

CHAPTER ONE GOALS & OBJECTIVES

INTRODUCTION

KRS 100.193 mandates that a Planning Commission adopt statements of goals and objectives that will act as guides to the preparation of the plan. The update has entailed extensive review of goals and objectives established by previous updates. This review has allowed the Commission to reconfirm their applicability to this current effect, and has permitted their serving as a guide to preparation of other plan elements. The following remain as the goals and objectives for the *Bullitt County Comprehensive Plan Update*.

TRANSPORTATION

Goal I: *A transportation system should be provided that is sensitive and responsive to the planned growth and development of the community.*

Objective A: Transportation facilities and services should be designed to conform with other policies contained herein.

Objective B: Transportation facilities and services should be implemented concurrently with land use projects in order to minimize the resulting inadequacy of transportation systems.

Objective C: Travel incentives should be developed to improve the attractiveness of ride-sharing for all trip purposes so that travelers have a workable alternative to driving alone.

Objective D: Provisions should be made to expand the public transportation system as justified by local growth and development.

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Goal II: *The transportation system should preserve open space, recreational, historical and natural sites while allowing accessibility to ensure their utilization.*

Objective A: New transportation facilities should be planned so as not to be disruptive to the community.

Objective B: Construction or reconstruction of new or existing transportation facilities should be undertaken with minimum disruption to public land and buildings.

Goal III: *A safe transportation system should be provided.*

Objective A: Improvements to existing transportation facilities should be made to optimize the flow of traffic while reducing the accidents at intersections, at bends in roadways, at bridges, and other locations where free flow of travel is hindered.

Objective B: Minimum design and construction standards for roads and bridges would allow emergency vehicle access to all areas of the county.

COMMUNITY FACILITIES

Goal IV: *Community residents should be made aware of their responsibility for facilities and services (fire and police protection, schools, libraries, public open spaces, recreation, government offices, courts, hospitals, community centers) provided for them and ultimately paid for by them, and mechanisms should be developed to ensure their input into the policy-making process regarding such facilities.*

Objective A: Citizen-users should be encouraged to participate in the policy-making decisions (locations, design, review, etc.) establishing facilities in the community.

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Objective B: Citizen-users should be encouraged to determine the need for the community's facilities and services.

Goal V: *Wise, frugal, equitable use of the community's resources (volunteer, monetary, physical, human) should be encouraged in the provision of facilities and services.*

Objective A: Priority should be placed on maintenance and use of existing structures rather than construction of new facilities.

Objective B: Operating costs should be determined as a part of the consideration in deciding whether to construct a new facility.

Objective C: Creation and maintenance of dual and multi-purpose facilities and services is encouraged, including private or semi-public facilities which can be used to accommodate a public need.

Goal VI: *Site selection for commercial, industrial, residential, and community facilities should consider the availability of public support facilities and services.*

Objective A: Adequate water supply should be available. Water supply availability should depend in part on the proposed demand not disrupting service to existing development.

Objective B: Sewage collection and disposal facilities should be adequate prior to approval of new development.

Objective C: When approving sewage disposal techniques, priority should be given to those that do not pollute the community's water, that are most conducive to the environment, and that do not present a hazard to public health.

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Goal VII: *Immediate and long term solutions to the problem of solid waste disposal should be sought.*

Objective A: Proposed sites for solid waste disposal facilities should take into consideration environmental factors such as potential air and water pollution.

Objective B: Local controls on solid waste disposal with the intent of all environmental policies obtained herein should be encouraged.

LAND USE/ENVIRONMENTAL FACTORS

Goal VIII: *Growth and development within the county should take place in a planned, orderly manner in order to protect and preserve the community's natural and man-made amenities.*

Objective A: Various types of land uses in adjacent areas are not necessarily incompatible. The development of adjacent land uses should be made so as not to prejudice for or against mixed uses.

Objective B: Zone districts should be used to guard against premature development of land prior to its being adequately served by transportation, education, water, fire protection and other vital community facilities.

Objective C: In the allocation of land for development, priority should be established based on the current and planned sewage disposal system, its capacity and ability to meet environmental standards.

Objective D: All new developments in Bullitt County should provide plans to ensure adequate drainage of storm water in order to protect adjoining land uses as well as natural features. The

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site plan review process should be used as the vehicle whereby drainage standards are enforced.

Objective E: Development should be discouraged in the one percent (100 year) floodplain when precautions such as the design of structures to withstand flood conditions are not taken. General zoning regulations should be enforced to regulate development in floodplains.

Objective F: Land outside the range of existing or planned sewage disposal facilities should not be developed when one of the following soil conditions exist:

- Soils are classified as having slow permeability (0.90 to 0.20 inches per hour).
- Soils have a high or fluctuating water table that falls within six feet of the natural, undisturbed surface.
- Soils repose slope greater than 20 percent.

Goal IX: *The counties natural and scenic resources should be protected for the enjoyment and safety of all citizens.*

Objective A: Woodlands and wildlife are important to the community's rural character, and therefore should be preserved.

Objective B: Areas with steep slopes greater than 20 percent should be reserved from structural development except in cases where sufficient safeguards can be enacted to minimize degradation of the environment.

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Objective C: Undisturbed stream beds should be retained in their natural locations and conditions and those already disturbed should be preserved from further degradation.

Objective D: Extensive grading should be avoided and natural contours of the land should be respected.

Objective E: Stream banks and critical natural areas such as aquifers should not be disturbed.

Objective F: Conservation or resource protection zones should be used to promote preservation of land with limited development potential.

Goal X: *Commercial and industrial land uses support residential land use and planning should consider this relationship and associated questions of energy conservation, pollution control, and aesthetic quality.*

Objective A: Commercial facilities to serve residential development should be planned so as to not duplicate existing services or “over-serve” a particular area at the expense of other areas.

Objective B: Commercial and industrial facilities should be so located as to have a positive and not a negative impact on the natural environment and upon existing development.

Objective C: Decisions on locations appropriate for commercial and industrial development will consider the availability of public support facilities and services including utilities and access to major transportation means.

Objective D: Small industrial sites should be dispersed to allow for closer home-to-work distances, air pollution control, and decreased traffic congestion.

Objective E: Industrial nuisances such as dust, odor, noise, and smoke should be controlled.

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Objective F: In areas of mixed uses, commercial and industrial developments should provide buffering, screening, or other techniques to mitigate nuisances such as automobile lights, outdoor lighting, noise, odor or noxious smells, dust, litter, outdoor storage or visual nuisances.

Objective G: Commercial and industrial facilities should be encouraged to contribute to the provision of safe, efficient community facilities, such as water and sewage systems and roads in areas where infrastructure is in need of upgrading or does not exist.

Objective H: Outdoor advertising, such as billboards, should be regulated through conditional use permits to preserve scenic resources and to minimize adverse impacts on the general welfare of the community.

Goal XI: *The County's prime farmlands are important because of their high yields of food and fiber and therefore should be protected.*

Objective A: An agriculture zone should be used to protect important farmland from development, and not as a reserve for land awaiting development.

Objective B: Agriculture should be treated as a land use activity of equal importance with other land uses.

Goal XII: *Growth and development should occur in ways that respect and will not further degrade the county's valuable air, water, and land resources.*

Objective A: Best management practices should be used on-site to control soil erosion into lakes and streams.

Objective B: Industrial and residential sewage systems should be regulated to allow for the attainment of state and federal water quality goals.

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Objective C: Agencies such as the Health Department and the Soil Conservation District should be asked to review site development proposals for adverse environmental effects and possible pollution control techniques.

Objective D: When restrictive soil conditions exist, unsewered land should be reserved for or devoted to activities appropriate in agricultural or other protected areas.

Objective E: Storm water runoff should be controlled to eliminate property damage and downstream flooding.

Objective F: Environmentally acceptable solutions to the county's immediate and long range solid waste problems should be developed.

RESIDENTIAL LAND USE

Goals XIII: *Housing construction and rehabilitation should be located in areas with adequate facilities and support services which do not excessively burden the community's financial resources or harm the natural environment.*

Objective A: Residential development should be designed with proper water and sewer facilities, and adequate storm water drainage.

Objective B: The existing housing stock should be conserved and maintained, and programs with promote community conservation, housing maintenance, and rehabilitation should be promoted.

Objective C: The location of new housing should be discouraged where provision of public facilities and services would put an unnecessary strain on local public financial resources.

Objective E: **Residential** development should be planned in such a way as to protect and enhance the natural environment.

COMMERCIAL AND INDUSTRIAL LAND USE

Goal XIV: *Commercial and industrial development should be expanded to provide for increased revenues and a larger employment base to satisfy the needs of the county labor force.*

Objective A: Employment opportunities should be expanded through the promotion for compatible new commercial and industrial businesses.

Objective B: Emphasis should be placed on attracting smaller industries that are more in keeping with the county's rural atmosphere.

Objective C: Well drained, flat to gently rolling land should be set aside in sufficient amounts near transportation facilities and utilities to accommodate future industrial growth.

Objective D: The City of Shepherdsville, serving as the county seat, should be maintained as an attractive center for government, banking, and related business activity.

Objective E: Commercial activities located on interchanges should be beneficial not only to highway users, but to the citizens of Bullitt County.

Objective F: Locations at interstates and expressway interchanges should be developed with high intensity land uses to take best advantage of the excellent accessibility of these sites, in conformance with other objectives contained herein.

Objective G: Commercial and industrial developments should be designed so as to provide adequate access for vehicles and pedestrian traffic, promote good transition between adjacent buildings and land uses in terms of size, height, and materials, and provide aesthetic visual appearance.

Objective H: Commercial and industrial facilities should be concentrated in specific areas so as to discourage the formation and continuation of strip development.

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ENVIRONMENTAL DESIGN

Goal XV: *Encourage, to the extent possible, visual interest and diversity in the ongoing development of the county. This can be encouraged in new development through innovative subdivision design, landscaping, competitive designs for public improvements, and continual sensitivity for the visual impact of new development.*

Objective A: Protect open space, major forest areas, publicly owned parks and other areas with significant landscape features to the extent possible.

Objective B: Preserve buildings, sites, and districts that are recognized as having historical and architectural value.

Objective C: Assist the preservation of historic landmarks and districts by providing technical advice on seeking funds, determining appropriate reuses, formulating rehabilitation strategies and disseminating information regarding preservation-related tax incentives.

Objective D: Insure that new land uses are compatible in terms of height, bulk, scale, architecture and placement when such uses will be located near landmarks or areas of recognized historic or architectural significance.

Objective E: Design community facilities within residential areas so that the exterior of the structure will not detract from the residential character of the immediate neighborhood.

Objective F: Provide adequate buffering, screening, or other techniques that mitigate nuisances when a residential development will be located next to a land use that produces such nuisances.