

Agenda

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## 2045 Comprehensive Plan Update Agricultural Public Input Session

Wednesday, September 13, 2023 at 7:00 – 9:00 PM

**In-Person Meeting Location:** 

Washington High School Cafeteria 300 Washington Patriots Dr, Charles Town, WV 25414

## **Agricultural Input Session**

- 1. Staff Presentation on Existing Conditions and Envision Jefferson 2035 Agricultural Goals
- 2. Small Group Brainstorming on Agricultural Goals and Objectives
- 3. Action Item Writing

If you are unable to attend in person you can listen to the meeting with the Zoom information below:

ZOOM Broadcast Information\*: Meeting ID: 810 3700 9274 Meeting Link: <u>https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81037009274</u>

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To access all documents and future Public Input opportunities you can access the County website from the link here or

the QR code below. <u>https://www.jeffersoncountywv.org/county-government/departments/engineering-planning-and-zoning/2024-</u>comprehensive-plan-update



## Draft Agriculture Goals and Objectives for the 2045 Comprehensive Plan Update

1. Ensure that future land use regulations and policies support the development rights of residential and non-residential properties.

i. Establish a simplified variety of commercial, residential, and mixed-use zoning categories and Land Use Classification appropriate to the County's needs.

ii. Continue to encourage the utilization of cluster subdivisions as the preferred form of residential development within rural areas.

iii. Align existing land use regulations with West Virginia State code and streamline land development process.

3. Support agricultural activities and promote agritourism.

i. Enhance the viability of existing farmlands within Jefferson County by allowing a greater range of agricultural and/or artisan uses within existing rural areas.

ii. Encourage farm operators to collaborate with County officials in identifying potential economic development opportunities related to agriculture in Jefferson County.

iii. Support programs for the education of and resources for the creation and viability of new generations of farmers.

iv. Update existing land use regulations to allow for diverse compatible and complementary uses on agricultural properties and within rural areas of Jefferson County.

5. Encourage land conservation programs to help preserve the rural character of Jefferson County.

i. Financially support county agencies including the Farmland Preservation Board and Historic Landmarks Commission.