

FOREWORD

The Henry County Comprehensive Plan was developed by an advisory board made up of private and public representatives and influenced by input from county residents by the use of surveys, public meetings and meetings with municipal and township officials. The goals listed in this plan are based on the comments received during the public input process. These goals are further explained by listing recommendations that could be implemented to achieve these goals.

These goals consist of:

- conserving land resources in a manner sensitive to both private property rights and the public good,
- maintaining and enhancing the County's infrastructure,
- promoting the conservation of the County's vast array of natural resources,
- providing an optimal level of service to residents, businesses and visitors,
- preparing the County's students to be successful in any economy,
- encouraging the development of safe and quality housing,
- preserving a link to the County's past, and
- promoting the County's diversity of businesses and industries, while remaining sensitive to the County's vast agricultural and natural resources.

Government officials, developers and the public are encouraged to utilize this document when making land use decisions. It is important for all communities in Henry County to work toward common goals that will allow the growth of Henry County to be manageable and to be able to encourage growth in the areas that are able to support such growth.

This plan is a "living" document and will change as preferences within the County change. With that in mind, comments and suggested revisions to the plan should be forwarded to:

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