



Goals and Objectives for Regional Coordination

How can we support and foster regional coordination?

The goals and objectives presented in this Chapter were developed from four primary sources and have been adopted by the Planning Commission and each of the legislative bodies – Versailles, Midway and Woodford County. These statements provide the basis for the development of plans and strategies relative to this Plan Element.

Overview

The goals and objectives are the outcome of an extensive community involvement and research process encompassing six elements. The first source was the existing Comprehensive Plan and its' Goals and Objectives, adopted in 1994 as a basis for the 1997 Plan. The second source was a report titled, “*Woodford County Task Force: A Compilation of Issues, Goals and Objectives*”. This report provided an inventory of vision statements, goals and objectives garnered from planning studies and community programs that have been undertaken in Woodford County during the past five years.

The third source for goals and objectives were four community planning workshops that were conducted between November 2002 and March 2003, several working meetings of the Comprehensive Plan Advisory Committee held in April and May 2003, and a community workshop for review of draft statements that was conducted on May 29, 2003. Finally, the Planning Commission and each of the legislative members of the Planning Unit conducted

public hearings over the period from November, 2003 through April, 2004 before acting to adopt.

The format of goal and objective statements is intended to accomplish the following:

- Goals are the general statement of the community value or direction established for a particular plan topic; and
- Objectives are intended as measurable and specific statements about the methods, resources, or responsibilities for achieving a goal.



Participants discussing and cataloging issues from Workshop #1

Themes from Community Workshops

Several “themes” were identified from the comments and suggestions received during the Planning Workshop for this element. Each of these “themes” is addressed by goals and/or objectives. Workshop newsletters contained in the Appendix provide a catalogue of the comments and suggestions received during the citizen participation process, as well as a summary of trends and issues for each of the six plan elements.

Theme—Begin with Our Most Common Resource

Regional planning and zoning based on the equine resource as a beginning (regional economy)

Regional planning committee for equine resource areas, tourism, and discourage residential zoning in rural areas

Theme—Sharing the Wealth

Revenue Sharing

Theme— Regional Transportation But Not at Expense of Local Character

Roads—Safety issue and recognize transportation plan but with character I.e., Paris Pike, Midway Road, Pisgah Pike

Theme— Growth...But Not at the Expense of the Environment

Recognize environmental issues—water quality and green space

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This goal and supporting objectives indicate that regional coordination is an ongoing process. This element of the Comprehensive Plan is one of the most significant challenges for both the Planning Commission and its member legislative bodies because it depends almost entirely on the initiation and continuation of dialogue between a variety of individuals, groups, agencies and legislative bodies. It is also challenging because implementation of the goals and objectives typically cannot be carried out through the normal development review process that **most** Planning Commissions are most involved with.

Since this Plan Update is the first in which a Regional Coordination element has been included, the next few years should be viewed as an opportunity to educate planning commissioners and elected officials regarding regional coordination activities and issues. The time before the next Plan Update can also be used to build political and community support for regional coordination initiatives that have been suggested and discussed during the course of this Plan Update.

Although the goal and objectives included below are not as extensive as first proposed for this Plan Update, they do represent an important first step...something that should not be taken lightly or ignored.

Goal RC 1

To foster and support regional coordination activities.

Objective 1

To promote the development of regional partnerships within the Bluegrass Region for the purpose of addressing land use, transportation, resource management and related issues and opportunities of mutual interest.

Objective 2

To recognize regional opportunities and maximize their potential by educating local elected officials and the public.