

CHAPTER VI – Plan Implementation

While prior sections focused on the tools the Commission needs to help it make the day-to-day decisions associated with subdivision, site plan and rezoning applications, these implementation actions would result in the development of plans, programs, or resources (financial and otherwise) that help to strengthen the community’s long term planning program.

Recommended implementation actions are linked to supporting plan Goals and Objectives and include information about potential public and private partnerships that might be helpful in achieving them. A timeline to complete that action has also been suggested; however a Comprehensive Plan should be periodically reviewed to ensure that the Plan is still on target with the approved Goals and Objectives. Time Frame Choices include the following: Immediate; Short (Years 1 – 2); Medium (Years 2 – 4); Long (Years 4 – 5+); and Ongoing (Years 1 - 5).

Project Title	Project Description	Project Partners	Time Frame
PEOPLE, JOBS, AND HOUSING			
Employment Opportunities	Legislative bodies in Woodford County should continue to focus on providing diverse employment opportunities. Manufacturing is improving across the nation and especially in Woodford County and its cities should continue to adapt to accommodate employers in the service sector as well as high-tech firms.	-Versailles City Council -Midway City Council -Woodford County Fiscal Court -Woodford Co. EDA -KY Cabinet for Economic Development	Ongoing
Retail/Dining	The legislative bodies and appointed agencies of Woodford County should take heed of public demand for more shopping and dining options and accommodate such projects. Increasing the amount of time and money that Woodford residents spend within the county will have a positive rippling effect on existing shops and dining establishments. This would also provide needed jobs for a variety of age groups.	-Versailles City Council -Midway City Council -Woodford County Fiscal Court -Woodford Co. EDA -Chamber of Commerce	Ongoing

Economic Development Policies	The legislative bodies and other appointed agencies of Woodford County should have a cohesive economic development strategy that utilizes the expertise and credibility of the Economic Development Authority and Chamber of Commerce. Too often, attempts at drawing business into the county are handled unilaterally without the perspective of those with a variety of contacts and life experiences.	-Versailles City Council -Midway City Council -Woodford County Fiscal Court -Chamber of Commerce -BGADD	Short
Housing Needs	Woodford County is both blessed and cursed with high property values. A need for additional housing at all levels of affordability is recognized and should be a goal worth planning for.	-Versailles Housing Authority -BGADD -United Way -Human Rights Commission	Ongoing
Tourism	Woodford County should take advantage of regional opportunities to promote tourism within our borders. Midway needs to continue to attract a mid-sized hotel to accommodate overnight travelers. Our abundance of bed and breakfast inns serve a niche market very well but are unable to satisfy potential demand.	-Woodford Co EDA -Chamber of Commerce -Local Tourism Commission -KY Tourism Commission	Ongoing
TRANSPORTATION			
Funding Needs	Local leaders should lobby to members of the General Assembly and Transportation Cabinet for funding for high priority local transportation projects.	-Versailles City Council -Midway City Council -Woodford County Fiscal Court -KY Transportation Cabinet -BGADD	Ongoing
Importance to Economic Development	An adequate transportation system is essential to recruit business and industry to the county. Manufacturers must move their products to the next-stage users and depend on quality roads with minimal traffic delays.	-KY Transportation Cabinet -KY Cabinet for Economic Development -BGADD -Woodford County Road Department -RJ Corman Railroad	Ongoing
Connectivity	New developments should be undertaken with the goal of promoting connectivity among secondary roads. Many 'thru' streets that were not intended as such have suffered over the years due to poor connectivity.	-Versailles City Council -Midway City Council -Woodford County Fiscal Court -Woodford Co Road Dept -Planning Commission	Ongoing

Safety Concerns	Local leaders and transportation officials should give primary concern to traffic and pedestrian safety when designing or altering roadways including the location of trees, fences, mailboxes, etc., within their Right-of-Ways.	-Versailles City Council -Midway City Council -Woodford County Fiscal Court -Woodford Co Road Dept -KY Transportation Cabinet	Ongoing
Regional Impact	Commuting patterns and exploding job growth in neighboring counties have increased Woodford County's burden of being a pass through or starting point for travelers. While many question the wisdom of constructing roads with an eye towards better traffic movement through the county, it goes without argument that 'passers-through' should not be the traffic problem of Woodford residents. The future extension of Falling Springs Boulevard would be an example.	-KY Transportation Cabinet -Versailles City Council -Midway City Council -Woodford County Fiscal Court -BGADD	Ongoing
NATURAL ENVIRONMENT			
Environmental Friendly Ordinances and Regulations	Currently, the land development regulations address some environmental elements. These existing regulations and ordinances should be examined for requirements that may inadvertently be creating obstacles to environmentally friendly growth.	-Planning Commission -Versailles City Council -Midway City Council -Woodford County Fiscal Court	Immediate
Non-Point Source Pollution	Explore alternative environmentally sustainable treatment alternatives of wastewater flows, such as drip irrigation systems, in areas where public sewers are not available.	-Woodford County Health Department -Planning Commission -Woodford County Fiscal Court	Ongoing
Land Conservation	Woodford Countians realize the importance of conservation in both the existing zoned conservation land and the land being placed in conservation easements with non-profit land trusts. A combination of the two, protect approximately 18,437 acres, almost 16 percent of the land in Woodford County. Continue to support public conservation policy, such as the Woodford Rural Land Board, to promote the protection of unique natural areas.	-Woodford county Fiscal Court -Woodford Rural Land Board -Agricultural Conservation District Board -KY PACE Program	Ongoing

Floodplain Protection Policies	Continue to enforce the Flood Damage Prevention Ordinance and the recently updated Flood Insurance Rate Maps (December 2017) in order for local property owners to continue to receive federally backed flood insurance through the National Flood Insurance Program.	-Versailles City Council -Midway City Council -Woodford County Fiscal Court Local Floodplain Mgr -KY Division of Water/Floodplain Mgmt -FEMA	Ongoing
Floodplain Protection Policies	To help educate the public and further reduce flood insurance rates apply for the National Flood Insurance Program's Community Rating System (CRS).	-Versailles City Council -Midway City Council -Woodford County Fiscal Court Local Floodplain Mgr -KY Division of Water/Floodplain Mgmt -FEMA	Short
Geographic Information System	Continue to develop accurate Geographic Information System data layers with regard to the environment to be considered in making decisions regarding land use as noted in the Natural Resource Conservation objective.	-Versailles City Council -Midway City Council -Woodford County Fiscal Court -Local GIS Office -KY OGI	Ongoing
Regional Ecotourism	Explore possibilities of utilizing the Kentucky River corridor and its tributaries for regional ecotourism opportunities including low-impact access for kayaks and canoes, hiking, trail riding, etc.	-KY River Authority -KY Division of Water -Local Floodplain Coordinators -BGADD -Woodford County Fiscal Court -Regional Bluegrass Trails Alliance-Bike, Hike, Horseback and Water Trails	Ongoing
Energy Efficiency	Local Government and citizens need to make utilizing energy more efficiently a priority. The City of Versailles would like to pursue conversion of street lights to LED bulbs, update lighting and HVAC in City owned facilities. This could include utilizing Energy Project Assessment Districts. Encourage and promote Green Construction.	-Versailles City Council -Midway City Council -Woodford County Fiscal Court	Medium
COMMUNITY FACILITIES AND SERVICES			
Public Water	Public Water is essential for all citizens of Woodford County. Strive to extend public water lines throughout the County.	-Woodford Co Fiscal Court -Various Water Districts throughout Co. -BGADD	Long

Public Sanitary Sewers	Local government should explore alternative funding sources to extend public sanitary sewers to areas of existing concentrated residences and businesses to eliminate failing on site sewage disposal systems that are potential sources of pollution.	-Versailles City Council -Woodford County Fiscal Court -BGADD	Long
Storm Water Management	Storm water runoff is inevitable. A local plan needs to be implemented to address storm water quantity and quality.	-Versailles Public Works -Local GIS -Woodford Co Engineer	Short
Geographic Information System	Continue to develop accurate Geographic Information System data layers with regard to all public infrastructures to be considered in making decisions regarding future land uses and future development.	-Versailles City Council -Midway City Council -Woodford County Fiscal Court -Local GIS Office -KY OGI	Ongoing
Cultural and Tourist Infrastructure	Woodford County has many unique Cultural Resources and Tourist Attractions. The participants and visitors need to be accommodated with facilities such as local restaurants, hotels, and service establishments, instead of having to go out of town.	-Versailles City Council -Midway City Council -Woodford County Fiscal Court -Woodford Co Tourism Comm. -Chamber of Commerce -Woodford Co EDA	Ongoing
Educational Facilities	Woodford Co Board of Education has built new or improved facilities of all Elementary Schools and constructed a new Middle School. Focus needs to be on construction of a new High School with on site athletic facilities comprising approximately 50 acres.	-Woodford Co Board of Education -KY Department of Education -Versailles City Council -Woodford County Fiscal Court	Ongoing
Public Health	Bluegrass Community Hospital (formerly Woodford Memorial Hospital) has served the needs of Woodford Countians for many years. With the desire to bring more economic growth to the area a larger, modern facility is vital to the community and region.	-Bluegrass Community Hospital -Woodford Co EDA -Versailles City Council -Midway City Council -Woodford County Fiscal Court	Long

Higher Education	Midway University provides many opportunities for higher education, as will Frontier Nursing University. . However there are no local educational opportunities for technical/vocational education. Utilizing local resources such as KCTCS a local program should be pursued and implemented to retain local residents for workforce.	-KCTCS -Woodford Co Board of Education -Woodford Co EDA -BGADD -Versailles City Council -Midway City Council -Woodford County Fiscal Court -Chamber of Commerce	Long
Public Parks and Spaces	Versailles, Midway and Woodford County have unique public parks and spaces. These need to be studied to make them more visible, more accessible, and more user friendly. The recommendations need to be implemented and activities and programs can be expanded.	-Versailles City Council -Midway City Council -Woodford County Fiscal Court -Versailles-Woodford County Parks & Recreation Dept. -Midway Parks Board	Medium
FUTURE LAND USE			
User Friendly Ordinances and Regulations	Currently, the Zoning Ordinance and Subdivision regulations address content and procedural processes for development. These existing regulations and ordinances should be examined for requirements that may inadvertently be creating obstacles to future land use development.	-Planning Commission -Versailles City Council -Midway City Council -Woodford County Fiscal Court	Immediate
Zoning District vs. Land Use Districts	Evaluate all existing Zoning District Ordinances to be sure there are no conflicts such as with the Planned Unit Development Ordinance. Also review to be sure Zoning Ordinance uses blend with Land Use District Guidelines.	-Planning Commission -Versailles City Council -Midway City Council -Woodford County Fiscal Court	Immediate