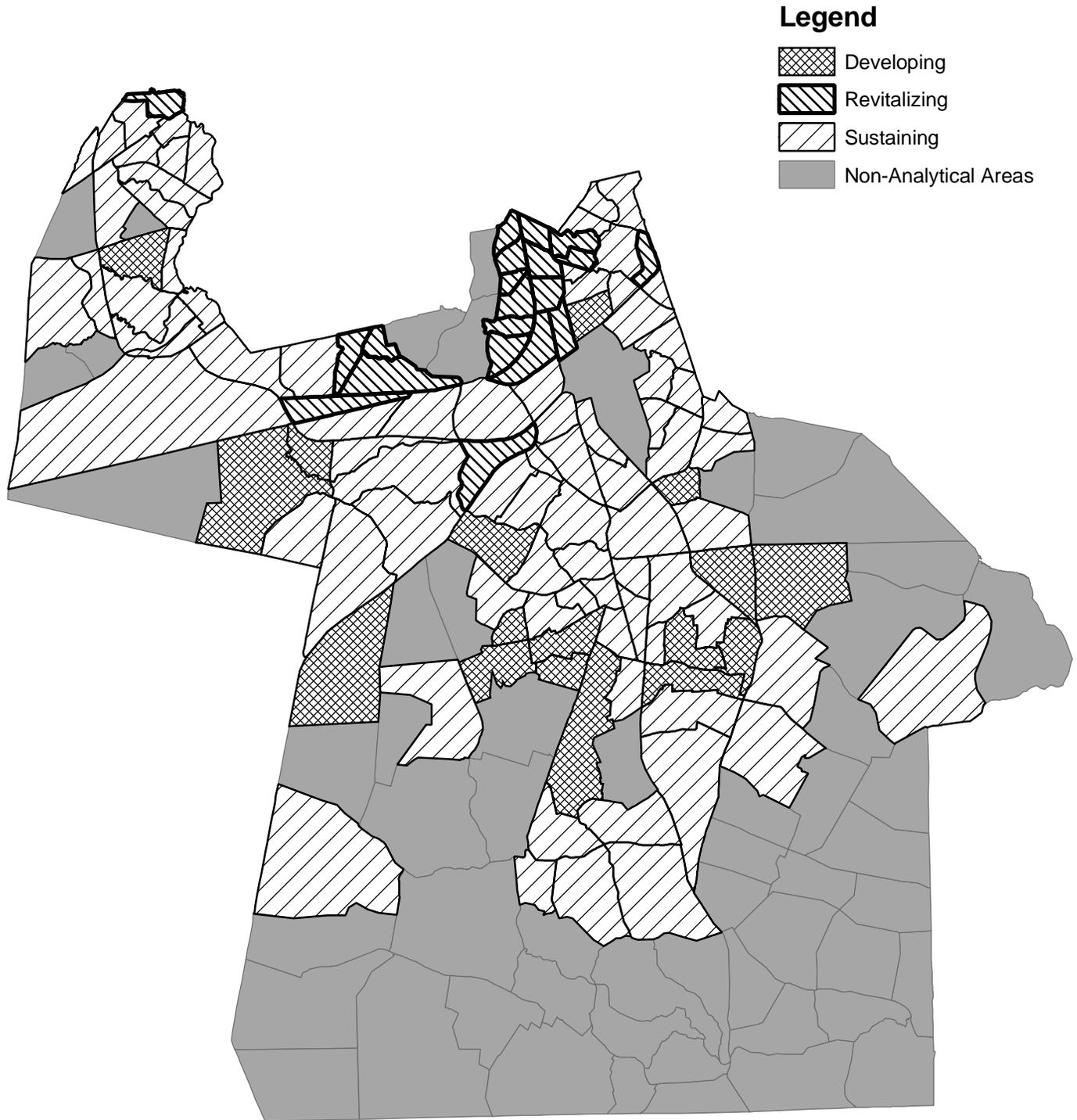


Figure 4
NSA Identification

Legend

 Analytical Areas

 Non-Analytical Areas

