

# Request for Proposals

## Hardin County, KY Comprehensive Plan

### **PUBLIC NOTICE**

The Hardin County Planning and Development Commission is seeking proposals from professional planning consultants for a new Comprehensive Plan. The Comprehensive Plan will establish a citizen driven vision for the future growth and development of Hardin County to foster economic development while maintaining the community's rural character. The Comprehensive Plan shall serve as a guide for community decisions with policy and program guidance to promote this vision.

The planning effort will be led by a Comprehensive Plan Steering Committee, the Hardin County Planning Commission, and Hardin County Planning & Development staff and multiple stakeholder groups on particular issues and geographical areas. It will involve coordination with Hardin County Government and the various departments, other government agencies, the private sector, citizen groups, and the general public. Broad and extensive public input is absolutely essential to determine the general public's vision for the future of the county with numerous open houses expected to be held throughout the community.

The Plan must meet all statutory requirements of KRS 100 and be written in a non-technical format that is easily understood for the general public.

### **HARDIN COUNTY, KY BACKGROUND**

Hardin County, KY is located in Central Kentucky with a population of 110,702 as of 2020. It is currently the 4<sup>th</sup> largest county in the Commonwealth by area and the 6<sup>th</sup> largest by population. The county is home to the Commonwealth's largest employer, Fort Knox and the recently announced BlueOvalSK twin battery manufacturing plants. The county anticipates both major population growth and job creation in the very near future. Hardin County's goal is to be the premier community in the Commonwealth to live, work and raise a family.

### **COMPREHENSIVE PLAN SUMMARY**

The development of the Comprehensive Plan shall include a new Future Land Use and Planning Area Map and will consider past, present and future population & demographics, economic development, existing community assets and facilities, housing stock, infrastructure, and other information necessary to satisfactorily complete the project. The desired plan elements include new Goals & Objectives, Land Use, Transportation, Community Facilities, Housing, Industrial & Economic Development, Environmental & Agriculture, and Implementation Strategies. The plan should also include a Small Area or Neighborhood Plan for the community of Glendale, KY. Additional plan elements may be incorporated based on public input and evaluation.

### **SUBMITTAL**

Proposals should be submitted digitally as an Adobe Portable Document (.pdf). Complete response packages shall include consultant team members with titles and credentials; previous work experience producing a Comprehensive Plan in the State of KY with references provided; timeline for completion;

cost estimate by line item and total cost. Interested parties may contact Planning Commission Director, Adam C. King, AICP at (270)769-5479 or at [acking@hcky.org](mailto:acking@hcky.org) for more information. Submittals will be accepted until 4:30 pm Friday, June 10, 2022. Interviews will be conducted virtually the following week with a potential contract awarded on Tuesday June 21, 2022 and an anticipated contract start date of Tuesday, July 5, 2022. Hardin County Planning & Development reserves the right to cancel or re-issue this RFP at its sole discretion.

#### **COMPREHENSIVE PLAN DELIVERABLES TO INCLUDE**

- ❖ All data collection to include public surveys will be the responsibility of the consultant.
- ❖ The consultant is expected to create and maintain a website for the Comprehensive Plan in an effort to both keep the general public updated on the process and to obtain input on the process. The use of social media is also strongly encouraged to help facilitate publicity for the process.
- ❖ Coordination and facilitation of steering committee meetings, stakeholder meetings, public meetings, including community visioning, adoption of the Goals and Objectives by the Planning Commission and Hardin County Fiscal Court, and public hearings before the Planning Commission and Fiscal Court.
- ❖ Final plan document including appropriate goals & objectives, required plan elements, implementation strategies, maps, illustrations and graphics, and all necessary background information and appendices.