## Visioning

"The Lex-Plan 2013" visioning process took what was learned in the public participation component and combined it with the city demographics and existing conditions found in the Profile chapter of this update. This combination led to the development of a vision, goals, objectives, and policies that will aid decision makers as development occurs within Lexington's extraterritorial jurisdiction.

Visioning is a process of evaluating present conditions, identifying problem areas, and bringing about consensus on how to overcome the concerns and existing problems to manage the growth and change of the City of Lexington. By determining the strengths and weaknesses, Lexington can decide its desires of the future and how to achieve those aspirations. By developing a realistic path for decision making matters, Lexington can fulfill its vision for the future.

Change in demographics and continual growth in population have shaped Lexington over the past twenty years. The community has embraced its future and determined its goals through the public input of its residents. This shared vision of Lexington includes everyone and decisions will be made with its residents in mind for a vibrant future. Key components to "*The Lex Plan 2013*" are the forward thinking model of how Lexington will develop in the next twenty years.

## **Vision Statement**

A vision statement for Lexington was created based upon various meetings, charrette process, and interactions throughout the planning process of updating the Comprehensive Plan. This vision statement and a series of guiding principles create the foundation of developing the goals, objective, and polices. In turn, these elements also define the Future Land Use Plan.

Lexington is a diverse and family oriented community bound together by shared values and a commitment to excellence where citizens, businesses and civic leaders are partners in building a quality environment to live, learn, and work.