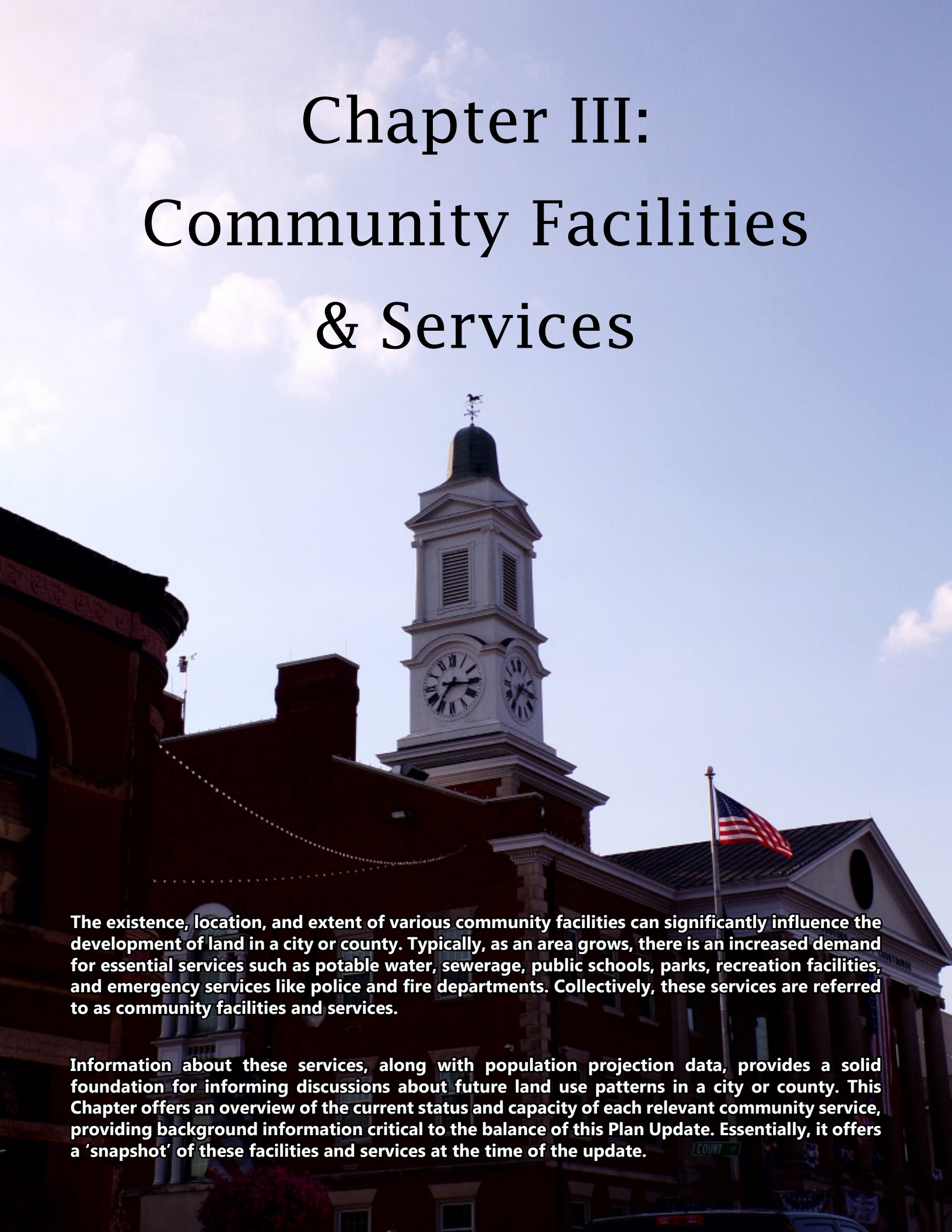


Chapter III: Community Facilities & Services

The background image is a photograph of a historic brick building, likely a city hall or courthouse, featuring a prominent clock tower with a dome and a weather vane. An American flag flies on a tall pole in front of the building. The sky is blue with some clouds.

The existence, location, and extent of various community facilities can significantly influence the development of land in a city or county. Typically, as an area grows, there is an increased demand for essential services such as potable water, sewerage, public schools, parks, recreation facilities, and emergency services like police and fire departments. Collectively, these services are referred to as community facilities and services.

Information about these services, along with population projection data, provides a solid foundation for informing discussions about future land use patterns in a city or county. This Chapter offers an overview of the current status and capacity of each relevant community service, providing background information critical to the balance of this Plan Update. Essentially, it offers a 'snapshot' of these facilities and services at the time of the update.

Public Services

This section describes the public safety resources currently available in Woodford County. Located throughout the county are law enforcement and fire protection services, disaster and emergency management services, the detention center, animal control, and the streets and road department. Together these services help protect residents, businesses and property in Woodford County, Versailles and Midway, and ensure that the county is prepared to respond effectively to emergency situations.

I. PUBLIC PROTECTION and SAFETY OVERVIEW

Local law enforcement is provided by the Versailles City Police department and Woodford County Sheriff's Office. Both agencies are located in the Versailles historic downtown district. Over the years, the Versailles City police department has continuously upgraded their equipment with the goal of improving response times and arrest rates.

Due to the county's distinct urban boundary and varying population density, the fire departments have adapted their services to meet the needs of both urban and rural residents. Woodford's fire protection is provided by three departments and six stations, each maintained primarily by volunteers from the local community. Each department is equipped with apparatus capable of providing emergency medical care, conducting specialized rescues, and responding to hazardous materials incidents.

The Emergency Management Agency plays a central role in coordinating the county's emergency and disaster response.

The Road Departments of Woodford County and the city of Versailles take a proactive approach to maintaining safe reliable infrastructure by identifying and resolving hazards before they pose a risk to residents and travelers. Collectively, these efforts help preserve connectivity across the county's urban and rural areas for people traveling by vehicle, bicycle or on foot, while also supporting the county's appearance, tourism, and local economy.



Versailles Police Vehicle

POLICE PROTECTION

Police protection for the residents of Versailles, Midway, and Woodford County is provided by three agencies. The Versailles City Police Department offers twenty-four-hour protection across 192 square miles of Versailles, Midway, and Woodford County. Additionally, police services are provided by the Woodford County Sheriff's Department and the Kentucky State Police.

The Versailles Police Department employs forty-eight officers, one civilian clerk, and one victim advocate, and twelve telecommunicators. Services are available round-the-clock, seven days a week, from the department's state of the art facility at 239 North Main Street in downtown Versailles. The Telecommunication Center serves as the primary point of contact for all E-911 calls and coordinates with public safety agencies across Woodford County.

The department is organized into various divisions, including Uniformed Patrol, Criminal Investigations, Special Response Team, Collision Reconstruction Unit, K-9, Communications, E-911, Community Service, Crime Prevention and Suppression, Community Oriented Policing, Cops for Kids, Community Accident Prevention Program, Foot/Bicycle Patrol, Extra Patrol, Weekend Call Check, Business/Door Checks, Citizens Police Academy, School Resource Officers, Traffic Enforcement, Neighborhood Meetings, Training/Education, Recruitment, and Accreditation.

The Versailles Police Department responded to 37,909 calls for service, wrote 1,812 citations, and made 433 arrests during the fiscal year 2025. The Telecommunication Center handled over 42,595 calls for service in the same period. The department utilizes advanced technologies such as Flock cameras to automatically read license plates, locate missing persons, and assist in crime-solving, as well as FARO Focus Laser Scanners to document crime scenes and collect critical evidence. **Tables 3 - 1 through 3 - 3** (see pages 5 and 6) display the department's vehicle accident, crime, and clearance reports.

Since 1999, the Versailles Police Department has maintained accreditation through the Kentucky Association of Chiefs of Police (KACP). They have since completed six accreditation reviews, the most recent being in 2023, reflecting adherence to established standards and best practices in law enforcement.

The Woodford County Sheriff's Department is staffed by the sheriff, two sergeants, eight deputies, one clerk, one administrative assistant, and five court security officers. They oversee the safety and protection of five circuit and district judges and their courts. The Sheriff's Office received accreditation from the Kentucky Association of Chiefs of Police (KACP) in 2014 and maintains this accreditation. It serves both the County and the incorporated cities with a population exceeding 25,000. The Sheriff's Office responds to calls for service, handles criminal and civil processes, collects property taxes, and manages disbursements totaling over twenty-two million dollars in revenue. Deputies are also assigned to federal drug task forces and highway safety initiatives. Additionally, the office provides educational programs for civic and youth groups, extradition of wanted fugitives, sex offender monitoring, drug prevention (D.A.R.E.), alcohol and substance abuse (Woodford A.S.A.P.), senior protection through monitoring devices, educational talks on fraud prevention, vacation house checks, unlocked vehicle checks, automated tax collection, and maintains social media sites to engage with the public.

The Kentucky State Police (KSP), Post 12, also ensures police protection for Woodford County residents twenty-four hours a day. While their primary responsibilities lie in the County's unincorporated areas, they respond to and provide backup for incidents within the city limits of Versailles.

Figure 3-1: Community Facilities & Services

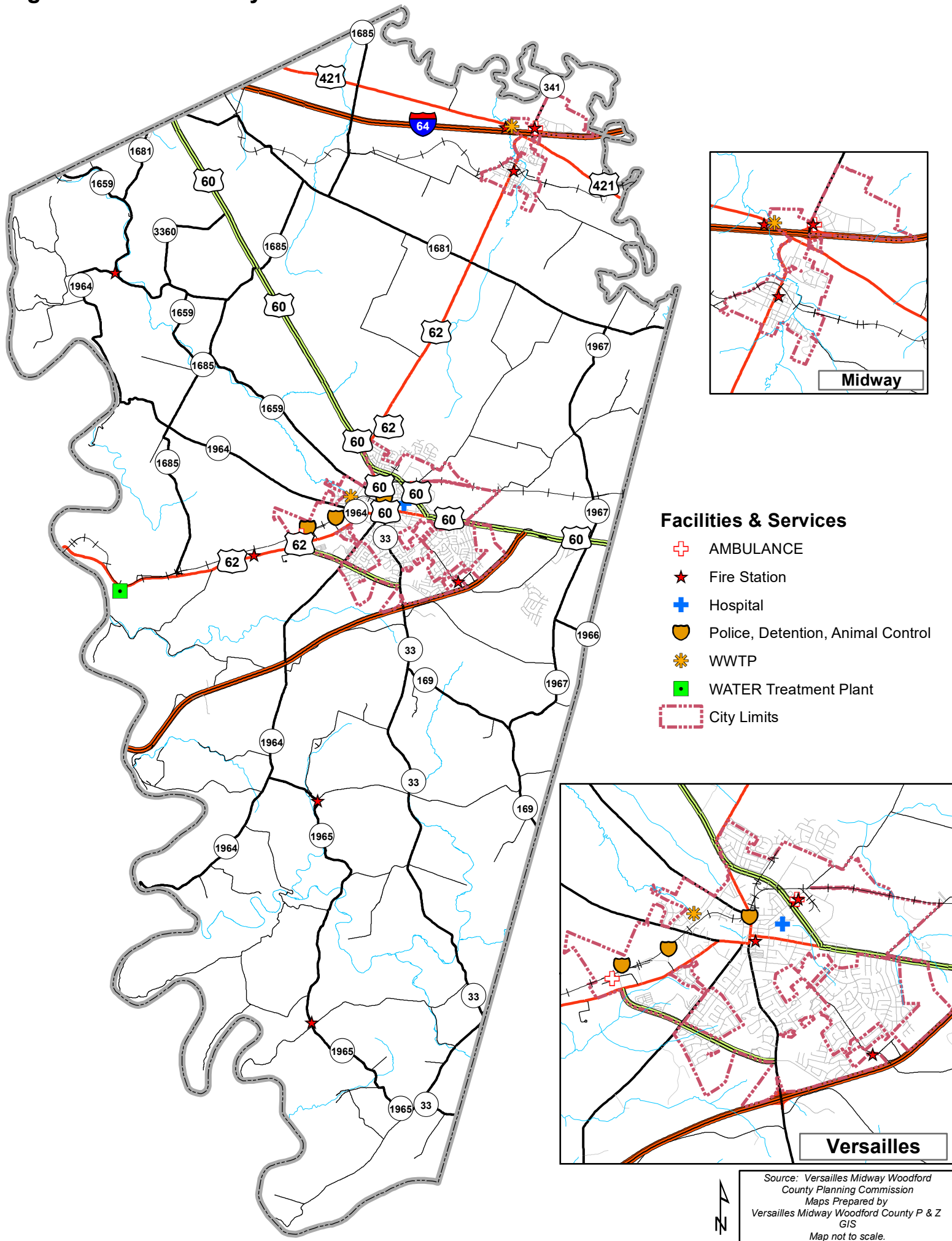


TABLE 3 - 1

VERSAILLES, MIDWAY, WOODFORD COUNTY MOTOR VEHICLE ACCIDENT REPORT: 2015, 2021, 2022, 2023, 2024, 2025

	2015	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025
Total Collisions	974	808	859	892	932	878
Collisions with Injury	143	79	115	99	101	118
Collisions with Fatality	3	8	2	4	6	4
Collisions with Property Damage	828	721	742	789	825	756
Total Injuries	203	117	162	138	151	163
Total Fatalities	3	11	2	4	6	4

Source: Versailles Police Department Annual Report. 2015, 2021, 2022, 2023, 2024, 2025

TABLE 3 - 2

VERSAILLES, MIDWAY, WOODFORD COUNTY CRIME REPORT: 2015, 2021, 2022, 2023, 2024, 2025

	2015	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025
Murder	1	1	0	0	0	0
Conspiracy to Commit Murder	0	0	0	0	1	0
Rape	2	11	4	5	4	3
Robbery	7	3	3	1	6	5
Aggravated Assault	13	16	26	22	21	15
Arson	0	0	1	2	0	0
Burglary	92	57	46	46	34	25
Auto Theft	21	35	28	29	21	15
Theft	302	238	213	218	187	181
All Other Offenses	1482	1,437	1,449	1,086	1002	879
Total	1920	1,798	1,770	1,409	1276	1,123

Source: Versailles Police Department Annual Report. 2015, 2021, 2022, 2023, 2024, 2025



Versailles Police Department



Woodford County Sheriff's Department

TABLE 3 - 3

VERSAILLES, MIDWAY, WOODFORD COUNTY CRIME CLEARANCE RATE: 2015, 2021, 2022, 2023, 2024, 2025

	Crimes Reported	Cleared by Arrest	Clearance Rate
2015	1,920	928	48.3%
2021	1,798	579	32.2%
2022	1,770	719	40.6%
2023	1,409	535	38%
2024	1,276	411	32%
2025	1,123	433	38.5%

Source: Versailles Police Department Annual Report 2015, 2021, 2022, 2023, 2024, 2025

FIRE PROTECTION

Woodford County is served by three fire departments including: the Versailles Municipal Fire Department, the Midway Municipal Fire Department, and the Woodford County Fire Department. The latter agency is financed through a special taxing district covering the unincorporated areas of the County. The Department operates six stations located in Versailles, Midway, Frankfort, and Nonesuch. It employs eight full-time employees and thirty-eight volunteer firefighters.

Each station is equipped with a Class “A” pumper engine and necessary equipment to serve a five-mile radius of roadway. Primarily staffed by volunteers, they receive support from neighboring stations as needed. In 2025, the Woodford County Fire Department handled 891 calls for service. **Table 3 - 4** describes the county’s engine house locations and calls to service for the year 2025.

The ISO PPC rates the community’s fire suppression capabilities on a scale from Class 1 to Class 10, where Class 1 represents exemplary proximity to a fire station and access to water. **Table 3 - 5 (see page 9)** reports each service area’s Insurance Services Office (ISO) Public Protections Classification (PPC) ratings. The ISO rating significantly impacts individual homeowners’ insurance rates and reflects the efficiency and effectiveness in which a fire station can respond to calls for service within its service area. Split classifications, shown as rating/ratingX, describe the score applied to areas with distinct urban and rural landscapes. The first number represents properties within 5 miles of a station and 1,000 feet of a hydrant with the first number. The second number followed by an “X” represents properties within 5 miles of a station but beyond 1,000 feet of a hydrant, indicating that firefighters must haul their own water to the scene. Because hauling water increases difficulty, insurance companies may charge a higher premium for a rating with water limitations than a pure classification.

The City of Versailles strategically positions its three fire stations to provide efficient fire protection to downtown, the industrial park, and the city’s northern and southern subdivisions. Stations are located on South Locust Street, Big Sink Pike, Huntertown Road just north of the Bluegrass Parkway. All stations house fire engines, with a ladder truck stationed at the Big Sink Pike location. Versailles Fire employs eight career officers, as well as twenty-eight volunteers who serve the community. All career firefighters are certified Emergency Medical Technicians (EMTs). They respond to all medical-related calls within the city limits. During fiscal year 2025, Versailles Fire responded to 1,544 calls for service, a 12 percent increase from their 2023 calls for service.



Versailles Fire Department

The City of Midway houses its volunteer fire department off Winter Street, at 109 East Bruen Street. The Midway fire department is a paid-on-call station served by fifteen volunteer firefighters, which received eighty-seven calls for service in 2025. The City of Midway's ISO PPC rating is Class 4. The department's apparatus consists of two engines, one 75 foot aerial ladder, and one utility van.



Midway Fire Department



Woodford County Fire Department Station #2

TABLE 3 - 4

WOODFORD COUNTY FIRE DEPARTMENT SERVICE CALLS BY STATION: 2025

	Location	Number of Calls
Station 1	60 Big Sink Rd, Versailles (Versailles)	443
Station 2	60 Watts Ferry Rd, Frankfort (Millville)	90
Station 3	4485 Fords Mill Rd, Versailles (Nonesuch)	47
Station 4	375 W Leestown Rd, Midway (Midway)	120
Station 5	5 Sellers Mill Rd, Versailles (Mortonville)	93
Station 6	2832 Tyrone Pike, Versailles (County Park)	98

Source: Woodford County Fire Chief

TABLE 3 - 5
WOODFORD COUNTY ISO FIRE INSURANCE RATINGS: 2025

Service Area	Rating Class
City of Midway	4
City of Versailles	2
Woodford County	5/5X

Source: City & County Fire Chiefs

EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICE

The Woodford County Emergency Medical Service (EMS), owned and operated by the Woodford Fiscal Court, is responsible for providing medical care in emergency situations throughout Woodford County, including the incorporated areas. A full-service Advanced Life Support (ALS) department provides twenty-four-hour service year-round, staffed by twenty-two full-time and twenty-four part-time paramedics and EMTs. The EMS operates from three stations: Station #1, located on Big Sink Pike (adjacent to the two fire stations); Station #2, just off of Falling Springs Boulevard on Field of Dreams; and Station #3, off Georgetown Road and I-64 at Lacefeild Street. Station #1 is equipped with three fully equipped ambulances, while Station #2 has two. These stations provide necessary services to the residents and visitors of Woodford County. In 2025, the EMS responded to approximately 4,000 calls for service.



Woodford County EMS Station #1



Woodford County EMS Station 2



Woodford County Ambulance Service Station 3



Midway Fire and EMS Station

DISASTER and EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

The Woodford County Emergency Management Agency (WCEMA) is the local government department responsible for developing and maintaining a comprehensive emergency management program for Woodford County, including the cities of Midway and Versailles. This program aims to reduce vulnerability to hazards and enable the community to cope with significant emergencies and disasters. WCEMA is funded through cooperative agreements between local, state, and federal entities to support mitigation, preparedness, response, and recovery phases of emergency management. Additional information about WCEMA is available at woodfordem.com.



Woodford County Courthouse

DETENTION CENTER

The Woodford County Detention Center, located at 204 Beasley Drive, is a full-service facility with a capacity of ninety-five beds, accommodating county, state, and federal inmates. The center is staffed by twenty-five full-time and eight part-time correctional officers. Its mission is to, "Serve the citizens of Woodford County by providing a safe, secure, and supportive correctional environment while protecting the wellbeing of the community". The top priority of the Detention Center is the protection, safety and security of the community, citizens of Woodford County, staff and inmates. To fulfill this mission, the Detention Center engages in various initiatives, including maintaining a garden to provide quality food and rehabilitation for inmates, contributing to the cleanliness and beautification of the county by assisting with roadside cleanup, and offering programs aimed at inmate rehabilitation and reentry into society. Additionally, the center participates in the state inmate work release program through partnerships with community, city, and county agencies.



Woodford County Detention Center

ANIMAL CONTROL

The Woodford County Fiscal Court also provides an Animal Control program serving residents of Versailles, Midway, and Woodford County. Officers are available Monday through Friday 8 AM to 4 PM, located at 210 Beasley Road and maintaining 16 kennels for dogs and 9 for cats. In 2025, they responded to 513 incidents, impounded 368 stray animals, returned 180 animals to their owners, and sent approximately 300 animals to rescue organizations. This data does not include horses.

Woodford County Animal Control works closely with the Woodford Humane Society Adoption Center and enforces Kentucky state statutes and local ordinances pertaining to animal laws. Their services include containing free-roaming domestic animals to prevent injuries and disease spread, preventing domestic animals from becoming community nuisances, providing humane housing for stray, abused, and neglected domestic animals, offering health care services or humane euthanasia, and conducting public education programs to promote responsible pet ownership among Woodford County residents.



Woodford County Animal Control



Woodford Humane Society Adoption Center

STREETS and ROADS DEPARTMENT

The Woodford County Road Department, located at 160 Beasley Road within Woodford County Park adjacent to Falling Springs Park and Recreation Center, is responsible for maintaining County-maintained roads and subdivisions. These responsibilities include repairing roads and storm drainage systems, overseeing street and road resurfacing projects, maintaining bridges along County roads, overseeing replacement bridges, snow removal during winter months, and addressing storm damage that may occur, among other tasks. The department maintains 150 linear miles of roadway and nineteen bridges, while also providing support to other county departments and offices, including vehicle maintenance and repair. With a total of fourteen full-time employees.



Woodford County Road Department

The City of Versailles Street and Road Department, situated at 335 Kentucky Ave., employs eleven full-time staff members and is responsible for maintaining forty-six miles of city roads. This includes road and storm drainage system repairs, oversight of road paving projects, street sweeping, and winter snow and ice removal. Additionally, the Street Department performs mowing of city properties, seasonal decorating tasks, and various other duties. The department provides residential brush-chipper service year-round and seasonal curbside leaf vacuum service from October through the end of January.

PUBLIC SERVICES SUMMARY

Trending data shows a 41.5% decrease in crime over the past ten years, even as the overall clearance rate has declined. This shift reflects an evolution toward preventative safety across the county to assist in response and surveillance capabilities. At the same time, demand for emergency response continues to grow, with fire departments and EMS seeing rises in call volume each year. Versailles alone reported a 12% increase in service calls from 2023 to 2025, and Woodford County EMS now responds to approximately 4,000 calls annually from its three stations. Beyond direct emergency response, community-oriented programming has become a central part of the county's safety framework. Including inmate rehabilitation and re-entry program at the Detention Center, the Animal Control partnership with the Woodford Humane Society, and ongoing public education initiatives. Together these trends illustrate a county that is actively investing in community engagement, prevention and technology engagement to support long-term public well-being.

Potable Water, Wastewater, & Solid Waste

This section discusses the different drinkable water, wastewater, and solid waste services offered to Woodford County residents. Water service providers can be distinguished in **Figure 3 - 2** (see page 15), while wastewater and solid waste service providers are relatively consistent throughout the county.

I. WATER FACILITIES and SERVICES

Woodford County and its cities are served by three primary water supply utilities: the City of Versailles, the Frankfort Water and Electric Plant Board, and the Kentucky American Water Company. Additionally, the City of Midway and the Northeast Woodford and South Woodford Water Districts purchase water for resale to their customers. A small area near South Elkhorn Creek and Zion Hill is served by the Georgetown Municipal Water Company.

The City of Versailles Municipal Water and Sewer Department provides retail public water service to approximately 6,500 meters within the city limits of Versailles and the urban service area, which encompasses a large portion of Woodford County. The city also sells water wholesale to the South Woodford Water District and the Northeast Woodford Water District. Versailles Water maintains three elevated storage tanks and one ground storage tank, with a total potable water storage capacity of 4.05 MG. **Table 3 - 6** (see page 16) depicts water production at the Versailles water treatment plant from 2015 and 2020 through 2025. **Table 3 - 7** (see page 17) showcases the annual population served by water system in 2025.

The primary source of potable water for the city is Milepoint 85.0 of the Kentucky River, located one and one-half miles upstream of the US 62 bridge at Tyrone. In 2004, the city upgraded its treatment plant to a daily capacity of ten million gallons per day, ensuring sufficient water supply for its customers into the foreseeable future. However, during drought conditions, the city falls under the guidelines established by the Division of Water for all treatment facilities along the Kentucky River. In 2012, a bank stabilization project was completed at the raw water intake to protect against further slippage and potential damage to structures. Phase II of this project, from 2017, included relocating the raw water lines to provide additional protection for the water source.

As a secondary source of water, the Kentucky American Water Company (KAWC) has provided service for over a decade. KAWC has a sixteen-inch line to the northern corner of Sycamore Estates on Huntertown Road, where it connects by a master meter to another sixteen-inch line that links with the City of Versailles system. The city can purchase up to one million gallons per day from KAWC with no minimum purchase required. Since the expansion of the water plant, the city has purchased an average of 6,200 gallons of water per day from KAWC.

The City of Midway relies solely on the Kentucky American Water Company (KAWC) for its water supply. An agreement between the city and KAWC was established in 1986 for the provision of water services. KAWC maintains an eight-inch main along U.S. 421 to North Winter Street, where Midway's master meter is located. The city purchases an average of 270,000 gallons of water daily from KAWC. Water distribution within the city limits primarily utilizes six-inch and two-inch lines, while limited service extends beyond the city limits. Midway serves approximately 775 water customers and maintains two elevated water storage tanks with a total capacity of 300,000 gallons.

Unincorporated areas of the county are supplied with water by various entities, including the Northeast Woodford Water District (NEWWD), the South Woodford Water District (SWWD), the Frankfort Water and Electric Plant Board (FWEPB), Georgetown Municipal Water and Sewer Service (GMWSS), KAWC, and Jessamine-South Elkhorn Water District (JSEWD). **Figure 3 - 2** (see page 15) illustrates the boundaries of these water supply areas and the locations of water storage facilities.

NEWWD, established in 1964 and operational in 1969, purchases water wholesale from the City of Versailles. It serves customers within the following boundaries: Old Frankfort Pike to Headly-Whitney Museum, Redd Road from Old Frankfort Pike to Payne's Mill, and Paynes Mill back to the county line. In 2025, NEWWD supplied on average 500,000 gallons of water to 1035 customers, including the University of Kentucky's farm plus.

As a result of the terrorist activity of 9/11 in the United States, the Environmental Protection Agency required the District to conduct a Vulnerability Assessment, prompting NEWWD to establish backup water supplies. The District reacted by coordinating action to connect with the Frankfort Electric & Water Plant Board's water system. A new water line was completed from Old Frankfort Pike down Woodlake Road to U.S. 421 to supplement the District's water supply. Also, a line was completed from Woodlake Road down Spring Station Road to potential customers not currently having access to public water.

SWWD, established in 1969, also purchases water wholesale from the City of Versailles via five master meters. In 2023, the SWWD supplied an average of 511,030.28 gallons of water daily with 1,800 meters to its 4,500 customers. The District maintains three storage tanks, two with capacities of 250,000 gallons each and one with a capacity of 181,000 gallons. SWWD invested over \$625,000 in line improvements and installed auto-read meters for all of its customers.

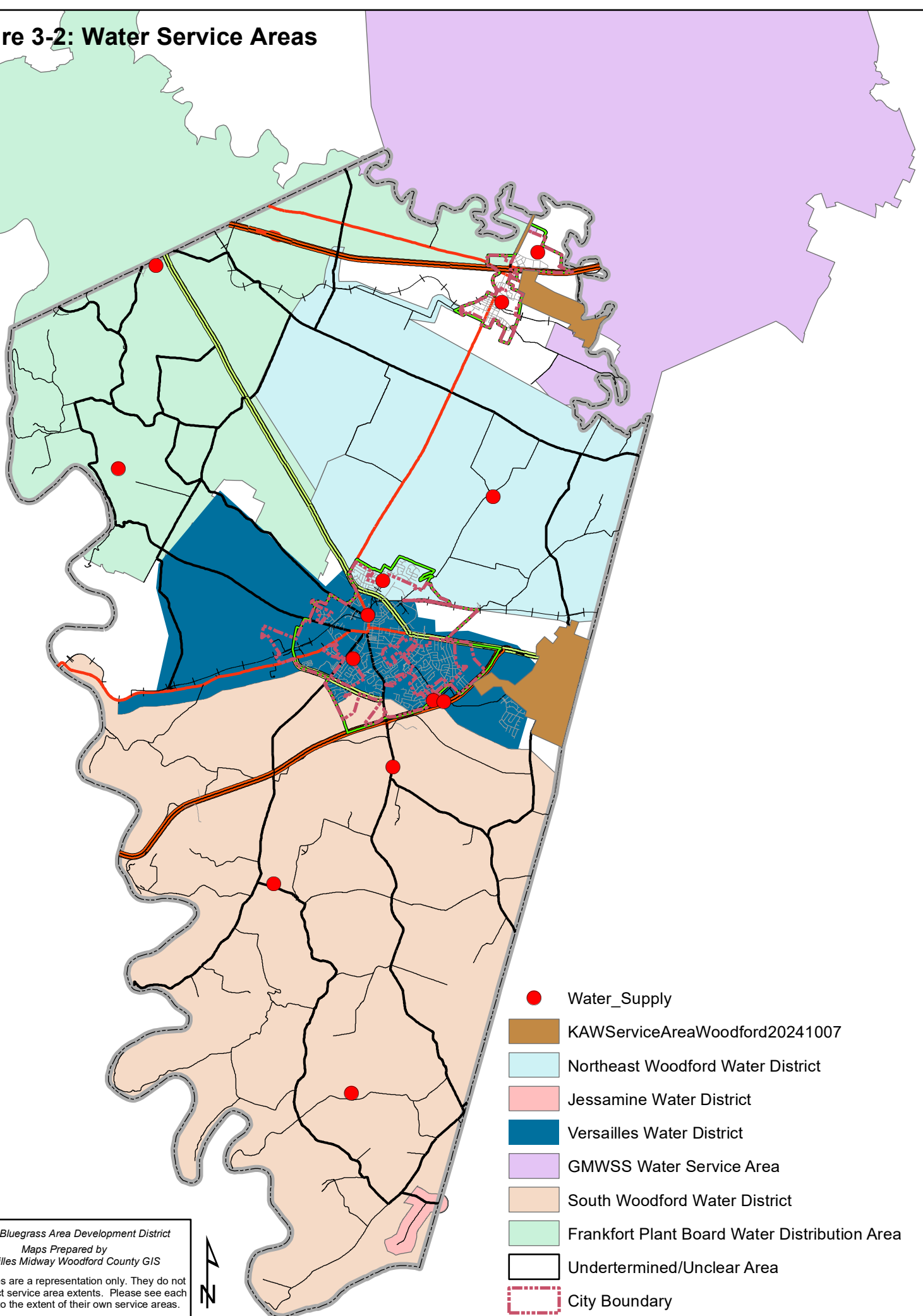
In the late 1980s, the Frankfort Water and Electric Plant Board assumed responsibility for water services in northwestern Woodford County, previously served by the North Woodford Water Service District. The Frankfort Plant Board serves customers along U.S. 421 west of Midway, as well as communities such as Millville, Shoreacres, Duckers, McKees Crossroads, Clifton, and along US 60 within one and one-half miles of Versailles. Upgrades and extensions were made to various lines in the area, enhancing water service.

The City of Georgetown served thirty-two customers in Woodford County in 2025, while the Jessamine-South Elkhorn Water District had seventeen customers in the northeastern corner of the county, south of Elkhorn Creek and Zion Hill.



Versailles Waste Water Plant

Figure 3-2: Water Service Areas



Source: Bluegrass Area Development District
Maps Prepared by
Versailles Midway Woodford County GIS

****Boundaries are a representation only. They do not specify exact service area extents. Please see each district as to the extent of their own service areas.**



Versailles Water Tower

TABLE 3 - 6

TREATED WATER PRODUCTION, CITY OF VERSAILLES: 2015, 2020, 2021, 2022, 2023, 2024, 2025

	Average Daily Production, MGD
2015	3.027
2020	2.67
2021	2.892
2022	2.901
2023	2.959
2024	3.037
2025	3.130

Source: Versailles Municipal Utilities Manager

TABLE 3 - 7

ANNUAL POPULATION SERVED: 2025

	*Population Type	Population Served	*Population Type	Population Served
Versailles Water System	R	17,822	W	7,270
SO Woodford Co Water District	R	4,218	--	--
NE Woodford Co Water District	R	2,644	--	--
Midway Municipal Water Works	R	2,174	--	--

Source: Kentucky Drinking Water Branch

*R= residential population

W= wholesale population

WASTEWATER FACILITIES

The City of Versailles Municipal Water and Sewer Department operates one of the two primary public sanitary sewer systems in Woodford County. **Figure 3 - 3** illustrates the boundaries of these waste water service areas. The Department serves all city residents and some residents of outlying subdivisions in the county. The city's wastewater treatment facility is located on Kentucky Avenue and discharges into Glenn's Creek. This treatment facility features a tertiary treatment process, consisting of odor control, influent screening, oxidation ditches, secondary clarifiers, return/waste activated sludge pumping, scum pumping, chlorination/ dechlorination, post-aeration, flow measurement, an operations building, and digesters. The plant has a design capacity of 4.5 million gallons per day (MGD) with an average daily flow of approximately 3.13 million GPD. The treatment process involves a sequencing batch reactor (SBR) and disinfection by ultraviolet light. **Table 3 - 8** (see page 19) shows the peak and average wastewater inflow in Versailles from 2020 to 2025.



Versailles Municipal Water and Sewer Department

The City of Midway operates the second primary public sanitary sewer system, serving approximately 775 wastewater customers. Wastewater treatment is conducted at the City's treatment facility located north of the City, between U.S. 421 and I-64, with a treatment capacity of 750,000 GPD.

Table 3 - 9 (see page 19) highlights the amount of drinkable water and wastewater customers from all over the county per service provider in 2025. Outside the city limits of Versailles and Midway, wastewater services are limited. In these areas, sewage treatment generally relies on two methods: individual septic tanks or private package treatment plants. Properties outside the city service areas utilize on-site sewage disposal systems, including below-ground tanks with percolation fields or alternative systems approved by the County's Health Department. The County Health Department regulates the permitting and installation of private treatment systems.

Figure 3-3: Waste Water Service Areas

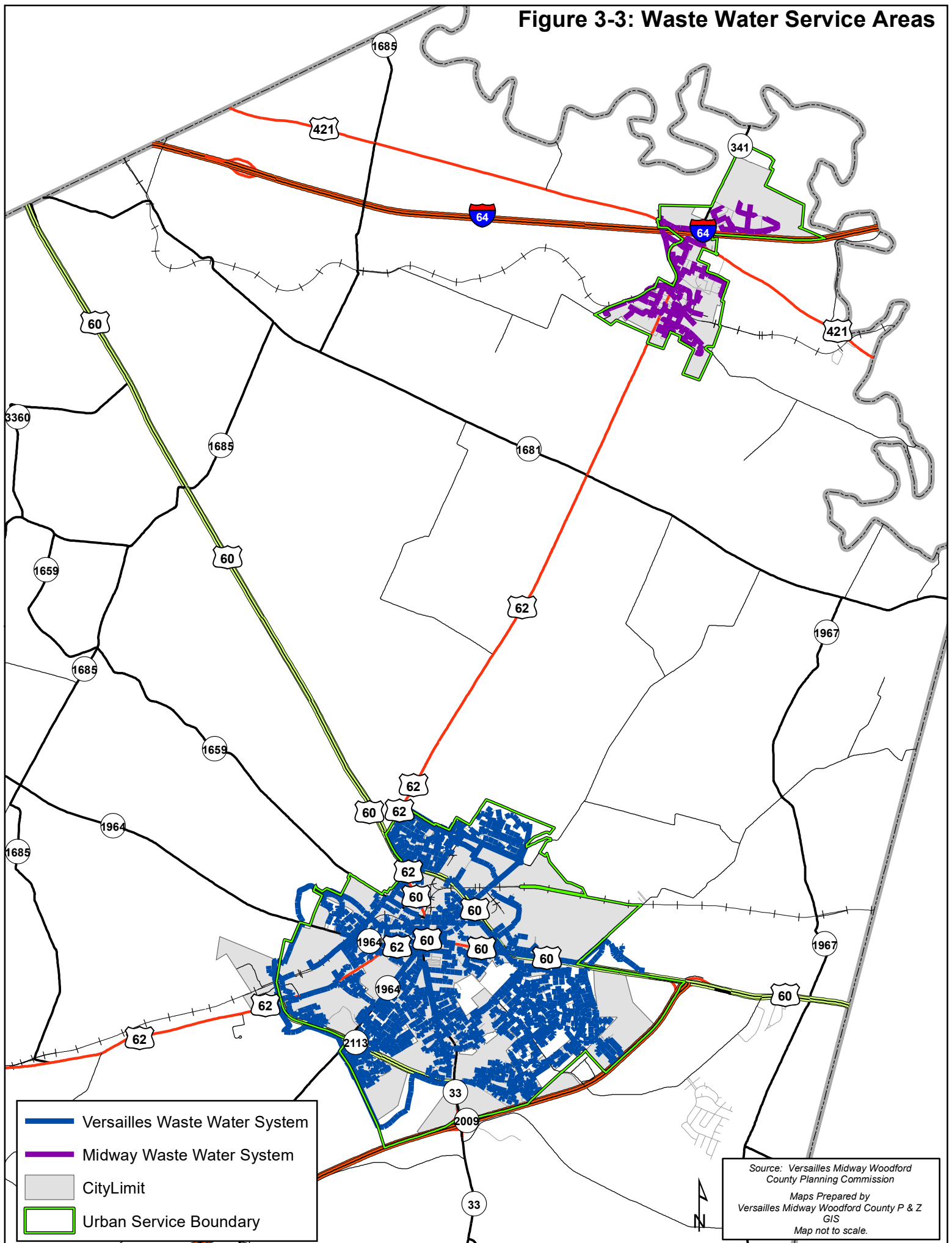


TABLE 3 - 8**MUNICIPAL WASTEWATER UNTREATED INFLOW, CITY OF VERSAILLES: 2020 - 2025**

	Peak Inflow, MGD	Average Inflow, MGD
2020	104.18	51.139
2021	93.031	71.969
2022	115.631	64.023
2023	92.588	58.462
2024	99.099	63.849
2025	150.628	91.852

Source: Versailles Municipal Utilities Manager

TABLE 3 - 9**POTABLE WATER AND WASTEWATER CUSTOMERS BY AREA IN WOODFORD COUNTY: 2025**

	Water	Wastewater
Versailles	7,005	6,505
Midway	1,842	796
S. Woodford WD	1,701	-
N.E. Woodford WD	1,028	-
Frankfort Water Plant Board	569	-
KAWC	533	-
Georgetown MWSS	32	-
Jessamine-S. Elkhorn WD	17	-
Frankfort Sewer Department	574	-
Total	13,301	-

Source: BGADD Rate Book 2025,

SERVICES SOLID WASTE

Local solid waste collection and disposal services are provided to all county residents through a variety of public and private collection services, overseen by a full-time Solid Waste Coordinator.

The City of Versailles has contracted Rumpke, a private hauler, to handle residential and commercial solid waste collection within the city limits once a week. Mandatory participation is required of all residents within the city limits, with approximately 4,027 residential customers currently served and 2,741 additional trash carts placed throughout the area. Curbside pickup of recyclable materials occur weekly, with materials transported to the LFUCG Recycling Center.

Likewise, the City of Midway has a contract with Rumpke for solid waste collection, serving 652 residents within the city limits. Residents are required to participate, and recyclable materials are collected curbside once a week and sent to the LFUCG Recycling Center.

Woodford County has partnered with Rumpke to provide residential solid waste collection in the unincorporated areas of Woodford County. While the participation is not mandatory, universal collection is in place, serving approximately 4,684 residential customers. Recyclable materials are collected weekly and transported to the LFUCG Recycling Center.

Moreover, the Woodford County Fiscal Court owns and operates a staffed convenience center in Versailles primarily for the disposal of various materials, including recyclables, construction/demolition debris, residential waste, trees, and brush. Approximately 1,300 residents and commercial customers utilize this center, which collects recyclables single stream and sends them to the LFUCG Recycling Center for processing and payment. Located adjacent to the Detention Center near the Falling Springs Recreation facility west of Versailles on U.S. 62, the Convenience Center is under contract with Republic Services, and M&M Sanitation for solid waste disposal.

Accepted recyclable materials at the Center include newsprint, white paper, metal and aluminum cans, plastic bottles (number 1 and 2), glass bottles, used motor oil, batteries, various types of metal waste, corrugated cardboard, tires, appliances, and electronics.



Rumpke solid waste collection



Woodford County Convenience Center

POTABLE WATER, WASTEWATER, & SOLID WASTE SUMMARY

Woodford County residents get their drinking water from several providers. The City of Versailles supplies water to its city limits and surrounding service area, and also sells water to the South Woodford and Northeast Woodford Water Districts. The City of Midway and Kentucky American Water Company serve most of the remaining unincorporated areas. For wastewater, Versailles and Midway each operate their own treatment plants, while homes outside these city service areas typically use septic systems or private treatment plants overseen by the County Health Department. Solid waste collection is available countywide through a mix of public and private haulers. Overall, the county's water, wastewater, and solid waste infrastructure relies on a coordinated system of city, district, and private sector partners to ensure broad service coverage.

Public Health

This section provides an overview of the health services available to Woodford County residents. It includes information on the county's hospital, the Woodford County Health Department, and the various care facilities that support adult and senior residents located throughout the county. Together, these services form a network of care that addresses the medical, preventive, and daily living needs of all Woodford residents.

I. HEALTH CARE, ASSISTANCE, and REGULATION

Woodford County has a range of healthcare and community services that support residents at every stage of life. Bluegrass Community Hospital, located in downtown Versailles, provides a variety of medical services, while the Woodford County Health Department offers clinical, environmental, and community health programs that promote public health and safety.

BLUEGRASS COMMUNITY HOSPITAL

Woodford County residents receive healthcare services from the Centerpoint Health Hospital, formerly known as Woodford Memorial Hospital, located on Amsden Avenue in Versailles. Owned by LifePoint Health, Inc., the hospital is licensed for a total of twenty-five beds. Hospital services provided include: 24/7 Emergency Services; Bone Density Testing; Business Health Network; Cardiology; CT Scans; Dentistry; Ear, Nose & Throat Specialist; Endoscopy Services; Family Practice; Gastroenterology; General Surgery; Gynecology; Hospitalist Program; Inpatient Care – All Private Rooms; Intensive Care Services (ICU); Internal Medicine; Laboratory Services; Laparoscopic Surgery; Mammography; MRI; Nephrology; Nuclear Medicine; Occupational Therapy; Ophthalmology; Orthopedic Surgery; Otolaryngology (ENT); Pain Management; Physical Therapy; Radiology and Imaging Services; Respiratory Therapy; Speech Therapy; Sports Medicine; Swing Bed; Ultrasound; Urology; Women's Services; and, Wound Care/Rehab/IV Therapy.



Centerpoint Health Hospital

HEALTH DEPARTMENT

The Woodford County Health Department provides a wide variety of clinical, environmental, educational and community health services. Clinical programs address patient's Rights, children's health, prenatal care, family planning, and WIC. Environmental health programs focus on food safety, Septic System, Animal Issues, Nuisance Complaints, and environmental hazards. The department also provides health education and prevention programs, including screenings, tobacco cessation, diabetes education, and initiatives promoting healthy lifestyles. Emergency preparedness, community response programs, family support through HANDS, and public health outreach further extend the department's services into the community.

During the last fiscal year, the Health Department provided medical services to 15,980 individuals, in addition to residents reached through school programs, community events, screenings, education, and other outreach activities.

CARE FACILITIES

Woodford County is fortunate to have a Senior Citizens Center located on Beasley Drive, offering a comprehensive range of services tailored to the needs of senior residents. These services encompass advocacy, education, escort, health promotion/exercise, homemaking, information and assistance, outreach, recreation/trips, friendly visiting and telephone reassurance and transportation. The center serves lunch on Monday, Wednesday and Friday, while it's in-home lunch delivery program operates Monday to Friday. Additionally, the center provides a Home Care Program, which includes assessment, case management, chores, escort, home delivery meals, homemaker services, home repair, and personal care/bathing.

Woodford County also hosts an Adult Day Care Program at the Senior Citizens Facility, operated under the Blue Grass Community Action Partnership and a United Way agency. This program provides part-time relief for caregivers, catering to adults twenty-one and older that require supportive supervision. The specially designed social program is for seniors age sixty and older, and adults with Alzheimer's and related conditions. The Adult Day program includes meals, social and recreational activities such as exercises, crafts, mental stimulation, music, and games.

For senior adults seeking residential care, Taylor Manor stands as a prominent private senior adult care facility, founded in 1961. With an eighty-two-bed capacity and situated on forty-two acres, Taylor Manor provides four levels of care: Respite, Personal, Intermediate, and Total Care. It operates as a private pay, nonprofit residential facility under the Sisters of St. Joseph the Worker, providing spiritual support through daily Mass, Sacraments, prayer, and additional opportunities for Christian worship.

Another option for senior living in Woodford County is The Homeplace at Midway, a Medicare and Medicaid certified, non-profit senior living community operated by Christian Care Communities, Inc. This innovative facility is the first Green House model of long-term care in Kentucky, and it consists of small cottages serving twelve elders each. The campus provides a continuum of care, including assisted living, memory care/personal care, skilled nursing for short-term rehabilitation or long-term care.

Daisy Hill, established in 2013, is a senior living community located in the heart of Versailles, designed specifically for seniors to live their life to the fullest. Social activities are not only offered but also encouraged. Personalized care and assistance are provided for every resident. Home-style meals are served restaurant-style three times a day. Services and amenities offered are: Assisted Living, Assistance with Personal Needs, 24 Hour Building Security, 24-Hour Emergency Call System, Spacious Residential Apartments, Walk-in closets, kitchenettes, and covered porches, Optional Floor Plans, Full-range of Social Activities, Full Dining Services, Housekeeping, Laundry, and Maintenance, In-House Pharmacy, and Beauty/Barber Shop. Daisy Hill Senior Living added its Pathway Memory Care program in 2021. Independent living villas are planned in the future.

There are three other living facilities, Midway School Apartments, Versailles School Apartments, and Margaret Hall Manor that accommodate private independent living as well.



Woodford County Senior Citizens Center



Daisy Hill Senior Living

PUBLIC HEALTH SUMMARY

Health care access in Woodford County reflects a blend of regional and local resources. Residents rely on Bluegrass Community Hospital for acute and emergency care, while daily and preventive health needs are met locally through the Woodford County Health Department. A notable strength of the county's health infrastructure is its focus on aging residents. From the Senior Citizens Center's support services to a variety of residential care facilities, seniors have multiple pathways to assistance depending on their level of need and independence. This layered system positions the county to serve residents across an extensive spectrum of health circumstances and ages.

Other Facilities & Resources

I. SERVICES

This section addresses the utility and food assistance services available to Woodford County residents,. It identifies the providers serving the county and highlights the Food Pantry's weekly distribution of fresh food to residents in need.

UTILITIES

Woodford County is served by three different electric companies. The cities of Versailles and Midway, along with a major portion of the unincorporated area of the County, are served by the Kentucky Utilities Company. Parts of western Woodford County receive service from the Blue Grass Energy, A Touchstone Energy Cooperative, which sources its power from the East Kentucky Power Cooperative. A small portion of northwestern Woodford County is served by the Frankfort Water and Electric Plant Board. For natural gas, the City of Versailles and the surrounding urban area are served by Columbia Gas of Kentucky, Inc. Telephone service is provided by Windstream, and television cable service is available through Spectrum.

FOOD PANTRY

The Woodford County Food Pantry, founded in 1992 by local community churches, is a 501(c)(3) organization staffed entirely by volunteers. It provides food for county residents facing emergency situations, helping clients preserve limited resources for other necessities like rent, utilities, and medicine. Since its establishment, 75,000 pounds of food have been distributed to more than 10,000 people, and \$150,000 have been collected in donations.

Filling a gap in the community that no other local agency addresses, the pantry distributes food every Monday and Thursday to income-eligible Woodford County households. Residents are limited to one visit per month. The pantry also operates a monthly Senior Commodity Food Box program, supports a weekly Community Dinner, and provides emergency food assistance to any family facing a catastrophic event regardless of income status.



Woodford County Food Pantry

II. DISCOVERY

This section discusses the learning and discovery-based resources available to Woodford County residents. It highlights the Versailles and Midway Public Libraries, the Woodford County Historical Society, the University of Kentucky's Little Animal Research Farm, and the county's Geographic Information System. Together, these institutions offer residents opportunities to access educational materials, explore local history, and engage with research and technology that support informed decision-making across the community.

WOODFORD COUNTY LIBRARY

In 1904, the Woodford County Library proudly opened its doors at 115 North Main St. in Versailles. Today, this tradition continues with a 23,000 square foot library facility renovated and expanded in 2006 and again in 2022. Situated close to schools and within walking distance of many neighborhoods, the library's central location has long made it a popular gathering spot, contributing to the vibrancy of our historic downtown.

In 2003, the Woodford County Library District Board committed to building a new library in Midway. On May 30, 2009, a 3,200 square foot new library building was dedicated. The Midway Branch contains approximately 9,000 books, five computers and a community meeting space.

The library strives to meet the diverse needs of the community by offering a wide range of current literature, a local history and research room, free Wi-Fi, public computers, eBooks and Audiobooks, educational databases, and much more. In the twenty-first century, this extends beyond books, providing computers and high-speed internet access for research free of charge. Information is the key to knowledge, and the Woodford County Library remains committed to providing the most current resources available.

During the 2025-2026 Fiscal Year, the Library reported 21,035 registered borrowers with 316,862 items circulated. Additionally, it offered 1,673 programs, attended by over 27,000 people..



Woodford County Library Versailles Branch



Woodford County Library Midway Branch

LITTLE ANIMAL RESEARCH FARM

The University of Kentucky C. Oran Little Animal Research Farm, formerly known as Pin Oak Farm, is located on the north side of Versailles at the intersection of Midway Road (U.S. 62) and Frankfort Road (U.S. 60). Acquired in 1991, this 1,484-acre property was earmarked for the development of a state-of-the-art animal research facility. It served as a replacement for most of the animal research activities previously conducted at the UK Coldstream Farm since the 1950s. Shortly after the farm was purchased, the state legislature allocated funds for constructing buildings and infrastructure to accommodate, beef, swine, and sheep units. Facilities at this center include the Linda Mars Aged Horse Care and Education Facility, opened in 2023 for specialized research in caring for senior horses, the Meats and Foods Industry Advancement Center, a \$9 million processing and workforce training facility, and multiple buildings dedicated to animal feeding, intensive research, and waste management.

HISTORICAL SOCIETY

The Woodford County Historical Society, located in the “District” in downtown Versailles at 121 Rose Hill Avenue, is a nonprofit organization founded on November 16, 1966. Its mission is to unite individuals interested in preserving the rich history of the county, “Preserving the Past for the Future”. The Historical Society maintains a large, unique, variety of maps of Woodford County and Kentucky. It also houses rare and vintage books, scrapbooks, and numerous photos across time and events, including many by Jim Curtis. The entire building is a museum of priceless artifacts mainly from Woodford County. The Museum houses everything from hand woven rugs, a variety of tools, oil portraits, beautiful vintage clothing, a weaving loom and many other items. Over the years, the Historical Society has published, and still does, many writings highlighting the area’s heritage. With one hundred-two contributing members, twenty-four life members and ten complimenting members, it continues its dedication to preserving and sharing Woodford County’s history.



Woodford County Library Versailles Branch

WOODFORD HISTORY ROOM

Established in 2023 through joint efforts between the Woodford County Library and Woodford Historical Society, the History Room collects, preserves, and provides access to materials that document the greater history of Woodford County and the surrounding area. This collection of archives and research consists of 462 reels of microfilm, over 6,000 books and 5,000 subject and family files, and approximately 23,000 digital images.

In October of 2025, the History Room opened its Digital Legacy Lab, providing the community with state-of-the-art scanning and conversion equipment, producing high-quality digital images of valuable records that document the people, places, and events of Woodford County. This shift to digitization allows members of the community to preserve and access their family legacy and the county's heritage across multiple formats.

GEOGRAPHIC INFORMATION SYSTEM

The GIS office was created by the Versailles-Midway-Woodford County Planning Commission and the Woodford County Fiscal Court in 2000; organized to benefit Versailles, Midway, and Woodford County by enhancing public services. It utilizes the power of Geographic Information Systems (GIS) technology which blends mapping and associated data to generate dynamic, information-rich maps and reports. This information can be layered and analyzed, serving as a valuable resource for local agencies, public individuals, and contractors undertaking various projects. Through the GIS Department's online data hub, residents can explore the county's public maps, such as road closures, voting districts, public parking, and zoning.

OTHER FACILITIES and SERVICES SUMMARY

Woodford County is served by a patchwork of regional utility providers working together to power homes, farms, and businesses across a mix of urban and rural landscapes. Alongside these essential services, the county offers a strong network of resources for learning and civic engagement. The Woodford County Libraries served over 21,000 registered borrowers and drew 27,000 people to its programs in a single year, while the Historical Society preserves the area's historical records for public use. Woodford's locally run food pantry reaches thousands of residents, ensuring every member of the community is cared for. Meanwhile, the Little Animal Research Farm contributes to agricultural research on nearly 1,500 acres north of Versailles, and the county's Geographic Information System supports planning and emergency response across the county. Together these resources and services reflect a community invested not only in meeting daily needs, but in supporting education, historical preservation, and data driven decision making for all its residents.

Education

This section focuses on the educational institutions and opportunities available to both traditional and non-traditional students in Woodford County. It highlights the schools and programs that support learning at every stage, from early childhood through adulthood, reflecting the county's ongoing investment in the growth and development of its residents.

I. PRIMARY and SECONDARY EDUCATION

Woodford County school system consists of elementary, middle and high schools. Private and alternative schooling options are also available. This section touches on the county's enrollment trends and capacity, school faculty employment rates, and the role these local schools play in shaping the character and future of the community.

PUBLIC SCHOOLS

Woodford County residents benefit from a consolidated Woodford County School System, complemented by three private schools and Midway University. The county school system caters to the majority elementary, middle, and high school students, including one high school (grades 9–12), one middle school (grades 6–8), four elementary schools (grades Pre-school –5), and one alternative school. As of the end of the 2024-2025 school year, total enrollment stood at 3,844 students. Detailed 2024-2025 enrollment, capacity, and employment information for individual schools can be found in **Tables 3 - 10** through **Table 3 - 12** (see page 32 and 33), with school locations depicted in **Figure 3 - 4** (see page 31).

The Woodford County School System operates an extensive transportation network, serving approximately 2,025 students each day. The buses travel 1,800 miles daily and 381,000 miles annually, including field trips and co-curricular activities. They have 28 regular bus routes and 6 Pre-school routes.

In Janury of 2024 the new Woodford County High School at 145 School House Road opened for classes. The 197,442 square foot, \$75 million building sits adjacent to the middle school and is equipped to educate and care for 1,500 students. The existing High School facility on Frankfort Street has been repurposed to house the Central Office and Administration Center, Transportation Center, Central Storage, Preschool Center, Alternative Education, and Community Education Center.

In fiscal year 2025 the total actual revenue for the Woodford County School District was \$47,883,340 and total actual expenditures were \$50,766,718 or a \$12,868 average expenditure per student. This compares to \$14,956 in average expenditures per student for the State of Kentucky. The average annual teacher salary in the district was \$52,887, compared to \$58,325 for the state.



Northside Elementary School



Southside Elementary School



Simmons Elementary School



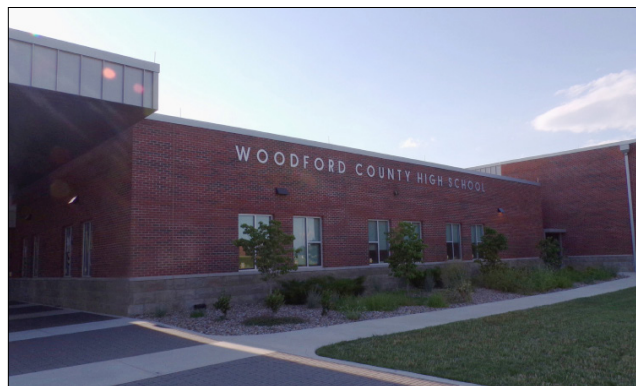
Huntertown Elementary School



Woodford County Middle School



Safe Harbor Alternative School



Woodford County High School

Figure 3-4: Schools & Universities

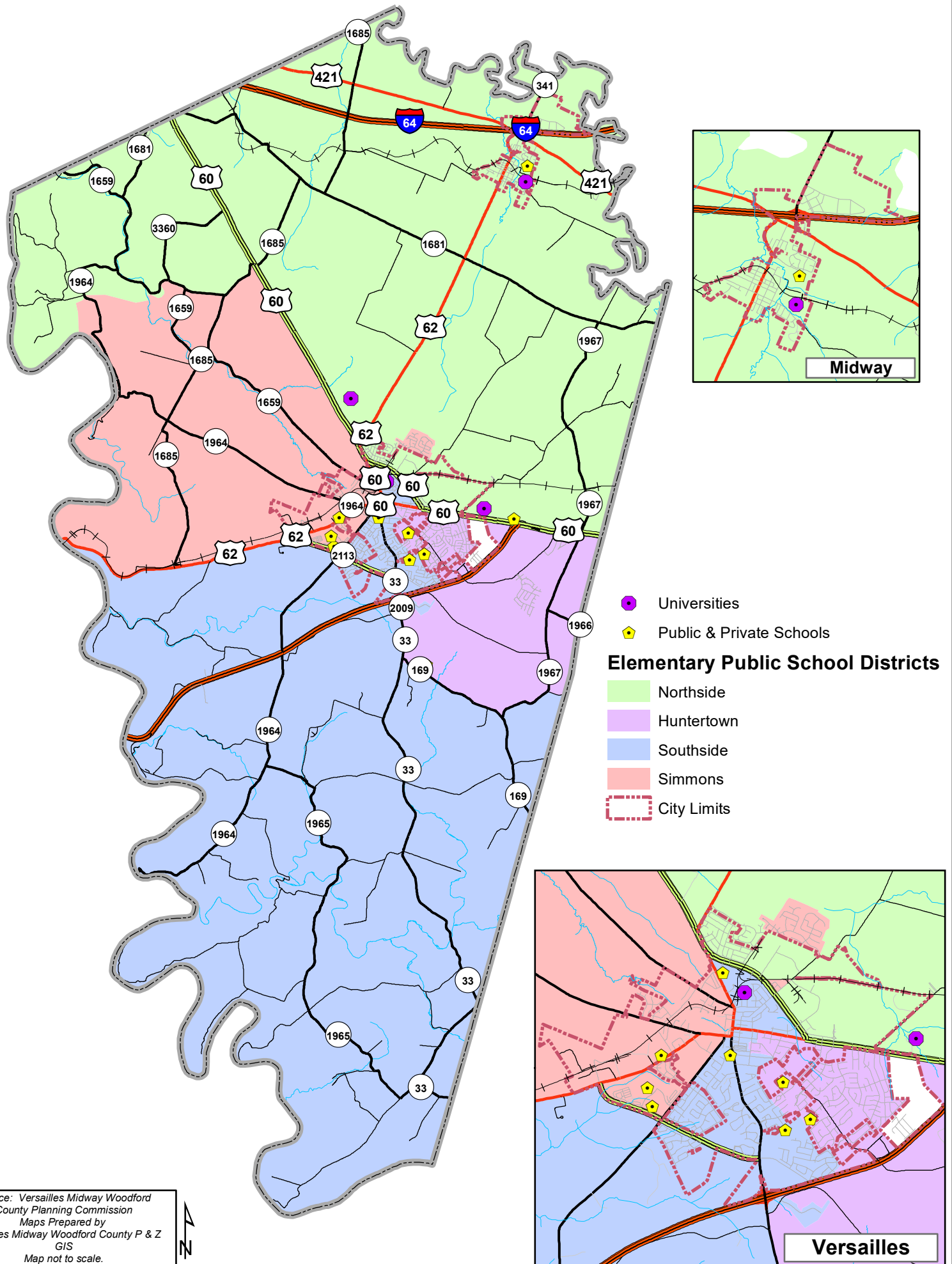


TABLE 3 - 10

WOODFORD COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS CAPACITY AND ENROLLMENT: 2025

	Date of Construction/ Addition	Site (Square Feet)	Capacity	Enrollment	Percent Capacity
Woodford County High School	2022	197,442	1,400	1,203	92.5%
Safe Harbor Academy	1952 / 2000	12,471	48	46	68.75%
Woodford County Middle School	2004	127,625	967	897	92.76%
Huntertown Elementary	1981 / 2008	61,543	546	424	81.14%
Northside Elementary	1991	55,728	425	339	84.7%
Simmons Elementary	1952 / 1968 / 1987 / 2006	58,871	539	369	77%
Southside Elementary	1991 / 2019	72,004	400	566	151.75%
Total	-	585,684	4,325	3,844	93.64%

Source: Woodford County Public Schools 2025 District Facility Plan. Kentucky Department of Education Report Card Dashboards.

TABLE 3 - 11

WOODFORD COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS ENROLLMENT: 2021-2022 TO 2024-2025

	2021-2022	2022-2023	2023-2024	2024-2025
Woodford County High School	1,267	1,276	1,250	1,203
Woodford County Middle School	904	885	863	897
Safe Harbor Academy	22	44	-	46
Huntertown Elementary	414	417	422	424
Northside Elementary	328	364	360	339
Simmons Elementary	372	357	360	369
Southside Elementary	546	559	570	566
Total	3,871	3,902	3,825	3,844

Source: Kentucky Department of Education Report Card Dashboards

TABLE 3 - 12

WOODFORD COUNTY'S SCHOOL EMPLOYMENT: 2024-2025

	*Certified	Classified	Food Service
Central Office	12	20	0
Maintenance	0	6	0
Safe Harbor	7	5	0.5
Huntertown	28	13	5
Northside	23	10	4
Simmons	29	13	5
Southside	34	18	5
WCMS	61	18	9
WCHS	78	22	6
ETC / After School Childcare	0	16	0
Transportation	0	76	0
Total	272	141	34.5

Source: Woodford County Board of Education

* Certified employees require a Kentucky educator certification or teaching certificate. Classified employees do not.

PRIVATE SCHOOLS

Woodford County hosts four private schools, each offering unique educational opportunities. St. Leo Catholic School, located on Huntertown Road, accommodates approximately 148 students across its preschool elementary, and middle school classes. Their recently constructed campus has a capacity for 250 students. Meanwhile, Versailles Montessori, Inc., situated on a ten-acre site on Pinckard Pike, offers two toddler classes, two primary classes, and one lower and upper elementary classes each (grades 1–3 and 4–6), with an enrollment of around 100 students. With a licensed capacity of 280 students, the school is well-equipped to accommodate future growth. Woodford Christian School, nestled on Hope Lane near the Bluegrass Parkway, serves approximately 75 students from preschool through fifth grade, with a capacity of 90 total students. Additionally, Versailles First Christian Church operates Heartstrings Montessori, offering a half-day Montessori program for infants and toddlers aged fifteen months to five years old.



Versailles Montessori School

A significant number of Woodford students pursue education outside of the county. Some attend institutions such as Lexington Christian Academy, Frankfort Christian Academy, The Lexington School, Sayre School, and Lexington Catholic High School.

II. POSTSECONDARY EDUCATION

Throughout Woodford County and the surrounding area are universities, colleges, and vocational training programs that provide pathways to higher education and workforce development. Woodford is home to Midway University, which is currently expanding its campus resources, and Frontier Nursing University, located just on the border of Versailles. In addition to these local institutions, this section also previews other nearby schools located just outside the county, highlighting the broader network of higher education opportunities accessible to the county's residents.

MIDWAY UNIVERSITY

Midway University, situated on 200 acres in northeastern Woodford County, is a private, non-profit liberal arts institution with a rich history. Founded in 1847 by Dr. Lewis L. Pinkerton, it was the first school in the United States to serve orphaned and disadvantaged women. Over the years, the institution underwent several transformations, evolving from Pinkerton High School to Midway Junior College, then Midway College, and finally, in 2015, Midway University.

On May 12, 2016, the Midway University Board of Trustees voted to transition to fully coeducational undergraduate programs by fall 2016. While daytime programs and the residential campus had historically catered exclusively to women as a Women's College, evening and online undergraduate programs, along with graduate programs, have been co-ed since their inception.

Midway University offers over twenty majors with a career focus in business, equine studies, healthcare and nursing, and teacher education.

The campus features the Anne Hart Raymond Center for Mathematics, Science, and Technology, the 44,420 square foot facility comprising eight laboratories, four classrooms, and five conference areas designed to foster teaching and learning. The Mary Lee Duthie Auditorium, seating 420 persons, provides the University and Woodford County with essential space for student programs and conferences. The Learning Resource Center (LRC), completed in 2011, serves as a hub for academic support. The LRC houses various administrative offices, including the Office of Academic Affairs and the Registrar, along with forty-eight Dean and Faculty offices. The building also contains the teacher education resource center and the equine studies lab, further enriching the academic experience at Midway University.

Midway University is currently constructing a new library, the James A. and Martha R. Brown Library, as part of a three-phase project to address campus housing needs while meeting accreditation requirements for a dedicated library facility. Phase one, completed in 2023, converted the top floor of the university's existing library into a residence hall. Construction on the new library began in September 2025 and is expected to be completed by December 2026. The new facility will be a two-story, 20,000 square-foot building featuring open study areas, group and individual study rooms, classrooms, seminar rooms, computer labs, an e-sports arena, and a cafe. Once the new library opens, the remaining floors of the existing library building will be converted into additional student housing, completing the university's plan to expand both its academic and residential capacity.



Midway University campus



Midway University James A. & Martha R. Brown Library

FRONTIER NURSING UNIVERSITY

Frontier Nursing University (FNU) is a private, non-profit graduate school of nursing with its main campus located at 2050 Lexington Road, Versailles, KY. The university traces its roots to 1939, when the Frontier Nursing Service established the Frontier School of Midwifery and Family Nursing. The institution adopted its current name in 2011 to better reflect its graduate-level focus. In 2017, the university acquired land in Versailles as part of a broader effort to grow its student population and academic programs, and by 2020 it had fully relocated from its original campus in Hyden, Kentucky. The Versailles campus was designed with sustainability in mind, including "no mow" zones, a 5K walking trail, and native plant landscaping led by the university's Environmental Stewardship Committee. FNU offers a Master of Science in Nursing, a Doctor of Nursing Practice, and post-master's certificate programs, training nurses to become certified nurse-midwives, family nurse practitioners, women's healthcare nurse practitioners, or psychiatric-mental health nurse practitioners. Its nurse-midwifery program has operated longer than any other in the nation and enrolls more students than any comparable program. Although Versailles serves as the university's home base, most instruction is delivered remotely, giving students across the country the ability to earn their degrees without relocating, with a particular focus on preparing nurses to serve rural and underserved communities. With this, the university has been accredited by the Accreditation Commission for Midwifery Education and the National League for Nursing.



Frontier Nursing University campus

OTHER EDUCATION

There are eleven other Colleges and Universities located within fifty-five miles of Versailles. Several of these institutions are part of the Kentucky Community and Technical College System (KCTCS), with the state headquarters located at 300 N. Main Street in Versailles. Serving as the central office for the statewide system, KCTCS comprises six two-year colleges with sixty-eight campuses throughout Kentucky, annually catering to over 100,000 students, making it the largest public postsecondary education institution in the state.

Within the KCTCS System Office facilities in Versailles, the KCTCS Conference Center offers space for business-related functions, accommodating up to 350 people across four fully equipped audio-visual meeting rooms. Operating Monday through Friday from 8 am to 5 pm, the center provides complimentary wireless internet and ADA accessibility. The KCTCS Conference Center hosts hundreds of KCTCS and other events each year, employing approximately 275 individuals.



Kentucky Community & Technical College System

Vocational education training is also readily available nearby. In Lexington, located thirteen miles east, the Central Kentucky State Vocational-Technical School and three Fayette Area Vocational Education Centers offer comprehensive vocational education programs. Additionally, vocational education training is accessible in Frankfort, located fifteen miles north, at the Franklin County Vocational Education Center and the Anderson County Technology Center in Lawrenceburg.

The Locust Trace AgriScience Center, an eighty-two-acre campus located on Leestown Road in Fayette County, offers vocational agricultural education. Owned by the Fayette County Public Schools, the facility serves as a working farm, featuring a horse arena, barn, classroom building, veterinary clinic, aquaculture lab, greenhouse, orchards, vineyards, gardens, and wildlife habitat. While primarily serving Fayette County students, it may also accommodate students from surrounding areas.

Six other colleges and universities located less than twenty miles from Woodford County provide additional education opportunities. These institutions are located in Jessamine, Fayette, Franklin, and Scott Counties, offering accessibility to County residents.

EDUCATION SUMMARY

Woodford County's education system reflects a community actively investing to keep pace with its growing population. Public school enrollment has risen steadily over the past several years, and the county has responded proactively, most notably with the construction of a new Woodford County High School in 2022 to accommodate rising student numbers. Even with this investment, several schools, including Southside Elementary and Woodford County Middle School, are operating near or above their rated capacity. This highlights the need for a continued commitment to facility planning as enrollment grows. Families also benefit from a range of private school options for early education, while Midway University and Frontier Nursing University provide residents access to both undergraduate and specialized graduate education locally, with both institutions currently expanding their campuses to support continued growth. Altogether, these trends reflect a county that is growing steadily and planning ahead to ensure its educational infrastructure keeps up with demand.

Parks & Recreation

This section provides an overview of the parks and recreational facilities available to Woodford County residents, spanning both public and private spaces throughout the county. Woodford County's established parks include Walter Bradley Park in Midway; the Millville Community Park for the county's northern rural residents; and Big Spring Park, Apollo Park, Merewood Park, Stonegate Park, Kenne Park, and Woodford County Park (Falling Springs Park) in Versailles. The section also covers other recreational assets such as the Clyde E. Buckley Wildlife Sanctuary, the Life Adventure Center, Moss Hill Golf Course, and facilities supporting organized youth sports like the Woodford Youth Soccer Association. Together, these sites reflect the variety of outdoor and community spaces available to residents across the county.

I. RECREATIONAL SPACES

This section highlights the specific parks and recreational facilities located throughout Woodford County. It covers city-operated parks in Versailles and Midway, along with privately and non-profit operated facilities such as the Clyde E. Buckley Wildlife Sanctuary and the Life Adventure Center. This section also touches on the organizations and associations that utilize these spaces.

VERSAILLES PARKS

The Versailles-Woodford County Recreation Department provides a year round recreation program with a full-time staff. The Department operates a number of recreation facilities available for city and county residents. There are four parks located in the City of Versailles.

The Big Spring Park, located just west of the Central Business District, is an active recreational facility with a number of park facilities intended to meet the needs of local residents and tourists exploring the downtown area. This park has two pavilions, paved walking trail, and playground equipment.

The Apollo Park offers skateboard area with ramps and jumps. The Merewood Park, located adjacent to Merewood subdivision, consists of playground equipment and a small pavilion.

The Hunteartown Community Interactive Park spans 38 acres. The park's master plan aims to recreate the layout of a historic African American community using paths, signage, and vegetation. Although no original buildings remaining; the streets of the hamlet still exist. New pathways through-out the settlement will be complimented by interpretive signage, public art, ghost structures, and gardens, offering visitors a unique experience in Kentucky. The initial phase, opened in August 2021, features walking trails, picnic areas, and interpretive signage introducing visitors to the historic community and environmental features of the site.

The Woodford County Park (Falling Springs Park) consists of 410 acres and is located west of Versailles on US 62, just west of the Ledvance (Osram/Sylvania) manufacturing facility. This park contains a 5,000 seat artificial turf football/soccer stadium, fairgrounds, a horse ring, 10 baseball/softball diamonds, tennis and pickleball courts, model airplane airstrip, cross country course, 18 hole disc golf course, an outdoor amphitheater and the Bluegrass Railroad Museum. It is estimated that there were 30,500 adults and 8,500 children from Kentucky, Indiana and Tennessee utilizing the baseball and softball facilities at Woodford County Park.

Falling Springs Recreational Center, located in the Woodford County park, is a state of the art facility that attracts over 280,000 visitors per year. The center consists of a 3-court gymnasium, indoor pool, outdoor splash pool, therapy pool, pool party room, outdoor basketball court, fitness center, aerobic rooms, and a meeting room. Also located inside Falling Springs is a 310-seat performing arts theater where The Woodford Theatrical Association puts on five productions each year for city and county residents. Falling Springs is also home to the Versailles-Woodford County Parks and Recreation Department. The Railroad museum offers an eleven mile train excursion through Woodford County. This Park is linked with the Big Springs Park facility in downtown Versailles through a bike and pedestrian path.

Other recreation facilities located in Woodford County includes four county parks, seven playgrounds, six tennis courts, twelve baseball/softball diamonds, three football fields, and an 18-hole public golf course.



Falling Springs Center



Big Springs Park

WOODFORD YOUTH SOCCER ASSOCIATION

The Woodford Youth Soccer Association (WYSA-501[c][3] non-profit) maintains over 30 acres just off of Big Sink Pike and Industry Boulevard containing room for 11 full size soccer fields, each full size field is the equivalent in size to that of a collegiate football field. Number of local teams registered to use these facilities in 2025 was approximately 50, and between 500 -700 kids are playing there each season, spring and fall between their competitive and recreational divisions.

In addition, a number of state and regional tournaments are held there each year. WYSA also hosts annual soccer events for “The Bluegrass State Games” which attracts teams from all over the state for two weekends in July, and will be assisting Kentucky Youth Soccer with its annual state tournament in June.

WYSA estimates that the regular spring and fall soccer season includes 500-700 players and an un-calculable number of visitors. Their 50 teams will play between 8 and 10 games each, and with parents, grandparents, siblings, and other family members present, it is impossible to calculate the number of additional visitors to their facility.

WYSA’s long range plans include further development of the 30 acre facility with continuing improvements to their grass fields. WYSA and Bluegrass Soccer club have access to utilize the artificial turf field at the Woodford County Park from December 1 – June 1 annually to train and host games in the winter month.



Woodford Youth Soccer Association

MIDWAY PARKS

Recreation facilities in the City of Midway include the park adjacent to Northside Elementary School known as “Walter Bradley Park” and a park adjacent to the Midway School Apartments. The park at the School Apartments includes a baseball field (now utilized by Midway University softball team), playground equipment, and basketball goals. The Walter Bradley Park consists of 25 acres, which includes walking trails, two picnic pavilions and a basketball court. In 2016, the trails were expanded and this created two additional entrances within the city. This included the construction of a foot bridge over Lees Branch, linking the north side of the park to the south. Now residents of Northridge Estates can easily access downtown Midway. The Midway Parks Board was also established in 2016. The City holds their annual “Sparks in the Park” celebration here as well. The adjacent school ground also includes playground equipment.



Walter Bradley Park



Future Plans for Walter Bradley Park

RAIL EXPLORERS

Rail Explorers is located by the Bluegrass Railway museum at the Woodford County Park. Residents and tourists visiting the area can pedal along 10 miles of railroad in Woodford County and explore the scenic countryside and over look the Kentucky River. Operating on the historic Louisville Southern Railroad line, which was originally built in 1888, the Versailles location officially opened to the public in July of 2023. Rail Explorers has three different tours available: the Kentucky River Rambler, Kentucky River Lantern Tour, and Kentucky River Fireside.



Rail Explorers Pedal Bike

OTHER RECREATIONAL FACILITIES

The Clyde E. Buckley Wildlife Sanctuary located in the northwestern portion of the County was established in 1967 by Emma E. Buckley in memory of her husband. The sanctuary was the first such sanctuary operated by the National Audubon Society in the central United States and is the only area in Kentucky managed by the National Audubon Society. The 374-acre site has a number of short hiking trails, bird blinds, a nature center and other displays. It is open to the public for a small fee and offers many educational programs. It is estimated that there are 5,000 visitors to the Sanctuary per year and another 5,000 that are provided programs off-site. The Sanctuary is has been operated by the Life Adventure Center since 2013.

Life Adventure Center has a long standing history in Woodford County. It began in the late 1800's supporting underserved youth as The Cleveland Home. The two merged in 2001 and moved to their Tyrone Pike location which consists of 560 acres. Their Mission Statement is: "To transform lives by enhancing growth, improving communication, and building resiliency for both individuals and groups, especially underserved youth through professionally supervised outdoor group challenges and shared reflection opportunities." They offer Environmental Education, Team Building (High & low ropes courses), Riding lessons, Canoeing, Mountain Bike Trails, Pedestrian Hiking Trails, and many more special activities.

Other private recreational facilities include the Woodford Golf Club with an 18-hole private golf course, a swimming pool, and tennis courts, a new 18-hole disc golf course, and Jack Jouett Tavern restaurant, located on McCowans Ferry Road. The Millville Community Center, located on McCracken Pike, is a non-profit community center that has a park, sponsored by the Sportsman Club, full of picnic tables and a places for the community to play horseshoes.

For a visual overview of recreational facilities in the area, see **Figure 3-5** and **Figure 3-6** (see pages 43 and 44). Woodford County has two paved boat ramps for public access to the Kentucky River. The ramps are located in Nonesuch (KY 33 S of Versailles; right on Cummings Ferry Road) and Clifton (Hwy 1964 W of Versailles to Clifton; left onto Buck Run Road), perfect for any light trailerable recreational boat.



Millville Community Center and Park



The Woodford Club

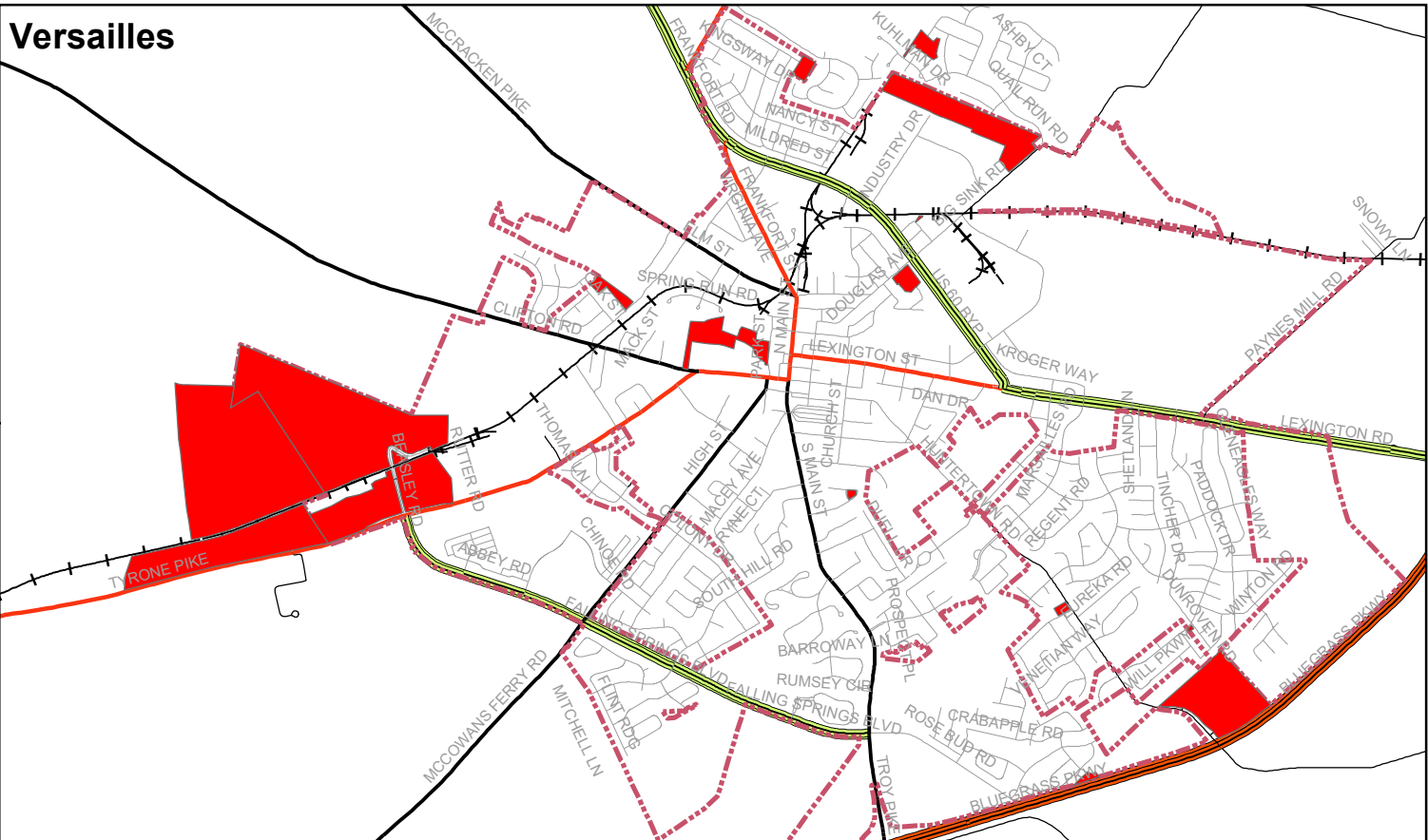
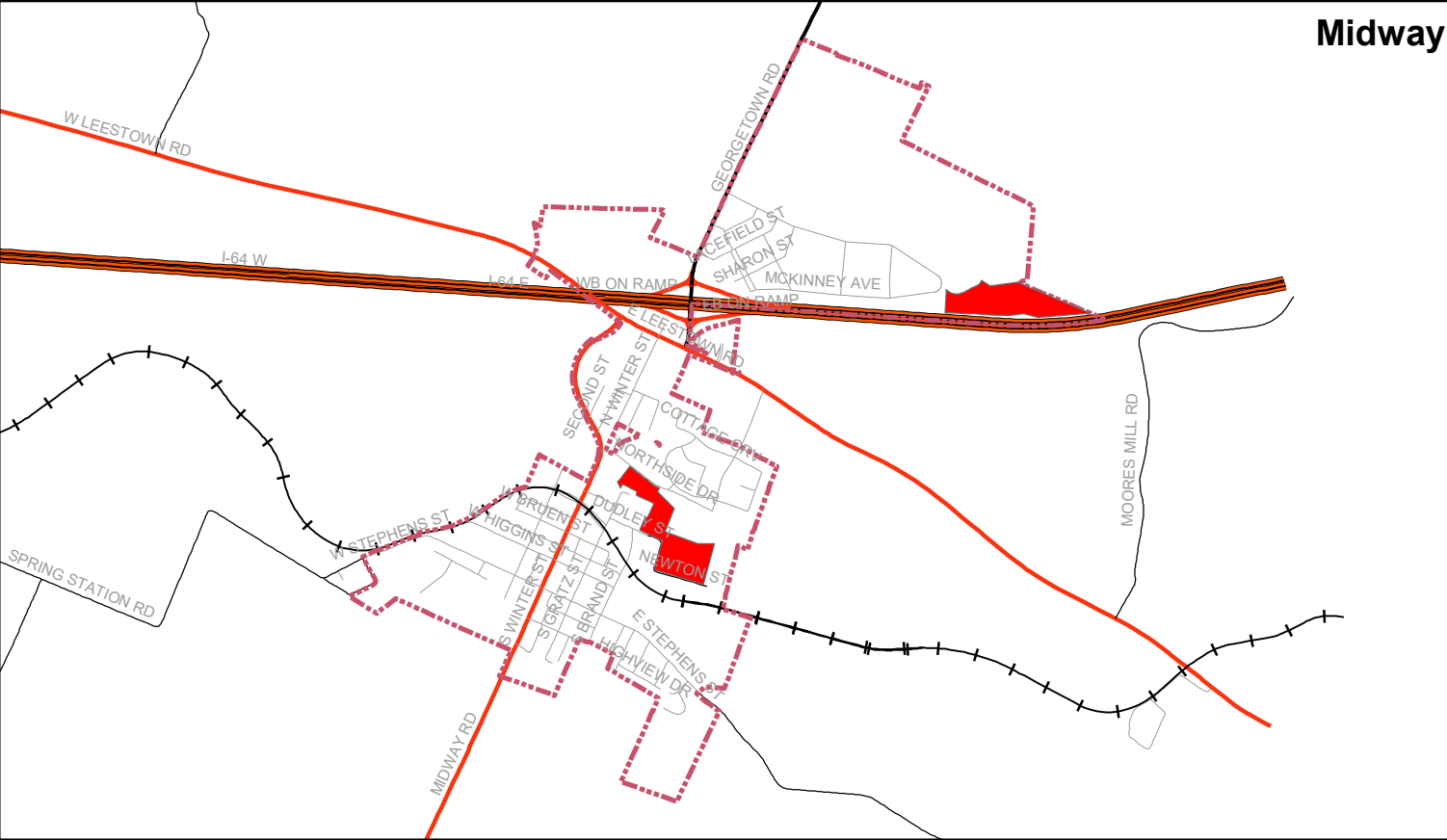
PARKS and RECREATION SUMMARY

Woodford County has built a recreational network that serves residents of all ages and interests, from neighborhood parks and playgrounds to large-scale facilities like Falling Springs Recreation Center, which draws over 280,000 visitors annually. The county's commitment to recreation extends beyond traditional parks, supporting environmental education through the Clyde E. Buckley Wildlife Sanctuary, youth development through the Life Adventure Center, and organized athletics through partnerships with groups like the Woodford Youth Soccer Association. Ongoing investments to enhance the community's involvement in recreation further demonstrate the county's effort to keep pace with community growth. Altogether, these facilities show a county that views recreation as a core part of community life, drawing visitors from across the region while continuing to expand access for its own residents.



Woodford County Park Baseball Fields

Figure 3-5: Recreational Facilities (Cities)



 RecreationFacilities

 CityLimit

Source: Versailles Midway Woodford
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Map not to scale.

Figure 3-6: Recreational Facilities (County)

