

Agriculture & Environment Sub-Committee

February 17, 2016

5:00-7:00pm

Planning Commission Office
230 East Main Street

What's our
vision for the
future?



Georgetown-Scott County
Comprehensive Plan Update



What's our role? What will we do tonight?

- **Committee Introductions** 5:00-5:15pm
- **Comp Plan Process and Our Committee's Role** 5:15-5:45pm
 - History of the Comprehensive Plan
 - Where are we and where are we going?
 - January 26th Public Kick-Off Meeting feedback
 - What's our role?
 - Process and Timeline
 - Distribution of Existing Goals & Objectives
- **Vision and Fundamental Principles** 5:45-7:00pm
 - Distribution of New Materials
 - Overall Community Vision
 - Sub-Committee level vision statement
 - Sub-Committee level fundamental principles

Introductions

Planning Commission Staff

- Joe Kane
- Megan Chan
- Matt Summers
- Alaina Hagenseker
- Brent Combs
- John Carter
- Perry Johnston
- Whitley Wolfe
- Ryan Cooper
- Mary Somerville

Sub-Committee Members

- Larry Bottom
- Susan Byars
- Claude Christensen (Chair)
- Roy Cornett
- Rick Hostetler
- Cindy King
- Zack Land
- King Offutt
- Bill Offutt
- Blanche Overton
- Rodger Persley
- Michelle Simon
- Steve Smith
- Diane Strong

Sub-Committee Members

- Frank Wiseman
- Perry Johnston

What is the Comprehensive Plan?



What is the Comprehensive Plan?

KRS 100 Kentucky Planning Statute

The Planning Commission of each unit shall prepare a Comprehensive Plan, which shall serve as a guide for public and private actions and decisions to assure the development of public and private property in the most appropriate relationships. The elements of the plan may be expressed in words, graphics or other appropriate forms. (Guides Actions on Physical Development and Growth)

Minimum Content:

- A statement of **Goals and Objectives**, which shall serve as a guide for the physical development and economic and social well-being of the planning unit.
- **Land Use Element**
- **Transportation Element**
- **Community Facilities Element**
- Additional elements which in the judgement of the Planning Commission will further serve the purposes of the Comprehensive Plan.

History of the Comprehensive Plan?

First Land Use Regulation:

Georgetown adopted zoning in **1958**. Zoning Ordinance established basic pattern and rules for residential, commercial and industrial land use. Intentionally vague and flexible. Three residential zones R-1, R-2 and R-3. Zones were not hierarchical other than downtown, but did not include long list of permitted uses in each zone.

First Comprehensive Plan

- Early 1970's Planning Unit and joint cities-county Planning Commission formed. 1974 first Georgetown-Scott County Comprehensive Plan and Zoning Ordinance. Georgetown Zoning Ordinance expanded with addition of Agricultural Zones and regulations.
- **1974, 1985** Comprehensive Plans short Physical Plans that produced first Future Land Use Maps.

What is the Comprehensive Plan?

Elements Completed

Proposed

<u>1991</u>	<u>1996</u>	<u>2001</u>	<u>Vision 2020</u>	<u>2006</u>	<u>2011</u>	<u>2016</u>
Land Use	Land Use	Land Use	Growth and LU	Land Use(R&U)	Land Use(R&U)	Land Use
Transportation	Transportation	Trans.	Infrastructure	Transportation	Transportation	Infrastructure
Community Facilities	Comm. Fac.	Comm. Fac.		Comm. Fac.	Comm. Fac.	& Comm. Fac.
Sadieville	Sadieville		Quality of Life			Human Srvces
Stamping Ground	Stamp. Grd		Health & Human			& Comm. Bldg.
Economic Development			Economic Dev.			Economic Dev.
Historic Resource Management						Heritage &
Downtown Georgetown						Urban Form
Environmental Quality			Agriculture			Ag. & Environ.
Housing						
Education	Education		Education			

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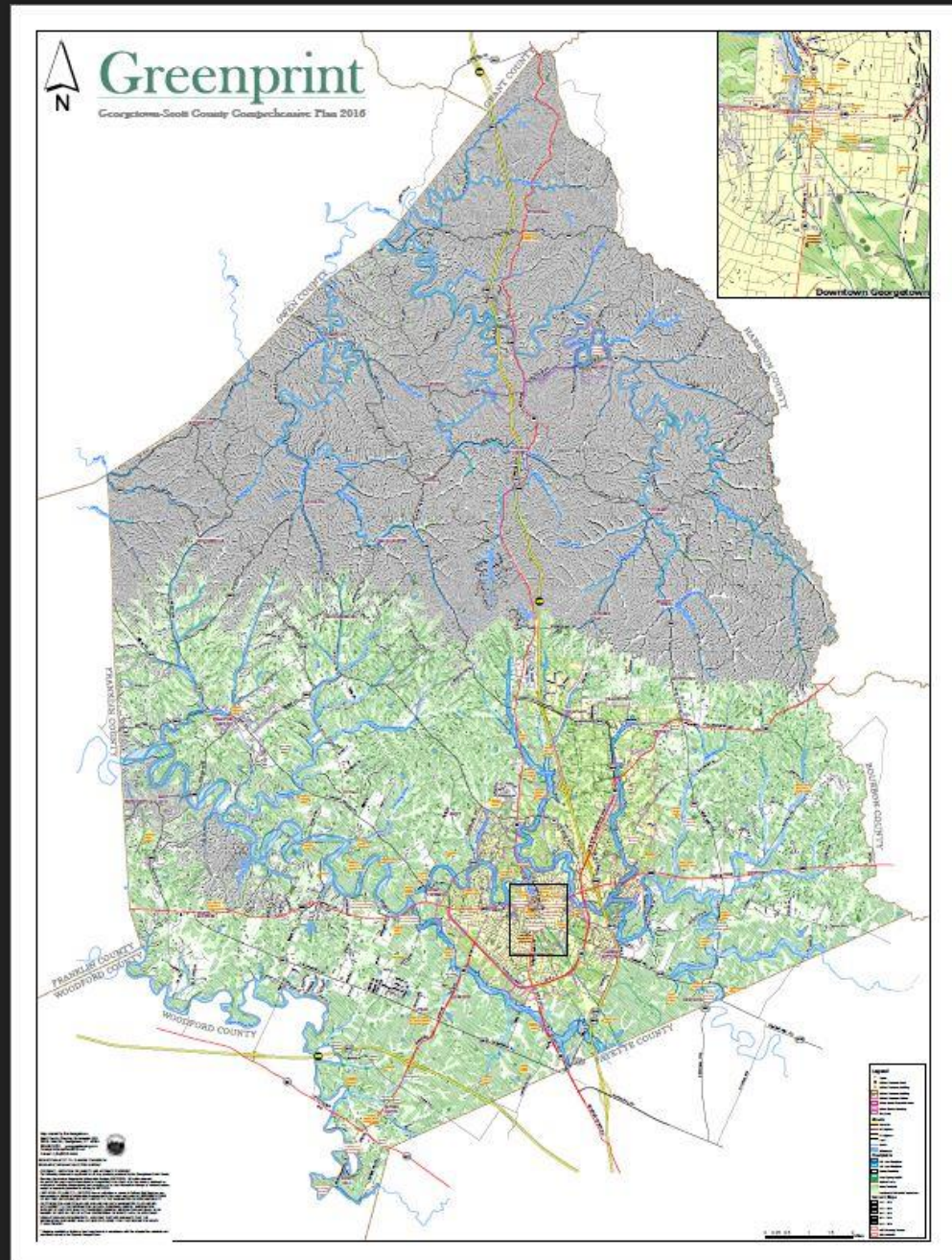
Monthly Meeting: **Third Wednesday**

Chair: Claude Christensen

Staff Lead: Matt Summers

Additional Staff: Joe Kane

Topics: **Rural Greenbelt Conservation Preservation PDR Program**



Time Line and Work Plan

February-May	Work on Vision Statement and develop draft Goals and Objectives
March	Scenario Planning Exercise looking at Physical Growth Strategies and Alternatives
April	Work on Goals and Objectives
<u>May</u>	<u>Refine and complete Draft Goals and Objectives for Land Use</u>
June	Review USB Goals, Policies and if necessary expansion areas.
July	Review Future Land Use Map and Policies
August	Refine and Complete Future Land Use Map, USB boundary Recommendations and begin text
September	Review text of Land Use Element
<u>October</u>	<u>Refine and Complete Draft Future Land Use Element</u>

Sub-Committee Role

- Provide Feedback on staff work. Review and guide content revisions
- Be community focused, positive, solutions oriented.
- Provide guidance on specific studies, additional research.
- Listen and respect others opinion.
- Provide Community perspective and validation of work.

Where are we going? Is it what we want?

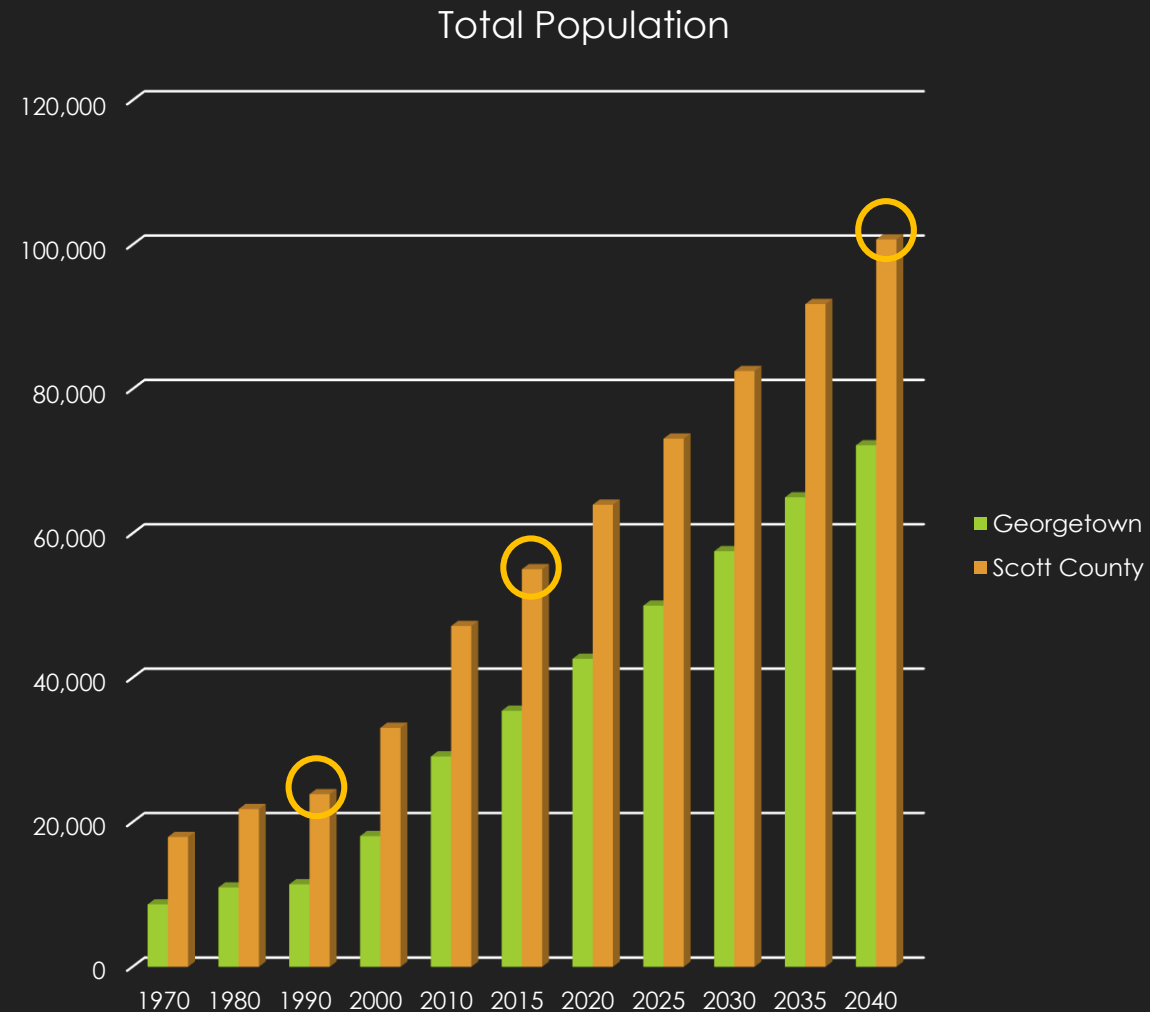
2040
100,000



2016
52,000



1991
24,396



Environment

- Environmental Quality Management Element Completed in 1991
- States WATER QUALITY is the key environmental issue of the 1990's and the top environmental concern of Scott Countians.
- "water resources are interconnected with all other aspects of the environment, such as geology, soils and air quality, and are especially sensitive in Kentucky due to karst topography. Water quality is potentially affected by all land use and development activities. Because of this, the quality of water resources is the best indicator of the overall health of the environment and the success of our community's environmental protection policies."

Environment

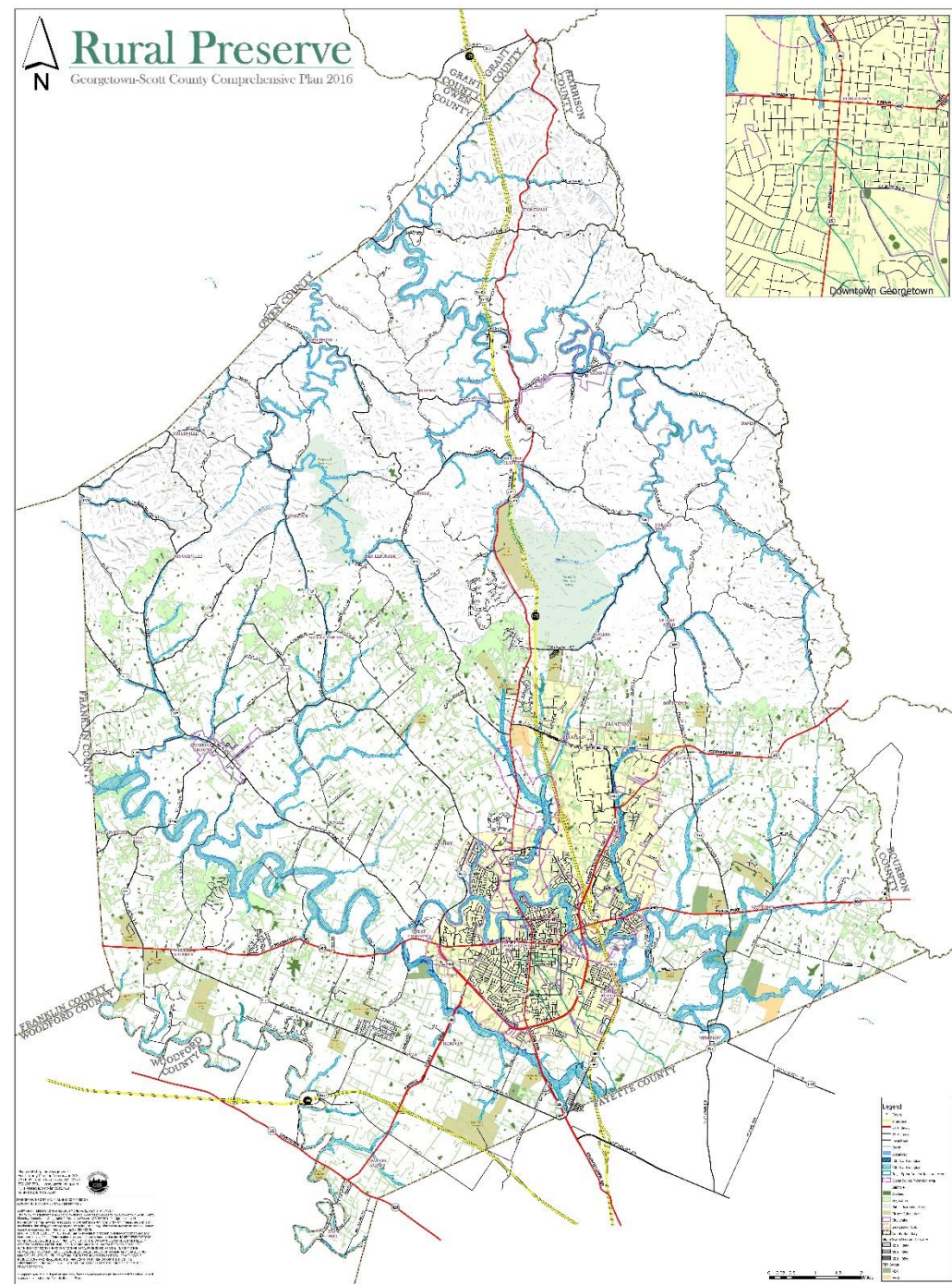
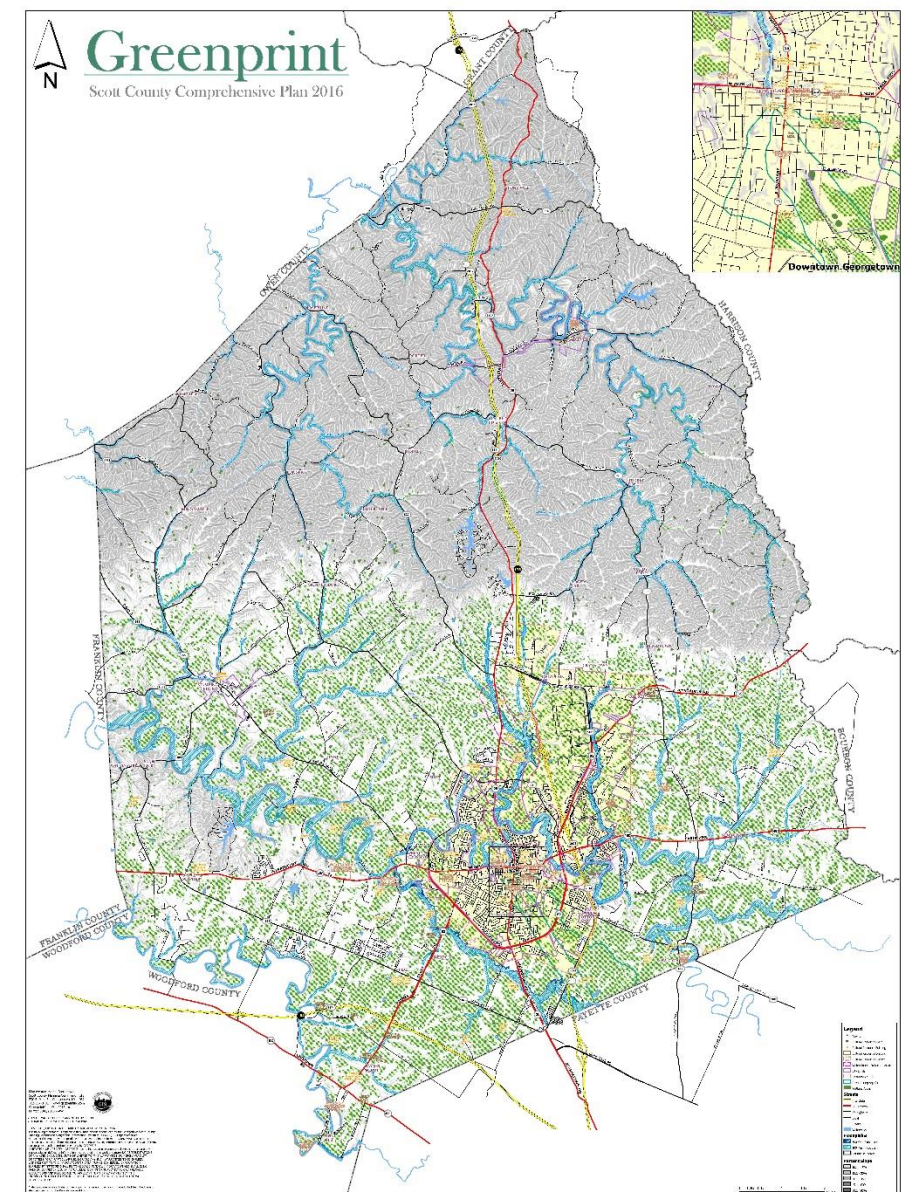
- 1991 Environmental Management Element
- Led to adoption of Environmentally Sensitive Lands Ordinance.
- Extension of Public Water through all of the County.
- Prioritization of the Reservoir Project
- Identification of Private Package Treatment Plants as an issue.

Environment

What issues are still unresolved or new?

- Reservoir
- Royal Springs Aquifer Protection from Heavy Industrial Uses and Transportation Accidents.
- Surface Water Quality
- Stormwater infiltration of Sewer Treatment Plant

Environment



Existing Goals & Objectives

- See handouts.
- This is your homework. We're not going to read through all this information tonight!
- We ask you to read and evaluate before our next meeting.

Community Vision – Great Scott!

In 2040, Scott County is a sustainable, vibrant, safe, and healthy community of urban and rural areas. We have quality and affordable growth, a diverse economic base, high standards of living, lifelong learning resources, and abundant opportunity. We invite creative solutions and welcome new people and ideas to adapt to future needs. From the winding Elkhorn to historic downtowns to the scenic bluegrass farmlands, we value and take pride in local natural and cultural resources.

Sub-Committee Vision Statement

Agriculture and environmental protection provide Scott County with a sustainable and vibrant future. Prime farmland and environmentally sensitive areas are protected and preserved from sprawl and development. Scott County agricultural areas provide access to locally grown and produced goods. Recycling, re-use, and composting reduce waste and demand on natural resources.

Sub-Committee Fundamental Principles

- Development outside of the urban service boundaries should be at a scale appropriate for the density and character of the rural landscape.

Sub-Committee Fundamental Principles

- Water quality can be affected by all land use and development activities. Water resources are interconnected with all other aspects of the environment and are important aspects of land use and development and review.

Sub-Committee Fundamental Principles

- Environmentally Sensitive Areas include: creek conservation corridors, property zoned C-1, minor waterways, Scott County reservoir protection area, aquifer recharge area, wetlands, significant trees and fence rows, steep slopes and clay soils, sinkholes, cave areas, major rock formations and outcroppings, springs, floodplains/floodways, landfills/refuse areas, prime farmlands, significant natural habitats for plants and animals, and scenic and historic rural resources.

What happens next?

Homework: Read & Reflect!

- Review the committee vision statements and fundamental principles
- Read the existing goals and objectives and take notes:
 - Compare it to the new vision and fundamental principles
 - Is the information still relevant?
 - What might need to change?
 - Is there anything you would add?

All-Committee Scenario Planning Meeting

- Monday, March 21, 2016
- 5:00-7:00pm
- Scott County Extension Office,
1130 Cincinnati Road

Next Agriculture & Environment Sub-Committee Meeting

- Wednesday, March 16, 2016
- 5:00-7:00pm
- Planning Commission Office,
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