



Versailles-Midway-Woodford County Planning Commission
c/o Pattie Wilson, Planning Director
Woodford County Courthouse
103 South Main Street, Suite 204
Versailles, Kentucky 40383

Dear Versailles-Midway-Woodford County Planning Commission,

Woodford Forward is a group of citizens and business owners that advocate for innovative policies that promote the highest and best use of urban land and the agricultural use of productive farmland throughout Woodford County.

Woodford Forward supports the retention of the existing Goals and Objectives as written. We also concur with the discussions of the Planning Commission's Comprehensive Plan Committee to date, that there be no changes to the Goals and Objectives. Furthermore, Woodford Forward strongly opposes any expansion of the Versailles or Midway Urban Service Boundaries at this time.

The Planning Commission should not consider an expansion of the Versailles or Midway Urban Service Boundaries, until after they have fully examined and updated the 2011 Comprehensive Plan in its entirety, and have considered all of the land use needs of Woodford County as a whole. An expansion of either of these Urban Service Boundaries, before the update and the adoption of 2016 Comprehensive Plan, would undermine Woodford County's comprehensive planning process. This would jeopardize the confidence placed in this planning document by voters, potential residents and businesses, that the overarching vision for our community is subject to change on a case-by-case basis.

Woodford Forward respects the comments that have been made by the Comprehensive Plan Committee that are related to trails and multi-modal transportation. We recommend that the Chapter IV Transportation element of the Comprehensive Plan be updated to reflect the work of the Bluegrass Bike Hike Horseback Water Trail Alliance.

The BBHHWTA is working on the next phase of the Bluegrass Trails Master Plan, located in the heart of the Bluegrass Region. This project



will contribute to the quality of life and the long-term economic vitality of Woodford County and our region. Their Phase II Master Plan will be the foundation for comprehensive planning, tourism and multi-modal transportation throughout the region.

Adequate infrastructure, be it public works or recreation, is a basic component of our quality of life and it is directly linked to economic development in Woodford County. An outstanding network of multi-modal trails, that tourists traveling from around the world to Versailles, Midway, Woodford County, and the region to use, will only enhance our brand identity. Additionally, planning for trail infrastructure is an economic development tool that attracts entrepreneurs, new residents and new businesses to Woodford County and the region.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Billy F. Van Pelt, II." The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, prominent "B" and "V".

Billy F. Van Pelt, II, CEO
Woodford Forward