20. East Hardin Area

- Introduction: This rural planning area is east of the Urban Area Planning Group and stretches from Interstate-65 to Middle Creek Road, along the Rolling Fork River and the Larue County line.

- Existing Land Use: This planning area is marked by agricultural uses and sparse residential development. Very limited areas of mixed or nonresidential use occur, primarily along the Bardstown Road portion of the area.

- Natural Features: Topography (steep slopes) and flood hazard constraints occur in the area limiting development potential. There are flood hazards associated with the Rolling Fork River, Younger Creek, Pearl Hollow, Mud Creek and Brown Branch water features.

- Transportation Features/Public Facilities: This planning area is bisected by the Bluegrass Parkway but has limited access to it. Access to this planning area is limited as described in the Transportation Features of the East Urban Area. The Pearl Hollow Landfill owned by Hardin County is located on Audubon Trace in this planning area.
- Recommended Land Use and Development Criteria:
  - The recommended land use pattern for the East Hardin Area is low density rural residential development.
  - Any expansion of the existing commercial properties along Bardstown Road should be limited to the area immediately adjacent to that corridor.
  - Topographic features in particular areas of steep slopes should be considered during the development review process. Steep slope areas and other areas with natural limitations should be set aside from development and preserved.
  - As a primary gateway into the community, signs along the corridor should be aesthetically pleasing and promote Hardin County's unique character.
  - 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.