

Woodford Tomorrow

STATEMENTS OF PURPOSE

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- We are a research and fact finding organization, open to any citizen, organization or company
- We strive to provide support and input to City and County officials to help in their decision making process regarding the betterment of our county
- We strive to be a voice for the needs of the citizens of Woodford County, concerning development, growth and the preservation of the unique qualities of Woodford County. We desire development that highlights what is uniquely Woodford, rather than replicating what can be found in "Anytown, Anywhere."
- We are pro-Business (Small, Med & Large)
- We are pro tourism
- We are for eliminating Woodford County's reputation for being "lawsuit-happy".
- We want to help promote an arts-friendly economic cluster leveraging the Woodford Theatre and the numerous nationally and internationally-renowned artists and musicians who live in the County.
- We are for quickly (within 12 months) attracting or developing suitable enterprises for empty business zoned properties – especially a Hotel within the urban services boundary of Versailles or Midway, a tenant/owner for the Kuhlman Plant, increased occupancy of the Downtown District, Rubloff property, Midway Station, Weems property, Wooldridge Gardens, Equestrian Park, and development of the former Olson's property / Crossfield Drive extension.
- We support the opening of a business incubator (industrial and office), to make it easier to start a profitable business here in Woodford Co.
- We are for maintaining the uniqueness of Woodford County and valuing its heritage and scenic landscape. This calls us to balance the true needs of the citizens and enterprises of the county, using land carefully to promote growth which complements "Uniquely Woodford" without distracting from it
- We are for utilizing creative architecture and engineering in new development that enhances Woodford County's beauty and capitalizes on its landscapes rather than detracting from it.
- We support continued growth with an emphasis on community viability based on appropriate design and a priority on utilizing the hundreds of acres already approved, zoned and platted.

- We want to advocate for a Community College program / campus / extension in Woodford County.
- We strongly support the development of senior living facilities, especially in partnership with local businesses and schools, such as Midway College and Bluegrass Hospital. We support The Homeplace in Midway.
- We support the old St Leo School being re-purposed in one of several ways, such as: an art center, or similar “hands-on” craft-oriented, family-friendly destination, whose traffic flow is designed to be sourced from Main Street, not from Elm Street.
- We support an equine visitor center at I64 and US 421 in Midway.
- We support an expansion of existing and recruitment of new agricultural businesses.
- We support the intentional creation of an “economic cluster” around the making of bourbon and wine: tourism, coopers, glass bottle making & recycling, etc.
- We support identifying and learning from other small towns which have grown their economy and employment without sacrificing their small town charm and uniqueness.
- We support developing businesses which give teens, ‘tweens, and families fun, safe, and convenient activities here in the County. These might include a skate park, a mini-golf center, a bowling alley, a LAN café, an all-ages music venue, especially focused on the after-school time, Friday and Saturday evenings.
- We want to support and advocate for proposals of our governing bodies in our volunteer capacity in the areas we’ve listed here.

However with each list of what we ARE, must accompany a list of what we ARE NOT (not that the following other entities are “bad” in any way, they are simply not Woodford Tomorrow):

- We are not a government organization
- We are not the EDA
- We are not the Woodford Coalition
- We have no power to speak for the county or instead of its elected and hired employees in matters of business and official representation of Woodford County, Versailles or Midway.

IN SUMMARY

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