

# Agriculture and Environment Sub-Committee

March 16, 2016

5:00-7:00pm

Planning Commission Office  
230 East Main Street

What are our  
goals for the  
future?



Georgetown-Scott County  
Comprehensive Plan Update



# Logistics

- Google Group:  
AgricultureandEnvironment@googlegroups.com
- Comparable Cities
- More info online: [www.GreatScottPlan.com](http://www.GreatScottPlan.com)



# Process

1. Vision
2. Principle
3. Goals
4. Objectives
5. Implementation

# Clusters

**The previous goals have been grouped into six clusters. Those clusters are:**

- 1. Farmland Preservation / PDR**
- 2. Rural Land Use**
- 3. Environmentally Sensitive Areas**
- 4. Water Quality**
- 5. Waste**
- 6. Aesthetics / Scenic Resources**

# Time Line and Work Plan

## March (Goals)

- Farm Preservation / PDR
- Development
- Environmentally Sensitive Areas
- Scenario Planning Exercise

## April (Goals)

- Aesthetics / Scenic Resources
- Waste
- Water Quality

## May (Objectives)

- Review the Vision & Principles to our draft Goals & Objectives
- Narrow in on the objectives or categories that appear the most difficult



# Goals & Objectives

## Goals

General outcomes that explain what you want to achieve in your community. Goals are usually long-term and represent global visions such as “protect public health and safety.”

## Objectives

Strategies or implementation steps to attain the identified goals. Unlike goals, objectives are specific, measurable, and have a defined completion date.



# Goals & Objectives

- Goals – What
- Objectives – How
- Text/Body of the plan - Why



# Existing Goals

## Farmland Preservation/PDR

### GOAL:

- A comprehensive countywide farmland preservation program exists and is maintained for currency.

### Comment:

- This reads like an objective or action statement.
- Preservation of farmland is the root of this goal.



# Existing Goals

## Farmland Preservation/PDR

### GOAL:

- The economic well-being of all rural property owners is actively encouraged

### Comment:

- Economic development is a topic handled by a specific sub-committee

# Existing Goals

## Farmland Preservation/PDR

### GOAL:

- Establish rural development and preservation programs

### Comment:

- These programs, to some extent, exist already, so we need to make sure our goals and objectives look to continuing and diversifying these programs.

# Existing Goals

## Rural Land Use

### GOAL:

- Conflicts between agricultural and non-agricultural land uses are minimized to the maximum extent possible.

### Comment:

- This goal is already very good, I have only proposed rewording it.

# Existing Goals

## Rural Land Use

### GOAL:

- Establish policies for existing planned unit developments in rural areas.

### Comment:

- Rural planned unit developments have policies and ordinances. The objectives can direct revisions or reviews of these policies.

# Existing Goals

## Rural Land Use

### GOAL:

- Residential growth should continue to occur in the rural areas. However, rural growth should be located and clustered so that it is more compatible with the traditional Scott County countryside, and to minimize the impacts to farmland, the environment, and public services.

### Comment:

- This goal is too lengthy
- The general premise is the siting and layout of rural residential areas.

# Existing Goals

## Environmentally Sensitive Areas

### GOAL:

- A continuing program is developed and implemented that protects environmentally sensitive areas.

### Comment:

- This is decently written, and rewording is all that is necessary

# Existing Goals

## Environmentally Sensitive Areas

### GOAL:

- All growth affects the environment. However, the kind of growth that would degrade environmental quality is not desired. Instead, growth should capitalize upon and highlight Scott County's special environmental qualities.

### Comment:

- This is a lengthy goal, and it says basically the same idea as the previous goal.



# Existing Goals

## Environmentally Sensitive Areas

### GOAL:

- Locations and types of growth should be guided by principles of protecting groundwater, surface water, air quality, floodplains, and prime farmland, in balance with other community goals for development.

### Comment:

- This accomplishes what the previous two goals were getting at in a roundabout way.
- A reworded version of this goal has been included in the draft goals.

# What happens next?

## Homework: Read & Reflect!

- Review goals and objectives
- Send comments to staff

## Next Sub-Committee Meeting

- Wednesday, April 20 from 5:00-7:00pm
- Planning Commission Office,  
230 East Main Street

## Scenario Planning Meeting

- Monday, March 28 from 5:00-7:00pm
- Scott County Extension Office,  
1130 Cincinnati Road