



## Goals and Objectives for Woodford Resources: Land, Water and Air

### *What do we want to become and how do we get there?*

**T**he 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 for this Plan Element, which are described in Chapter 6.

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 January, 2004 before acting to adopt.

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As goals and objectives were being developed, a special format was used to insure a strong connection to the citizen participation process and the goals and objectives adopted as part of the 1997 Plan Update. This format of goal and objective statements was also intended to accomplish the following:

- Develop goals that are a general statement of the community value or direction established for a particular plan topic;
- Develop objectives that 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 Workshop at which this plan element was addressed. Each of these “themes” is addressed by draft goals and 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.

#### **Theme—Protect the Resources that Count – Agriculture and Equine**

Promote alternative agricultural uses as one means of protecting these resources, but also develop other direct means such as locally funded purchase of development rights or purchase of agricultural conservation easement programs. The historic and scenic characteristics of the County that support agri-tourism and equine industry development should also be included in protection programs.

#### **Theme – Woodford’s Responsibility to the Kentucky River**

Woodford County should be more involved in activities to enhance water quality and conservation of river resources. Water testing activities and preservation of the palisades along the river are two of those activities.

#### **Theme – Land and Water Conservation**

Non-point source pollution of Woodford streams and groundwater resources is recognized as a key issue. Sources of pollution that should be researched and evaluated include: septic tank systems; agricultural runoff, etc. Woodford should adapt its economic development efforts to environmentally friendly activities.



These pictures represent a small portion of the historic and cultural resources in Woodford County. To the right is an archaeological site on the property of the Jack Jouett House. The picture above depicts another County historic resource, the former Big Spring Church, currently the home of the Woodford County Historical Society.

### Goal WR-1

To encourage and promote the observation and protection of Woodford County's unique natural resources and "special areas" such as unique agricultural, scenic, cultural, archeological, geological, and biological sites.

#### Objective -1

Identify and protect sensitive natural resource sites and unique special areas from the effects of incompatible development.

#### Objective -2

Assemble and maintain a system of environmental information to be considered in making decisions regarding land use changes.

#### Objective -3

Encourage public education programs, conservation efforts by private organizations, and public policy which will promote the protection of unique natural areas.