

Floyd County Comprehensive Plan
Health, Human Services, and Housing
April 20, 2010

Housing Goals and Objectives identified in the 2002 Comprehensive Plan:

Housing Goal:

Diversity of housing, with safe and decent housing that is affordable for all

Housing Objectives:

- Rehabilitation of unsafe and unsanitary housing
- Encourage safe and attractive manufactured home parks
- Encourage affordable housing developments beyond just single-wide manufactured homes (Are participating in regional consortium with federal funds, so project possible 2-3 years forward.)
- Encourage long-term viability of water and sewer systems associated with housing developments
- Encourage housing options, especially for elderly population (assisted living, etc.)

New River HOME Consortium presented program and sample projects. Floyd County to receive funds in 2012. Have 2 years to commit funds and 5 years to expend. Dan Campbell is part of the HOME Consortium group.

Housing Input:

- Need for assisted living in the County.
- Need for low-cost housing near town; near better infrastructure to enable it.
- Interest in developing co-housing (Jubilee project representative).
- Transitional housing needed for young adults (along with mentoring);
- Need emergency housing for single men and women in Floyd County; (not available in the New River Valley); faith-based housing could work.
- Many churches are willing to help if groups and agencies can partner and connect. The Floyd County Ministerial Association has started Willing Helper, to be financed by churches, to help elderly & low income with home repairs. Need volunteers.
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Objectives identified previously and other Focus Groups

- Accommodate growth while sustaining rural nature.
 - Stop sprawl
 - Stop Roadside Stripping
 - Cluster housing
 - Direct growth to Infrastructure

- Sustain farms and forests
- Expand affordable housing options
- Maintain “Authenticity”
- Prevent circumvention of Subdivision Ordinance through Family Subdivisions
- Bring Town and County ordinances and taxes into closer parity
- Medical Needs
 - Medical Center
 - Emergency Care
 - Reducing Doctor Turnover
 - Senior Center
 - Medical Center
 - Emphasizing Specialties
 - Encourage increased services via economic development
 - Reducing Doctor Turnover

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- Health and Wellness
 - Interest in developing more care-givers and better access to lists of information; there are some CNA certification programs available in the area—maybe not in Floyd. “211-VA” and “Senior Navigator” program currently try to help connect to resources.
 - Need to set-up a transportation system to transport elderly and disabled to programs out of county when those programs can’t be brought here.
 - Need more medical Specialties
 - Encourage increased services via economic development
 - Lack of Centralized Location for Health and Human Service agencies; if such a space were available, more agencies like NR Agency on Aging, Dept. of Rehabilitative Services, etc. could have a weekly presence in Floyd; County government is not coordinating such an effort.
 - Need for Floyd Community and Wellness Center
 - Decentralizing necessary services (increase services Countywide)—via mobile service or intra-County transport.
 - Need to communicate services Available
 - Encourage partnerships with agencies and businesses to do cross-referrals
 - It’s a challenge to get people to the services they need
 - Need a 24 hour clinic/urgent care facility
 - Need more Childcare
 - Need more Adult Daycare
 - Need access healthy food—backpack program, food stamp program (new Farmer’s market may be able to help)

- Some young people need mentoring; lack of life skills; only seen bad examples in home life; no job skills. (Service learning opportunities?)
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