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In 1972, Jefferson County was a rural setting with modest population growth. By the end of the 1970s, there was significant development, especially around the expanding county towns of Charlestown and Ranson. The population increased, and more miles of roads were created. Subdivisions during this period were created, and a total of 107 recorded subdivisions were established.

The 1980s saw continued growth with an increase in population and subdivision activities. The population grew, and more miles of roads were created. Acreages for the subdivided areas are calculated to include only lots, open space, right of ways/easements, and storm water. They exclude residues so as not to duplicate during acreage calculations.

In the 1990s, Jefferson County experienced a significant increase in population and development. The population doubled by the year 2000. The number of subdivision and recorded development increased, and there was a significant increase in the number of lots created. The statistics provided for each decade represent the county during that time.

The 2000s saw the most rapid growth in the history of the county. The population continued to increase, and the number of subdivision and recorded development continued to grow. The number of lots created was also significant during this period.

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This map shows how the county has changed over the years. It is a result of GIS calculations made within this map and should therefore be used only in that context. Accuracy is not guaranteed.

There is a margin of error in this data as the maps were created using the best available resources and knowledge. However, help to illustrate how the county has changed. This map also contains legacy developments which were created before Planning and Zoning Ordinances for Jefferson County became law. The statistics provided for each decade represent the county during that time.

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