



FAYETTE ALLIANCE

GROWING OUR CITY, PROMOTING OUR FARMS

June 10, 2016

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Re: ZOTA 2014-4 & SRA 2014-1: RECREATION AND TOURISM USES

This Executive Summary is provided for your convenience. Please see the attached letter for the full position statement of the Fayette Alliance.

- Fayette Alliance supports the general intent of the Recreation ZOTA to expand recreation and tourism opportunities in Lexington-Fayette County.
- Fayette Alliance supports including recreation and tourism uses in each zoning category so long as those uses do not conflict with or change the stated intent of each respective zone.
- **Fayette Alliance conditionally supports the Recreation ZOTA as passed by the Planning Commission provided that certain uses included as principal uses in the A-N Zone are modified to be conditional uses.**
- The following uses were included as principal uses in the A-N Zone by the Planning Commission and should be modified to be conditional uses: Commercial hiking and bicycling trails; equine trails; tree canopy tours; canoeing and kayaking launch sites; nature preserves; and educational classes.
- Including these uses as principal uses conflicts with the stated intent of the A-N Zone.
- Including these uses as conditional uses upholds the stated intent of the A-N Zone.
- With the modification to the uses included as principal uses in the A-N Zone, the Recreation ZOTA passed by the Planning Commission dramatically expands recreation and tourism uses in the rural zones, along with every other zoning category.
- So long as the uses included as principal uses in the A-N Zone are changed to conditional uses, the Recreation ZOTA passed by the Planning Commission meets the goals of the ZOTA, while upholding the stated intent of each zone.
- So long as the uses included as principal uses in the A-N Zone are changed to conditional uses, the Recreation ZOTA appropriately balances the needs of agricultural and natural resource preservation with new public access and recreation opportunities.
- **No additional uses from those adopted by the Planning Commission should be included in the rural zones.**
- Fayette Alliance recommends exploring new non-commercial recreation and ecotourism programs on our 2,800 acres of rural parkland in Fayette County.