

## 14. Leitchfield Road Corridor

- **Introduction:** The Leitchfield Road Corridor area is a relatively small planning area in acres and parcels. It is part of the Urban Area Planning Group and is composed of the frontage lots along Leitchfield Road (US 62) from Elizabethtown to west of Cecilia just passed the western intersection with Leitchfield Loop. It is also located just west of and adjacent to the Elizabethtown Industrial Park.
- **Existing Land Use:** In this planning area, there are commercial activities on small tracts at its eastern end nearest Elizabethtown. Typical commercial uses include auto related business with some professional offices and retail stores. On the western end of the Leitchfield Corridor are uses such as Elizabethtown Memorial Gardens, a dairy farm operation, a convenient food mart and a farm implement store.
- **Natural Features:** This is a relatively flat area and has no recognized constraints on development. There are flood hazards associated with the Valley Creek and Billy Creek water features.
- **Transportation Features/Public Facilities:** Leitchfield Road (US 62) intersects with Ring Road, which is to be extended to the Western Kentucky Parkway, and will provide access to the Industrial Park planning area. The area is also connected to KY 86 which serves as the access to Cecilia and a large portion of western Hardin County. This planning area is adjacent to the location of one of the three Hardin County High Schools, Central Hardin High School, which is located on Leitchfield Road in Elizabethtown. This planning area is served by the Central Hardin Fire Department and the Kentucky 86 Fire Department. 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. The recommendations of that plan should be reviewed carefully to determine issues and opportunities.
- **Recommended Land Use and Development Criteria:**
  - The recommended land use pattern for the Leitchfield Road Corridor is primarily commercial development.
  - Development in this planning area should be supportive of any established design and access points for the extension of Ring Road.
  - In order to preserve the corridor until construction of the new roadway is complete, proposed construction of streets, structures and other improvements must not encroach on any designed right-of-way.

- Access points in the corridor should be limited through the development review process as well as access control by way of right-of-way acquisition in order to preserve the mobility function of Leitchfield Road.
- As a primary roadway in the community, signs along the corridor should be aesthetically pleasing and promote Hardin County's unique character.
- As developed, there should be a unified theme for landscaping and building design provided.
- Development should be carefully reviewed so as not to create traffic capacity problems along this corridor.