



ECONOMIC GROWTH WORKING GROUP

MEETING 1

SUMMARY OF PROGRESS

The first working group meeting was on May 29, 2019 from 5:00 – 7:00 p.m. There were 12 attendees. During this two hour session, we spent the first hour with introductory presentations from Staff and the University of Kentucky. As with all working groups, we talked about the community's perception of economic needs in comparison to what the data tells us. Then, meeting attendees gathered into two groups to craft draft housing goals. At the end of this break out session, each group reported out and we came to a consensus on **draft** economic growth goals:

- **Cultivate a vibrant community that attracts a diverse quality of jobs by promoting a strong education base along with a skilled technical workforce.**
- **Make Bourbon County a place to establish, expand and do business and encourage economic growth and diversification.**
- **Promote understanding and growth of the tourism industry as a vital component of broadening the county's overall economic base.**
- **Encourage revitalization of the urban core districts of Millersburg, North Middletown and Paris.**

In preparation for the second economic growth working group meeting, the Planning Office will look-up supplemental information to help educate the working group as they come to a consensus. The goal at the second working group meeting will be to revisit these goals and come to a consensus. The resulting goals will be sent onto the Envision 2040 Advisory Committee for their review.