

I. REGIONALISM VISION

In 2020, Scott County is recognized as one of the State's leaders in engendering region-wide cooperation and action through comprehensive planning efforts between and among cities and counties in the region. Working with other communities in the region to address the regional issues that impact each of the counties has produced stronger, more efficient counties.

It is important to note that some changes have been made to the original Regionalism Plan (Regionalism Team chaired by Kay Bell). Regionalism has been changed to Regional Leadership and the following (original) Regionalism Key Focus areas have been moved to the indicated plan areas, to reflect the need to focus on regional activities in each of these areas:

- The Regional Economic Development Focus – to Economic Development.
- The Agricultural Economic Development Focus – to Economic Development
- The Regional Transportation Focus for Roads, Rail, and Airport – to Infrastructure
- The Regional Land Use Focus – to Growth and Land Use Planning
- The Regional Tourism and Recreation Focus – to Quality of Life
- The Scott County Identity Focus – to Quality of Life

II. QUALITY OF LIFE VISION

In 2020, Scott County is nationally recognized for its continuing efforts to improve the community's quality of life. Our quality of life is unique in its ability to offer arts, cultural, recreational and parks programs in a small community with very close proximity to a larger city that offers many programs in those areas.

Our programs are offered at a variety of diverse community locations, accessible to all and designed as warm and inviting places for diverse audiences, giving all residents the opportunities to gather.

Through its numerous "Quality of Life Partnerships", the community nurtures strong, diverse and interactive neighborhoods where people feel safe and socially connected with opportunities for cross-neighborhood interaction.

Funding for partnerships and the variety of opportunities come from a variety of sources, i.e., city, county, college, private business and industry, and participants in the many activities.

Churches continue to provide a strong foundation of support and activity for the citizens of Scott County. Church partnerships are instrumental in dealing with and resolving emerging community issues.

III. INFRASTRUCTURE VISION

In 2020, Scott County has the best-planned road system and most highly rated utility services in Kentucky, which are environmentally responsible and are provided at a fair, just and responsible rate.

Utility services have capacity to meet all reasonable demands. A safe and efficient network of transportation facilities exists. Road and utility corridors have standards that have allowed and continue to allow for growth. A countywide, road improvement plan meets the needs of growth in the community. The Geographical Information System (GIS) is fully utilized.

Specifically related to water service, in 2020, 100% of raw water demands are met and reliability and customer satisfaction is in the top 10% of water utilities in the area.

IV. AGRICULTURE VISION

In 2020, Scott County has a diversified agricultural industry with conservation and development practices that preserve land and natural resources.

Property rights are considered in all zoning and land use changes. Right-to-Farm laws are adhered to. The county assists in obtaining agricultural labor.

V. GROWTH AND LAND USE PLANNING VISION

In the year 2020, Scott County encourages the preservation of its prime farmland. This has been a big factor in preserving the visual beauty of Scott County. And the adverse impact between farming and rural or urban development has been minimized.

VI. ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT VISION

In the year 2020, Scott County is a thriving community where the citizens know, understand and support a diverse business environment. Planned and controlled growth has provided a balance between preserving green space, provision of housing, and expansion of our businesses to preserve and improve the quality of life in Scott County.

The community enjoys full employment with a wide range of job opportunities for local residents and those from surrounding counties. Community partnerships, which link business, education and the latest technology, provide a framework for developing critical skills in young work- ready graduates as well as advancement & retooling opportunities for adults through lifelong learning.

Catering to the growing needs of the local community, the commercial and retail sectors support a unique blend of businesses from agriculture, manufacturing and the service sectors to compete in local, regional and global markets. By diversifying and expanding the variety of businesses in the community, the Scott County economy is buffered from large swings in consumer preferences, changing technology, and unplanned changes affecting individual business sectors. As new community needs arise, entrepreneurialism is encouraged and supported.

VII. HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES VISION

In 2020, Scott County continues to have responsive and dependable Health and Human Services delivery systems that exceed national standards for a community of its size. Scott County proactively assesses, measures, evaluates, addresses, and acts upon identified health and human services needs through an on-going collaboration among community partners.

This “Coalition” of community partners has established a track record of working to insure the best use of available resources and working toward the elimination of unmet needs, as they arise in the community.

VIII. EDUCATION VISION

In the year 2020, Scott County citizens acknowledge and embrace lifelong intellectual curiosity - stated more simply, education does not end with formal schooling. Education is a lifelong endeavor and does not stop at the borders of Scott County.

Scott County has an international model for lifelong learning that includes:

- An accessible educational delivery system (in schools, homes, libraries)
- A global environment
- Partnerships with international business
- Technologically-savvy educators

Education provides the opportunity for all citizens to pursue goals to the highest level of personal growth and/or professional achievement choice. Education is responsive to the needs of the community.