

2022 Comprehensive Plan – Goals & Objectives

Community Form

CF 1. Design for an efficient network of streets and land uses.

- CF 1.1. Manage the location of the Urban Service Boundary (USB) and City Annexation to maximize efficiency of city networks and services.
- CF 1.2. Plan for higher-density residential uses in areas that have multiple transportation connections to commercial areas and community facilities.
- CF 1.3. Provide access between and among rural areas, connections to regional transportation systems, and safe, economical mobility and accessibility for citizens and goods.
- CF 1.4. Make public amenities, workplaces, and residential areas accessible by multiple transportation types.

CF 2. Maintain and enhance our built environment's form and character.

- CF 2.1. Allow for flexibility in land use and design pattern within projects that provide public amenities or other community benefits.
- CF 2.2. Provide civic and government facilities in centralized and accessible locations as highly visible focal points and symbols of community identity.
- CF 2.3. Become more walkable and bikeable.
- CF 2.4. Provide an interconnected system of local and regional public open space and recreational opportunities.

CF 3. Encourage development practices at site and community-wide levels that are sustainable and protect agricultural areas.

- CF 3.1. Preserve prime farmland for agricultural uses.
- CF 3.2. Encourage cluster development when new major rural residential subdivisions are proposed.
- CF 3.3. Retain adequate, usable open space, and create green linkages in new urban and suburban development.
- CF 3.4. Protect the quality and integrity of existing structures and support preservation efforts.
- CF 3.5. Encourage development utilizing green building and sustainable development best practices.
- CF 3.6. Encourage the redevelopment of brownfields and grayfields within urban areas.

CF 4. Focus revitalization efforts in existing centers of activity.

- CF 4.1. Invest in downtown Georgetown, Sadieville, and Stamping Ground as the heart of each city.
- CF 4.2. Promote multi-use and flex spaces, including the installation of parking structures and garages especially in downtown areas and public spaces.
- CF 4.3. Preserve and strengthen the fabric of existing neighborhoods by investing in maintenance and improvements to infrastructure.
- CF 4.4. Require infill and redevelopment projects to be designed for pedestrian use and compatible with the existing character and long-term goals for the surrounding area.

Infrastructure

IF 1. Build, maintain, and improve public infrastructure.

- IF 1.1. All citizens, throughout the applicable service areas, shall have access to essential, reliable, and sustainable utility services and infrastructure including drinking water, wastewater treatment, stormwater management, solid waste collection and disposal, recycling, telecommunications, and energy.
- IF 1.2. Water providers should maintain an adequate, clean water supply to meet the needs of all current customers as well as demand anticipated for future growth.
- IF 1.3. Maintain adequate public sewer capacity to meet the needs of Georgetown, Sadieville, and Stamping Ground.
- IF 1.4. Require stormwater infrastructure to be environmentally safe and multifunctional where possible.
- IF 1.5. Public infrastructure should be sustainable, reliable, affordable, and compliant with federal, state, and local regulations.
- IF 1.6. No new privately-owned and operated sewer treatment facilities should be approved.

IF 2. Capital Improvement Plans for each legislative body account for needed infrastructure improvements.

- IF 2.1. Ensure that capital improvements plans are effective, cost efficient, cooperative, and complementary to support long-term growth.

IF 3. Support and advocate for expanded digital connectivity within the county.

- IF 3.1. Improve high-speed affordable internet access for all citizens.
- IF 3.2. Prioritize siting of wireless communication facilities and other utilities to protect cultural, historic, environmental, and residential resources.

Public Facilities

PF 1. Ensure adequate public facilities and services are available to meet the needs of businesses and residents.

- PF 1.1. Maintain access to adequately staffed and equipped police, fire, emergency services, libraries, schools, and community centers.
- PF 1.2. Fire protection services and facilities are planned and constructed in accordance with standards set by the National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) and the Insurance Services Organization (ISO).
- PF 1.3. The Planning Commission should consider access to public facilities and service levels when reviewing new development. New development should not reduce the service levels for existing residents.
- PF 1.4. Develop parks and recreational facilities and activities to meet the needs of our growing population.
- PF 1.5. Support the creation and expansion of library and educational facilities and programming throughout the county.

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- PF 2.1. Ensure that capital improvements plans are effective, cost efficient, cooperative, and complementary to support long-term growth.

Heritage

HE 1. Preserve our built history.

- HE 1.1. Highlight and enhance the historic quality of downtown Georgetown, Sadieville, and Stamping Ground and their surrounding neighborhoods to attract businesses and support economically viable commercial districts.
- HE 1.2. Implement policy measures to protect historic resources, incentivize preservation, and enhance the form of surrounding areas, such as downtowns, historic sites, districts, and landmarks.
- HE 1.3. Increase awareness of the importance of preservation efforts, processes, and available financial, design, and additional educational resources.

HE 2. Protect and enhance the natural, historic, and cultural landscapes that give Scott County its unique identity and image.

- HE 2.1. Highlight the special environmental qualities of Scott County in developed and undeveloped areas.
- HE 2.2. Promote enhanced use of the Elkhorn Creek as a resource for recreation and tourism, and a unique attraction for environmentally sensitive development within the Urban Service Boundary (USB).
- HE 2.3. Protect the natural environmental qualities of the creeks as special habitats for plants and animals and make them accessible for educational purposes.
- HE 2.4. Encourage the “greening” of Scott County by preserving trees, increasing tree canopy coverage, and installing new landscaping at community gateways.

HE 3. Promote, support, and encourage public art and beautification of public spaces and community gateways.

- HE 3.1. Establish public art programs and installations throughout the community, especially at locations of high activity, and assure access for all Scott County residents and visitors.
- HE 3.2. Capitalize on our historic character and cultural heritage in public art and enrichment activities.
- HE 3.3. Encourage neighborhoods to create art identities in their communal spaces.
- HE 3.4. Explore opportunities to establish downtown districts in Georgetown, Sadieville, and Stamping Ground that reflect the unique qualities and history of each community.

Housing

HO 1. Provide a full spectrum of quality housing options for all residents.

- HO 1.1. Encourage the expansion of affordable and middle-income housing opportunities throughout the community.
- HO 1.2. Explore opportunities to combine development efforts and infill with historic preservation and protection of natural habitats.
- HO 1.3. Prioritize preserving existing residential structures of historic value and retaining neighborhood character.
- HO 1.4. New residential developments should promote connectivity and be compact to reduce the impacts of sprawl.
- HO 1.5. Eliminate sub-standard housing.

HO 2. Decrease financial barriers to affordable housing.

HO 2.1. Establish and facilitate programs focused on increased rates of owner occupancy.

HO 3. Support new housing development compatible with existing neighborhoods and downtown areas.

HO 3.1. Support small-scale rehabilitation of residences to improve housing stock in existing areas.

HO 3.2. Ensure existing public services can support new developments.

HO 3.3. Increase the housing supply in downtown areas.

HO 4. Consider aging in place and universal design principles for new developments.

HO 4.1. Increase availability of assisted living facilities and shelters.

HO 4.2. Increase availability and flexibility of housing options for elderly residents.

HO 4.3. Encourage new developments to incorporate universal design and ADA accessibility principles.

Human Services

HS 1. Offer superior educational and training opportunities for all Scott Countians throughout their lifetime.

HS 1.1. Increase access to physical and online locations of learning.

HS 1.2. Increase collaboration between local government agencies and school systems to teach public policy and administration related skills.

HS 1.3. Increase collaboration between school systems and local employers to improve workforce quantity and improve skills needed for local jobs.

HS 2. Build our social capital and increase civic involvement.

HS 2.1. Nurture a culture of wanting to get involved and give back.

HS 2.2. Foster partnerships and collaboration between human service organizations and a broad range of stakeholders.

HS 2.3. Increase citizen engagement and regional coordination in the government process.

HS 3. Improve access to health and wellness services.

HS 3.1. Provide responsive and dependable health and human services delivery systems throughout Scott County.

HS 3.2. Increase access to local healthy foods and nutritional educational programs.

HS 3.3. Increase availability of quality and affordable childcare.

Environment

EN 1. Protect air and water quality.

- EN 1.1. Protect creek conservation corridors through zoning and riparian buffers.
- EN 1.2. Promote the preservation and restoration of North Elkhorn Creek and other streams, floodplains, and riparian areas.
- EN 1.3. Ensure the pristine water quality of the reservoir once it is constructed.
- EN 1.4. Protect the aquifer recharge area and karst features.
- EN 1.5. Minimize the amount of impervious coverage in rural areas.
- EN 1.6. Encourage educational opportunities to learn about and implement clean air and water practices.
- EN 1.7. Create a diverse transportation network to reduce reliance on automobile use (and therefore to reduce traffic, fossil fuel use, and air pollution).
- EN 1.8. Increase the tree canopy coverage for Scott County to reduce the heat island effect and to capture and sequester carbon.
- EN 1.9. Support the installation of electric vehicle charging areas and alternative fuel stations.
- EN 1.10. Educate the community about the importance of stormwater management, quality, and groundwater recharge.

EN 2. Minimize the impact of waste produced in Scott County.

- EN 2.1. Reduce amount of landfill directed waste, illegal dumping, and littering.
- EN 2.2. Encourage recycling and composting and reduce barriers to these activities.
- EN 2.3. Require the proper use, location, and disposal of hazardous materials to protect human health, water quality, air quality, and environmentally sensitive resources.
- EN 2.4. Preserve existing homes and buildings to reduce production of waste.

EN 3. Protect environmentally sensitive areas.

- EN 3.1. Discourage development of areas with a concentration of sensitive resources or areas prone to health and safety hazards.
- EN 3.2. Require rezoning to C-1 conservation for any creek conservation corridors in any area proposed for development.

EN 4. Support green spaces, parks & walkways.

- EN 4.1. Require walkways, ribbon parks, and green spaces along creeks in new development.
- EN 4.2. Require open space planning for large scale developments.
- EN 4.3. Support non-motorized trail projects for the protection of, and to provide exposure to, the natural environment.
- EN 4.4. Preserve land at all scales for park use

EN 4.5. Support infrastructure enhancements to existing park areas.

EN 4.6. Increase the footprint of the urban tree canopy.

EN 5. Encourage the adoption of sustainable practices at all scales.

EN 5.1. Encourage the rehabilitation of existing structures where possible.

EN 5.2. Support the expansion of solar and other renewable energy sources throughout the county and minimizing impacts to prime farmland.

EN 5.3. Maintain the health and quantity of mature trees in developed areas.

EN 5.4. Encourage new and existing developments to expand the opportunities for multiple forms of transportation.

Economic Growth

EG 1. Diversify the Scott County Economy.

EG 1.1. Support the Economic Strategic Plan's initiatives to diversify the Scott County Economy.

EG 1.2. Improve access to employment opportunities for all Scott County residents.

EG 1.3. Invest in quality-of-life measures that residents and business owners seek, including parks, open space, historic resources, and public services.

EG 2. Create more local business and job opportunities.

EG 2.1. Encourage long-term incremental local business development to benefit the community.

EG 2.2. Encourage small-scale commercial and temporary businesses to increase entrepreneurship and provide access to a wider range of local goods, services, and capital.

EG 2.3. Support downtowns to be economically viable and protect investments in cultural and historic resources.

EG 2.4. Educate young residents and parents about career pathways available in the community.

EG 3. Encourage agricultural economic growth in Scott County.

EG 3.1. Work with agricultural advocacy groups to maintain and enhance the agricultural base.

EG 3.2. Multiply markets for local agricultural products, and create market-driven agricultural diversification strategies.

EG 3.3. Support existing agricultural businesses and venues including local farms, orchards, and the Kentucky Horse Park.

EG 4. Promote Scott County's image as a superior location for industrial development.

- EG 4.1. Support and assist local educational efforts to produce an adequate-sized available and skilled labor pool.
- EG 4.2. Retain adequate acreage and locations for industrial development.
- EG 4.3. Support efforts for positioning Georgetown as a hydrogen "Hub" including creating hydrogen fueling stations and other hydrogen associated infrastructure to serve industrial development.

Transportation

TR 1. Provide an efficient, safe, clean, and connective transportation system that is coordinated with existing needs and plans for future growth.

- TR 1.1. Maintain or improve the capacity of the transportation road network for collector and arterials at Level of Service (LOS) "C" or higher.
- TR 1.2. Work with community members and government agencies to identify roads and systems in need of expansion, improvements, and construction.
- TR 1.3. Protect the integrity of existing roads through ongoing maintenance.
- TR 1.4. Maintain roadways clear of debris and hazards.

TR 2. Expand opportunities for multiple transportation options.

- TR 2.1. Require sidewalk construction when reviewing new and amended developments.
- TR 2.2. Acquire and dedicate ROW to ensure adequate road maintenance and, in the case of substandard roads, adequate space for possible road widening.
- TR 2.3. Improve existing sidewalks and streets to include proper lighting, construction, signage, and accessibility.
- TR 2.4. Anticipate future needs and plan for expanded public transportation.

TR 3. Become more bikeable.

- TR 3.1. Install more bike racks in areas with higher residential density and commercial areas.
- TR 3.2. Invest in infrastructure and design features to improve bicycle safety, such as signage, multi-use paths, bike lanes, and stop bars.
- TR 3.3. Educate motorists, residents, and guests of the benefits related to bike usage.
- TR 3.4. Expand public parks to include bike trails and walking paths.

TR 4. Expand and improve pedestrian infrastructure.

- TR 4.1. Invest in safety measures for pedestrians on major roads, including curbs, signage, and lighting.
- TR 4.2. Widen and improve highly used sidewalks to increase accessibility and pedestrian traffic flow. Invest in ADA tactile and other universal design amenities in downtown commercial areas.
- TR 4.3. Improve areas where individuals wait for transportation options to include benches and coverings.

TR 5. Research and support innovations and expansion of freight transportation.

- TR 5.1. Provide safe and convenient passenger and freight air transportation services in Scott County.
- TR 5.2. Maintain rail facilities to serve Scott County's future needs.
- TR 5.3. Identify and support infrastructure improvements needed for freight transportation within Scott County and along major transportation corridors.
- TR 5.4. Support infrastructure improvements for alternative fuel stations.