

19. Colesburg Area

- Introduction: The Colesburg area is part of the Rural Area Planning Group. It is located south of Battle Training Road, between Interstate 65 and Wooldridge Ferry Road and Optimist Road on the south. This area includes the small community of Colesburg from which it gets its name.
- Existing Land Use: In the community of Colesburg, there is a concentration of small residential parcels as well as churches. Outside of the community proper are agricultural uses and lower density residential uses. Stoneridge Subdivision is the only major subdivision developed in the area since 1995.
- Natural Features: The Colesburg area is marked by a very challenging topography with steep and rough terrain. This rough terrain poses problems for any intense development activities or use. There are flood hazards associated with the Patty Branch, Clear Creek and Mud Creek water features.
- Transportation Features/Public Facilities: A limited road network to provide access to the properties in this planning area. Colesburg Road, an important road in the Colesburg planning area, provides one of the two access points to cross Interstate 65 between Elizabethtown and Bullitt County. This area is provided fire protection by the Central Hardin Fire Department, with the community of Colesburg being greater than five miles from the fire station. There are no public schools in this area. The Regional Wastewater Facilities Plan identifies this area as part of a rural watershed and does not propose a regional wastewater treatment solution in the next twenty year planning period. The continued use of on-site treatment/disposal systems is expected. As development occurs, construction of decentralized wastewater collection and treatment systems with long-term management, operation and maintenance is desired. The recommendations of that plan should be reviewed carefully to determine issues and opportunities.
- Recommended Land Use and Development Criteria:
 - The recommended land use patterns for the Colesburg area is low density, rural or estate residential.
 - New development in this rural area, to the extent possible, is recommended to employ decentralized wastewater collection
 - If an on-site wastewater disposal option is selected then lot sizes must be adequate for long term maintenance and repair.
 - Access to individual residential lots should be limited on collector and local roadways and strictly regulated along arterials in order to preserve traffic flow and safety.
 - Residential development should occur from the center of the community out in an orderly fashion in order to best use available infrastructure.