

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

Wednesday, February 17, 2016
5:00-7:00pm
230 East Main Street, Georgetown, KY 40324

AGENDA

Time	Topic
5:00-5:15pm	Welcome and Introductions <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Staff Introductions• Committee Member Introductions
5:15-5:45pm	Comp Plan Process & Committee Role <ul style="list-style-type: none">• History of the Comprehensive Plan• Where are we and where are we going?• Kick-Off meeting feedback• What's our role?• Process and Timeline• Distribution of Existing Goals & Objectives
5:45-7:00pm	Vision and Fundamental Principles <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Distribution of New Materials• Overall Community Vision• Sub-Committee level vision statement• Sub-Committee level fundamental principles

Homework:

1. Review the committee vision statement and fundamental principles
2. Read the existing element's goals and objectives and take notes:
 - a. Compare it to the new vision and fundamental principles
 - b. Is the information still relevant?
 - c. What might need to change:
 - d. Is there anything you would add?

Upcoming Dates:

1. Next Sub-Committee Meeting:
 - a. *Wednesday, March 16th, 2016*
 - b. 5:00-7:00pm
 - c. Planning Commission Office, 230 East Main Street, Georgetown, KY 40324
2. All-Committee Scenario Planning:
 - a. *Monday, March 21st, 2016*
 - b. 5:00-7:00pm
 - c. Scott County Extension Office 1130 Cincinnati Road, Georgetown, KY 40324

Agriculture & Environment Committee Purpose

What's Our Role?

We envision your help in the following areas as we review and revise past text and prepare new material for the update to the Comprehensive Plan. You will:

1. Review and guide content revisions
2. Be community focused
3. Solutions-oriented
4. Listen and respect others opinions

We value your opinion and are glad you've decided to help in this process.

Committee Overview

- Agriculture
- Conservation/Preservation
- Purchase of Development Rights (PDR) program
- Rural residential (potentially smaller/larger lots)
- Agri-business opportunities
- Rural Land Use (to be included in the Land Use chapter or element)
- Agriculture
- Farmland preservation
- Rural Residential (A-5 versus the A-1 zone district)
 - Clusters or rural subdivisions
 - Transect, ring or strategic location for A-5 zone on Future Land Use (FLU) Map
- Commercial or Industrial outside the Urban Service Boundary (USB)
- Wireless Communication Facilities
- Environmental Impacts of Development
- Environmental Quality, see Vision 2020 Infrastructure/Environmental Quality
- Environmental sustainability
- Recycling
- Litter
- Review of the 1991 Comp Plan elements
- Environmentally sensitive land uses (sinkholes, creeks, steep slopes, natural water features, etc.)

Draft Work Plan

Feb 2016

1. Introduction and history
2. Work plan
3. Vision Statements and Guiding Principles
4. Distribute goals & objectives matrix

March 2016

5. Scenario planning joint exercise (separate meeting)
6. Update vision & guiding principles (if necessary)
7. Review goals and objectives matrix

April 2016

8. Review and propose goals and objectives

May 2016

1. Prepare draft for 2016 Goals and Objectives
2. Chair/staff follow-up: due 6/10/16 for use at 6/21/16 steering committee meeting

June 2016

3. Public Meeting
4. Revise goals and objectives as needed
5. Shift focus to implementation, measures, follow-up, etc.

July 2016

6. Implementation, measures, follow-up, etc.

August 2016

7. Implementation, measures, follow-up, etc.
8. Staff begins compiling draft Comp Plan

September 2016

9. Review and revise draft Comp Plan Element

October 2016

10. Public Meeting
11. Receive public feedback on the draft
12. Review and revise draft Comp Plan Element

November 2016 (NO COMMITTEE MEETING)

13. Final review and endorsement by the Steering Committee
14. Public Hearing at Planning Commission

December 2016 (NO COMMITTEE MEETING)

15. Bring to legislative bodies for adoption

Notes from Public Kick-Off Meeting

January 26, 2016

Long-Term Vision Activity

"Imagine Scott County in 2040. What does it look like?"

Visioning ideas were categorized and written on paper on the walls for everyone to see. The goal was to encourage attendees to share their long-term vision for Scott County, including:

1. Wants, needs, etc.
2. What's missing in our community that you'd like to have?
3. Categorize comments as physical/environmental, social, or economic

The comments below were submitted under the categories of Physical, Social, and Economic. They were then assigned to subcommittees based on their best fit. Some comments are listed under multiple subcommittees due to their complex nature.

Physical

- Stone fences maintained & enhanced
- Keep development near city & leave lots of open country
- Well-farmed landscape
- No more cluster subdivisions with beige houses

Social

- Recreational Lake in north for camping & tourism
- Continuing heritage of small churches throughout county

Economic

- More Community Supported Agriculture in the county
- Bigger, more festive farmers market
- Curb recycling for city residents
- Homestead economies
- Limit commerce to homesteaders' surpluses, localize commerce (see Comp. Plan 1991 Vol.2 P.8 Sec 5.3.2, Agriculture
- Every citizen a farmer

**Notes from Public Kick-Off Meeting
January 26, 2016**

Growth Management Activity

“We’ve had a rapid annual growth rate and are expected to reach a county-wide population of 100,000 people by 2040 (twice our current pop). What do we need to be doing to prepare for that kind of growth?” Participants were asked to write responses on post-it notes to place on the wall. After the meeting, the comments were assigned to subcommittees based on their best fit. Some comments are listed under multiple subcommittees due to their complex nature.

- Expand emergency services especially in rural areas
- Re-establish riparian zones back to native plantings
- Infrastructure planned & implemented with a green focus

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.