

Jefferson County Planning Commission

Work Session



OCTOBER 10,
2023

Agenda Items

Item #1: Comprehensive Plan Composition

Item #2: Community Outreach Preparation

ITEM #1: COMPREHENSIVE PLAN COMPOSITION

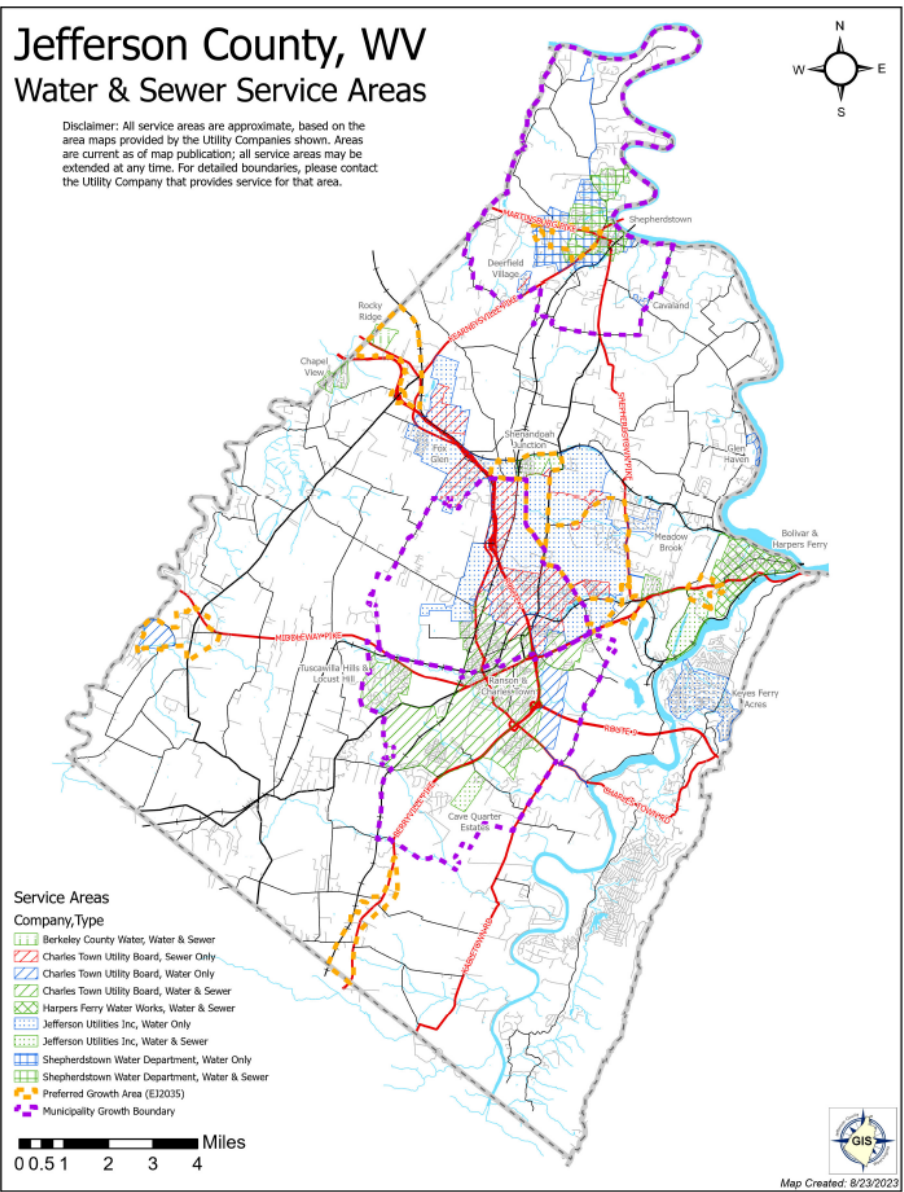
- Discussion of Preferred Growth Areas and Existing Land Use Map
- Discussion of Comprehensive Plan Goals and Objectives

PREFERRED GROWTH AREAS

EJ 2035 Description

<p>Preferred Growth Area (PGA)</p>	<p>An area outside of a municipality or approved Urban Growth Boundary depicted on the Future Land Use Guide within which urban level growth is expected to occur and where utilities and services may be reasonably extended to within the next two decades.</p>
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- Shepherdstown PGA
- US340 East PGA
- US340 South PGA
- Route 9 PGA
- Middleway PGA
- Shenandoah Junction/Schools PGA
- Residential PGA



ITEM #2: COMMUNITY OUTREACH PREPARATION

- Staff Presentation of Land Use Survey Questions

Does Planning Commission have any Survey questions that should be added to the Land Use Survey?

Land Use Survey

Community Connections

How do you receive your local news about Jefferson County?

Cable news

County email alerts

Newspaper

Public meetings

Radio

Social media

Word of mouth

If you are interested in a specific topic or item of interest being discussed in the county, what is the best way to interact with Jefferson County policy making decisions?

	Not Effective	Somewhat Effective	Very Effective
Communicate with County Staff	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Communicate with Elected Officials	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Participate in Community Information Forums	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Serve on Boards and Commissions	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Speak during Public Comment Opportunities	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Write in Public Comment Opportunities	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

What public recreation would you like to see more of?

Dog parks

Fishing spots and river access

Hiking and walking trails

Jogging and cycling trails

Picnic spots and park pavilions

Playgrounds

Soccer and other field sports

Swimming pools and splash pads

Tennis and pickleball courts

The county is considering what type of aquatic center would be best for the community. To afford such a facility, which of the following statements do you most agree with?

I would rather have an outdoor aquatic center that is only open during the summer with low fees and small increase to County taxes.

I would rather have an indoor aquatic center with a summertime splash pad that is supported by a moderate increase in County taxes and moderate fees with a focus on youth activities and wellness programs.

I would rather have an indoor aquatic center that charges high fees and focus on swim teams and classes.

I would rather have an indoor and summertime outdoor aquatic center that is supported by higher County taxes and focused on being open all year with youth activities, wellness programs, and swim teams.

I would rather not have an aquatic center in Jefferson County and travel out of the county for watersports access.

Comparison

Living in Jefferson County

Imagine for a moment you are moving to a rural community. Which of the following settings are preferable?

- I would like to live on a large lot of land where my neighbors and I can all keep chickens and cows, grow our own gardens, and hunt on my land.
- I would like to live next to a mixture of other houses and big or small farms where I can see and hear harvest time.
- I would like to live on a large lot away from farms that use heavy equipment or raise cattle but near open land and forests.
- I would like to live around other houses or townhouses and be able to drive by active farms when I leave my house.
- I am not interested in any of the options above.

Imagine for a moment you are moving to a new community. Which of the following settings are preferable?

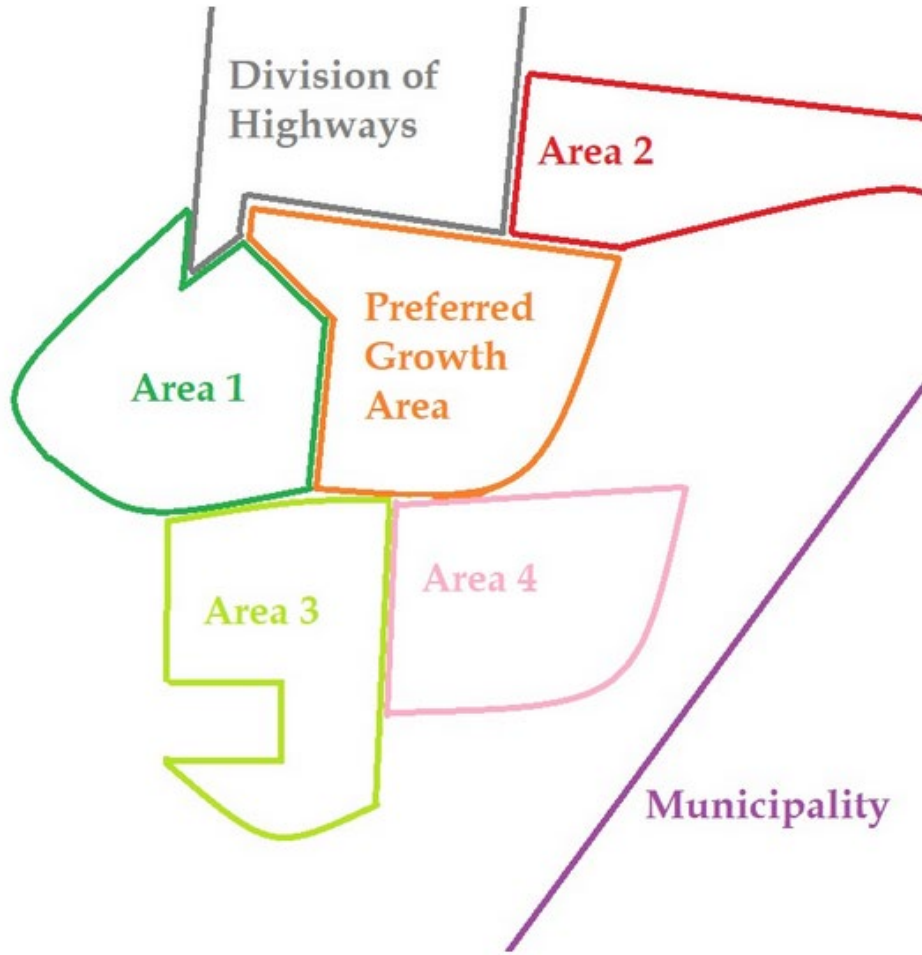
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- I would like to live around other houses and be able to walk to shops and small parks.
- I am not interested in any of the options above.

How important are each of the following to you?

	Very important	Somewhat important	Not very important	Not at all important
Sidewalks and places to take walks	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Being within an easy walk of other places and things in a community, such as shops and parks	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Being within a short commute to work	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Having bus or train service into work	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Bike lanes and paths nearby	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Easy access to the highway	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Maintaining and repairing roads, highways, and bridges	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

Preferred Growth Areas ▼

A Preferred Growth Area is outside of a municipality where utilities already exist or can be extended to within the next two decades. Designating a Preferred Growth Area means the County will see new development of businesses and residences in that area.



Where should future development occur around Kearneysville?

Select all that apply

Area 1

Area 2

Area 3

Area 4

None of the Above

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DEMOGRAPHIC QUESTIONS

- How old are you?
- How long have you lived in Jefferson County?
- What is the zip code of your place of residence?
- How much income does your household earn in a year?
- Do you commute out of Jefferson County for work or school?
- Email

What we need from the Planning Commission tonight...

- Future meetings will focus on the Drafting Action Items and the Future Land Use Guide
- When should the Land Use survey be released?

Schedule the 3rd Public Input Meeting

Updates

- Staff will begin drafting the text of the Comprehensive Plan Update
- Staff will be conducting follow-up stakeholder meetings regarding Action Items



November 14, 2023

Next Work Session Meeting

