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## Adoption of Goals and Objectives

In March 2006, the Lexington-Fayette Urban County Council adopted the Goals and Objectives element of the *2006 Comprehensive Plan*. As required by KRS 100.193, the Goals and Objectives must be prepared and adopted as a guide for the preparation of the remaining elements of the Comprehensive Plan.

The recent adoption of the *2006 Comprehensive Plan's* Goals and Objectives is the result of a multifaceted process. An examination of the *2007 Comprehensive Plan Update* Goals and Objectives laid the groundwork for a draft version created by the planning staff in 2004. Staff revisions continued throughout the year. Public comment on the draft was received at Community Input meetings held in February 2005. Organized groups with specific areas of interest also were asked to review the

2006 Goals and Objectives draft in light of their own policies and goals during this time. The document was forwarded to the Planning Commission, who reviewed the initial suggestions during the 2005 Work Sessions. The recommended Goals and Objectives were sent to the Urban County Council. After considerable discussion and numerous public hearings, the Council adopted the Goals and Objectives in March.

The adopted of the *2006 Comprehensive Plan* Goals and Objectives can be viewed online at [ftp://ftp.lfucg.com/Planning/LongRange/gocouncil.pdf](http://ftp.lfucg.com/Planning/LongRange/gocouncil.pdf). The Goals and Objectives are the only element of a locally adopted Comprehensive Plan that is required by state law to be presented to the local legislative body for "consideration, amendment, and adoption".

## About the Comprehensive Plan

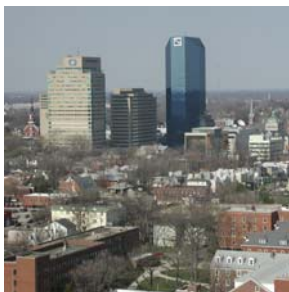
Lexington's first Comprehensive Plan was adopted in 1931. In subsequent years, new comprehensive plans have been adopted that address the changing demographics and economy of Fayette County. The Comprehensive Plan is now updated every five years. As with previous plans, the current Comprehensive Plan looks to the future and serves as a guide for public and private actions and decisions to assure the development of property in the most appropriate relationships. The *2007 Comprehensive Plan Update* is available online or may be purchased from the Planning office.

## Citizen Land Use Change Proposals Received

A critical component to the Comprehensive Plan, the Future Land Use Element represents the opportunity for Lexington to adapt for anticipated growth through adopted land use changes, as well as maintain environmental and cultural resources. The text and maps that comprise this element are important to zoning map amendment decisions that are made by the Planning Commission and Urban County Council. Citizens that were interested in proposing a new future land use for their property filed proposals in

December 2005. Seventy-nine future land use proposals were received.

The Planning Commission recently received the proposals and initiated a review. Thorough consideration is given to each proposal with a detailed process that includes reviewing recommendations in the *2007 Comprehensive Plan Update*, and the existing land use for the affected property and the surrounding properties. Public meetings related to the submitted land use proposals will occur between May and August 2006.



## Remaining Planning Process through December

With the comprehensive plan process quickly moving forward, the Long-Range Planning staff aims to complete the *2006 Comprehensive Plan* by December 2006. Steps needed to reach the plan's conclusion include a series of monthly meetings with the Planning Commission tackling specific topics concerning the planning process. Elements of the plan to be developed and adapted include Land Use, Transportation, and Community Facilities. As both the Planning Commission and planning staff work to finalize the maps, texts, and documents that comprise the *2006 Comprehensive Plan*, public input will continue to be a vital factor.

The Planning Commission will hold a series of Work Sessions throughout the rest of the year for the purpose of discussing future land use issues specific to Fayette County. Several opportunities exist for public comment during the schedule series. Issues such as infill and redevelopment, the Urban Service Area, adaptation to the 1996 expansion, and land use criteria and issues are set for topics of discussion. All meetings and hearings are scheduled to occur in the Urban County Council Chamber in the Government Center, 200 East Main Street. There will also be additional public input meetings in September and October to be held in the community. For a complete schedule of meeting times and topics, please see <ftp://ftp.lfucg.com/Planning/LongRange/2006Schedule.pdf>.

PUBLIC COMMENT MEETINGS*	
TIME	TOPICS
MAY 15 Monday 7 PM	Downtown, I/R Area, Remainder Inside New Circle Road
JUNE 12 Monday 7 PM	Remainder of USA 1996 Expansion Area, Rural Activity Centers
JUNE 29 Thursday 1:30 PM	Public Input on Criteria, PC Decision on Criteria
JULY 20 Thursday 1:30 PM	Rural Land Plan Amendments, Rural Settlements, Requests to Add Properties to USA

\* All meetings are held in the Council Chamber

## Public Communication Opportunities Continue

Questions, comments, and concerns, or a desire to be on the *2006 Comprehensive Plan* mailing list can be addressed to the Division of Planning at 859-258-3160 or faxed to 859-258-3163. All staff can also be contacted via e-mail. Also, check out the Division of Long-Range Planning's website, accessed via

<http://www.lfucg.com/AdminSvcs/Planning/LongRangePlan.asp> for additional details related to the *2006 Comprehensive Plan* process, schedule, adopted Goals and Objectives and Land Use Element text, and other pertinent information regarding the Plan. Check in frequently to get the latest news and keep an eye out for the ongoing changes and updates on this site in the future.

## Rural Settlement Study

Finalizing the Rural Settlement Study is the current focus for Long-Range Planning staff members. Representing a significant part of Kentucky's cultural heritage, the rural settlements consist of four types of distinct historical communities – antebellum free black settlements, pre-Civil War crossroads communities, postbellum free black settlements, and 20<sup>th</sup> century subdivisions. Containing structures that include single family units and structures of commerce, the rural settlements were documented in a three phase study conducted in conjunction with the UK Center for Historic Architecture and Preservation. The parcels and buildings that remain intact were noted for several factors including current condition and overall character of the community. Recommendations for future community protection were made based on information gathered from the study's observational surveys. The study is currently in its final stages.

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