

**Agriculture & Environment Sub-Committee
Comprehensive Plan Update**

Wednesday, March 16, 2016
5:00-7:00pm
230 East Main Street, Georgetown, KY 40324

AGENDA

| Time | Topic |
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| 5:00-5:10pm | Welcome <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Logistics<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Google Groups – joint email address○ Research on Comparable Cities – see website• Meeting Outline |
| 5:10-5:30pm | Goals Introduction <ul style="list-style-type: none">• What is our process?<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Next 3 months and Tonight• What are goals and objectives? How are we planning to use them? |
| 5:30-5:45pm | Reading Break <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Review Handouts |
| 5:45-7:00pm | Goals Revisions (Part 1) <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Farm Preservation/PDR• Rural Land Use• Environmentally Sensitive Areas |

Homework:

1. **Staff** – will email out draft goals and objectives for further review
2. **Committee** – review updated goals & objectives, and send comments to staff
3. In general, think about: How do the G&O coordinate with the vision and fundamental principles? Is the information still relevant? What might need to change? Is there anything you would add?

Upcoming Dates:

1. **All-Committee Scenario Planning: Monday, March 28, 2016 from 5:00-7:00pm**
Scott County Extension Office 1130 Cincinnati Road, Georgetown, KY 40324
2. **Next Sub-Committee Meeting: Wednesday, April 20th, 2016 from 5:00-7:00pm**
Planning Commission Office, 230 East Main Street, Georgetown, KY 40324

Committee Meeting Minutes – February 2016

Georgetown-Scott County Planning Commission

Agriculture and Environment Sub-Committee Meeting Minutes

Date: Wednesday, February 17th, 2016

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| In Attendance: | Joe Kane, Director | Matt Summers, staff |
| | Whitley Wolfe, staff | Alaina Hagenseker, staff |
| | Perry Johnston, staff | Mac Stone |
| | Larry Bottom | Blanche Overton |
| | Susan Byars | Cindy King |
| | Stephen Price | Robert Conley |

The meeting convened in the Planning Office at 5:00 p.m.

Introductions

Matt Summers described the background on the Agriculture and Environment and the categories that would be introduced in each of the meetings that pertain to the Comp Plan. Each member of the Agriculture and Environment Sub-Committee introduced themselves and gave a background of why everyone wants to be part of the Sub-Committee.

Comp Plan Process & Committee Role

Matt Summers discussed the history of the Comprehensive Plan and how each update has and will affect the Comprehensive Plan for 2016. Vision 2020 was the last update of the Comprehensive Plan that will get included in the 2016 Comprehensive Plan. Each member of the Steering Committee was asked to chair a sub-committee and Claude Christensen was asked to be the chair for Agriculture & Environment. He is the representative to the Steering Committee to answer back about the progress of the Agriculture & Environment Sub-Committee. Matt discussed the Time Line.

Existing Goals & Objectives

Each committee member was given the Rural Land Use matrix that states all of the goals & objectives from the past comprehensive plans that pertain to the Sub-Committee.

Community Vision-Great Scott!

The Draft vision statement for the Comprehensive Plan and the Agriculture & Environment Sub-Committee was addressed and each of the committee members was given the opportunity to add their opinions to the draft vision statement.

The fundamental principles

The Committee members were given the option to update and change anything about the principles that were posted. A question was raised the availability of water for such a large expected growth in

the population. The committee discussed the possibility of the goals to keep creek conservation corridors. A big goal of conservation is to maintain the riparian aspect for the community. It was discussed that some items in the principles are a vague and will get further defined in the actual text of the Comprehensive Plan. The committee discussed that there needs to be more updated language in each part of the principles and the text then from past Comp Plans. The committee asked if there was a way to have a map made to project the growth with the urban footprint with the growth of businesses and population. Joe Kane discussed that it will be a thing to look at after the goals and objectives are developed. Next month the Agriculture & Environment will start to work on the goals and objectives and discuss the Matrix that was given at the meeting.

Logistics and Dates

The next meeting will take place on March 16th from 5:00-7:00pm at the Planning Commission Office. On the 21st of March, there will be a Scenario Planning meeting with the community and all the sub-committees.

There were no other questions and the meeting was adjourned.

Work Plan Updates: March-May

March 2016

During Committee Meeting:

- Goals & Objectives (G&O) Categories overview
- Review existing goals, and propose changes
- Goals (Part 1):
 - Farmland Preservation/PDR
 - Rural Land Use
 - Environmentally Sensitive Areas

Post-Meeting:

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April 2016

During Committee Meeting:

- Review existing goals, and propose changes
- Goals (Part 2):
 - Water Quality
 - Waste
 - Aesthetics/Scenic Resources

Post-Meeting:

- Staff – will email out draft goals and objectives for further review
- Committee – review updated goals & objectives, and send comments to staff
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May 2016

During Committee Meeting:

- Review staff assembled draft G&O
- Compare draft G&O to the Vision & Principles
- Narrow in on the Objectives or whichever categories are most difficult

Post-Meeting:

- Staff & Chair to prepare version of G&O for the steering committee and the public
- Steering Committee will review our draft G&O
- Public will have access to review during June public meeting

What are Goals & Objectives?

Goals: General outcomes that explain what you want to achieve in your community. Goals are usually long-term and represent global visions such as “protect public health and safety.”

Objectives: Strategies or implementation steps to attain the identified goals. Unlike goals, objectives are specific, measurable, and have a defined completion date.

Draft Vision Statement – Agriculture & Environment:

Agriculture and environmental protection provide Scott County with a sustainable and vibrant future. Prime farmland and environmentally sensitive areas are protected and preserved from sprawl and development. Scott County agricultural areas provide access to locally grown and produced goods. Recycling, re-use, and composting reduce waste and demand on natural resources.

Draft Fundamental Principles – Agriculture & Environment:

- Development outside of the urban service boundaries should be at a scale appropriate for the density and character of the rural landscape.
- Water quality can be affected by all land use and development activities. Water resources are interconnected with all other aspects of the environment and are important aspects of land use and development and review.
- Environmentally Sensitive Areas include: creek conservation corridors, property zoned C-1, minor waterways, Scott County reservoir protection area, aquifer recharge area, wetlands, significant trees and fence rows, steep slopes and clay soils, sinkholes, cave areas, major rock formations and outcroppings, springs, floodplains/floodways, landfills/refuse areas, prime farmlands, significant natural habitats for plants and animals, and scenic and historic rural resources.

DRAFT GOALS BY CLUSTER

Farmland Preservation / PDR

1. Protect farmland from environmental degradation.
2. Preserve prime farmland for agricultural uses.
3. Reduce pressure for development of farmland.
4. Support the agricultural economy.

Rural Land Use

1. Minimize conflicts between agricultural and non-agricultural land uses.
2. Cluster rural residential development to preserve agricultural land and open space and minimize impacts on neighboring properties, the environment, and public services.
3. Direct rural residential growth away from prime farmland.
4. Design commercial areas to fit the character of rural Scott County.
5. Provide access to locally grown and produced goods through rural commercial land use.
6. Minimize impervious surfaces in the rural areas of Scott County.
7. Designate areas for neighborhood commercial or village centers.

Environmentally Sensitive Areas

1. Protect environmentally sensitive areas.
2. Highlight the special environmental qualities of Scott County in developed and undeveloped areas.
3. Determine the location and type of growth through the protection of environmentally sensitive areas.