

6. Cecilia Rural Village

- **Introduction:** This community grew with the construction and operation of the railroad. It was designated a village because of the active citizens and social organizations determined to maintain its independent identity with the presence of churches, post office, bank, and local business establishments. This village is adjacent to the western boundary of the City of Elizabethtown and the industrial park. It is located on Hardinsburg Road (KY 86) and is north of Leitchfield Road (US 62).
- **Existing Land Use:** The majority of properties in this village are residential and includes subdivisions with streets such as Enchanted Acres (31 lots) and Lakewood Subdivision (70 lots). Many personal service businesses and small scale commercial stores plus commercial activities associated with railroad service are in operation along the highway and railroad.
- **Natural Features:** This village is relatively flat with one stream and the associated flood hazard area. The soils are of a quality that have allowed for on-site disposal of wastewater. There are flood hazards associated with the West Rhudes Creek water feature.
- **Transportation Features/Public Facilities:** This village is served by a post office and community facilities including churches. This is the only village without a fire station or a public school. The Regional Wastewater Facilities Plan proposes to collect wastewater to a series of regional pumping stations for transport to the Elizabethtown Wastewater Treatment Plant. This infrastructure will be constructed over the next twenty years with some of the service areas receiving sewers in the first ten years. As an interim measure, decentralized wastewater collection and treatment for this area may be installed until conveyance infrastructure is available.
- **Recommended Land Use and Development Criteria:**
 - The recommended land use patterns for the Cecilia Rural Village is expansion of the existing mix of service oriented businesses and small scale commercial retail stores.
 - New development in this rural village is recommended to employ decentralized wastewater collection and treatment that would facilitate the eventual connection to the regional sewer system in the future.
 - Any commercial development in this Village should be limited to Neighborhood Commercial and Convenience Commercial uses located at strategic sites serving local demand, not regional or area-wide demand.
 - If an on-site wastewater disposal option is selected then lot sizes must be adequate for long term maintenance and repair.

- Access control measures are encouraged in the commercial area of this village for safety and orderly traffic flow, with multiple access points in commercial areas discouraged.
- Access to individual residential lots should be limited on collector and local roadways and strictly regulated along arterials in this area, in order to preserve traffic flow and safety.
- The underground Natural Gas Storage Facility of the Elizabethtown Gas Department is adjacent to the Cecilia Rural Village to the north and northwest. Development in this area should be mindful of this facility and must be in compliance with the established easements.
- Since this is a visual part of the community, signs in this area should be aesthetically pleasing and promote Hardin County's unique character.