

## = Delaware Route 18 =

Delaware Route 18 ( DE 18 ) is a state highway located in Sussex County , Delaware . It runs from Maryland Route 318 ( MD 318 ) at the Maryland border east of Federalsburg , Maryland to U.S. Route 9 ( US 9 ) in Georgetown . DE 18 runs concurrent with DE 404 from its intersection with that highway southeast of Bridgeville to the eastern terminus , where DE 404 continues eastward to Five Points on US 9 . The route passes through rural areas of western Sussex County . What would become DE 18 was built as a state highway in stages during the 1920s and 1930s . By 1936 , DE 18 was designated to run from the Maryland border east through Georgetown to Lewes . In 1974 , the route east of Georgetown was replaced by US 9 and US 9 Business ( US 9 Bus . ) . DE 404 was designated along the eastern portion of DE 18 by 1987 .

## = = Route description = =

DE 18 begins at the Maryland border , where it continues west into that state as MD 318 . From the state line , the route heads east on two @-@ lane undivided Federalsburg Road , passing through agricultural areas with some woods and homes . In Clarksons Crossroads , DE 18 turns southeast onto Cannon Road while Federalsburg Road continues northeast toward Bridgeville . The road continues to the community of Cannon , where it crosses Norfolk Southern 's Delmarva Secondary railroad line . East of Cannon , the route comes to an intersection with US 13 . Following this , DE 18 heads northeast through farm fields , reaching a junction with DE 404 .

At this point , DE 18 heads east concurrent with DE 404 along Seashore Highway , running through a mix of farmland and woodland with some residences , passing through tracts of the Redden State Forest . Farther east , DE 18 / DE 404 heads into Georgetown , running to the north of Delaware Technical Community College 's Jack F. Owens Campus . The road intersects US 113 and the western terminus of DE 404 Truck in a commercial area and continues east . The two routes head southeast onto North Bedford Street , passing homes and businesses . The road comes to an intersection with US 9 at The Circle in the center of Georgetown , where the Sussex County Courthouse is located . At this point , DE 18 ends and DE 404 continues east along US 9 .

DE 18 has an annual average daily traffic count ranging from a high of 12 @,@ 176 vehicles at the west end of Georgetown to a low of 2 @,@ 582 vehicles at the US 13 intersection . The portion of DE 18 concurrent with DE 404 is part of the National Highway System .

## = = History = =

By 1920 , what would eventually become DE 18 was under contract as a state highway from southeast of Bridgeville to Georgetown and from Georgetown to Harbeson ; the remainder existed as an unimproved county road . The state highway was completed between Cannon and present @-@ day US 13 and from southeast of Bridgeville east to Lewes by 1924 , with the exception of a portion within Georgetown . The part of present @-@ day DE 18 west of Clarksons Crossroads was under proposal as a state highway by this time also . A year later , the portions of the route west of Clarksons Crossroads and within Georgetown were upgraded to state highway status . In 1927 , plans were made to replace the 1914 @-@ built county @-@ maintained bascule bridge over the Lewes and Rehoboth Canal in Lewes . Replacement of this bridge by the state was completed in 1929 . By 1931 , the state highway was finished between Clarksons Crossroads and Cannon . The portion of road from US 13 east to the current west end of the DE 404 concurrency was completed as a state highway a year later .

DE 18 was designated to run from the Maryland border west of Cannon east to Lewes Beach on the Delaware Bay by 1936 , following its current alignment east to Georgetown and continuing east through Gravel Hill , Harbeson , and Lewes . In 1974 , the eastern terminus of DE 18 was cut back to its current location in Georgetown , with an extended US 9 replacing the route between Georgetown and Five Points and US 9 Bus. replacing DE 18 from Five Points to Lewes . DE 404 was extended to run concurrent with DE 18 from east of Bridgeville to Georgetown by 1987 .

= = Major intersections = =

The entire route is in Sussex County .