The Economic Development areas are intended to protect major industrial development and provide economic development opportunities. The largest economic development area is along the Catawba River, between SC-9 and SC-5, west of the City. This area should have less competition for housing; is located within and around existing industrial uses, including the airport and an air an rail served business park; and may provide needed employment for residents of the City of Lancaster.

The City of Lancaster is designated as a Municipality on the Future Land Use Map as it is not subject to the County's zoning and land use regulations, or the Future Land Use Map. The Municipal Influence Area around the City of Lancaster is a formal agreement for wastewater service between the City of Lancaster and Lancaster County. The Future Land Use Map intends to direct growth to the Municipality and the Municipal Growth Area through annexation requirements and other coordination.

