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1. Yes

Our farmland is the “factory floor” of the agriculture, tourism and equine industries as well as our “brand”, to preserve this treasure that provides both economic support and essential products to our community is imperative. The current worldwide problems with food safety, fuel prices, and food shortages we have a glimpse into the future of our community if we don’t protect our farmland.

Fayette County’s equine facilities and farm production resources have significantly increased since the Rural Service Land Management plan was adopted in 1999. I support a process by which key stakeholders such as the Fayette County Farm Bureau and Kentucky Thoroughbred Association quantify a new PDR goal and would respect their decision.

2. Yes

The Land Bank is a start to ensuring we grow responsibly and with proper infrastructure for a healthy city while preserving our farmland.

I think the Land Bank should be run like the PDR program, giving opportunity for citizen input and to ensure the best possible use of the money for worthy projects such as affordable housing and sustainable development projects.

3. Yes

Ensuring adequate infrastructure such as sanitary and storm water systems is one of the most essential charges of our local government, thus as a council person I would support the proposed user fee increase. Pollution and flooding does not stop at the county line, Fayette County must be a responsible neighbor in the region.

4. Yes

“Saving the Bluegrass” is as much about our productive fields as our beautiful horse farms and brand. As the number two county in KY for cash farm receipts, Fayette County’s agriculture business experience should be equal to that of Napa Valley and I think it justifies the creation of a Commissioner of Agriculture position to oversee all aspects of our agriculture industry.

5. Yes

Public participation and transparency will be required components of any infill or TIF project in order to receive my support on the Council. I would also support an ordinance to create a board much like the PDR Board to administer the Land Bank and require public participation, assurance of adequate infrastructure, and transparency into process.

Edward Norton III

1. Yes

To limit urban sprawl with planned growth and enable family farms to stay intact while protecting our environment. I will consider supporting an increase in the goal of 50,000 acres as we reach the half way point and include the increase as part of our next comprehensive plan as funding becomes available.

2. Yes

Priority should be given to making available lots for affordable housing and small business. This would decrease the need to use more farmland for development.

3. Yes

The council may need to implement ordinances to see that the work is funded properly and in a timely manner. I would also check periodically with our public works department, asking for updates on the progress of the work as well as doing onsite inspections in the 5th district.

4. Yes

The council should work with federal, state and other local government entities as well as assisting The Lexington Convention and Visitors Bureau where needed. The 2010 World Equestrian event is a perfect time to promote and showcase our community to the world.

5. Yes

Expand and or continue current public focus groups so that concerns will be addressed before it’s a done deal! Without an adequate amount of public input you’ll have public resistance and fail to get things done!