

Introduction

What do the numbers say about the future for Woodford Countians?

This ***Background Report for the Comprehensive Plan Update*** provides a basic understanding of how the interaction of people, jobs and housing defines the place we know as Woodford County.

An analysis of past, present and future population trends provides us with the information to determine and address a number of important community issues. Such issues include the type and amount of housing that will be needed for the next generation of Woodford Countians; the type and location of public services (such as sanitary sewer, potable water, and education) that the next generation will require; and the jobs that will be needed to sustain and enhance the quality of life.

Another area that will be explored in this Report is Woodford's changing role in the Bluegrass Region and its relationship to surrounding counties and communities. What that role may become will be a critical component in determining future population levels, types and location of enterprises employing Woodford Countians, and impacts to Woodford assets that include horse farms, cultural and historic resources, and transportation facilities.

In Chapter 4 all of the trends, issues and opportunities and challenges identified in the analysis of Woodford people, jobs and housing are summarized as a basis for developing planning goals and objectives. These goals and objectives will direct the remainder of the 2003 Comprehensive Plan Update process, and provide guidance to a host of organizations involved in setting Woodford's agenda for the next generation.

Figure 1.1

