

**KENTUCKY HORIZONS AND BEYOND
Follow Up Questionnaire**

Survey Responses

	Total Number	Percentage of Total Responses
Legislative Branch	16	11%
Executive Branch	29	21%
Regional Organizations	10	7%
Local Government	5	4%
Universities and Colleges	28	20%
Nonprofit Groups	20	14%
Private Sector	23	16%
Other	<u>10</u>	<u>7%</u>
	141	100%

SUMMARY

FACTORS IMPORTANT TO THE SUCCESS OF ANY LONG TERM PLANNING FUNCTION.

TWO-THIRDS OR MORE of all respondents agreed that the following factors are important to the success of any long term planning function:

A strong commitment from decision makers.

A process that is

- (a) designed to be an ongoing function and not a one time plan;
- (b) designed to ensure continuity of policy regardless of administrative or legislative changes;
- (c) designed to provide mechanisms to ensure that any policies and plans are implemented.
- (d) designed with feedback and evaluation components.

A broad-based bipartisan process with involvement of:
 citizens
 local governments
 state executive branch
 state legislative branch
 universities and colleges, and
 private sector

A vision of a preferred future for the state and clearly defined goals.

Given the current constitutional structure, a key role for the legislature in initiating and maintaining the process.

FIFTY PERCENT OR MORE also agreed that the following factors are important to the success of any long term planning function: -

A broad-based bipartisan process with involvement of:
regional organizations, and
nonprofit groups.

ADVICE TO LRC.

TWO-THIRDS OR MORE of all respondents agreed with the following:

Government can change (affect) the future of the Commonwealth.
Have decision makers involved; do not make it strictly a staff function.
Have an ongoing process of communication among the cabinets and between the executive branch and the legislature on what is going on.
Educate citizenry to the need for a long term issue perspective and have an ongoing effort to do this.
Learn by past efforts; collect all existing plans and pull what is best from them; don't reinvent the wheel.
Develop a process that is not dominated by any one interest or entity.

FIFTY PERCENT OR MORE also agreed that

Have a structure so that you can develop consensus during the process.
Utilize the long term expertise available in executive agencies.
Centralize the planning function at the policy level (General Assembly and Governor's Office) to cut across all state agencies.
Establish a time line for development of the process, for implementation, and for evaluation and revision.
Before any structure or process is established, create consensus on a vision statement of what we want Kentucky to be like in the year 2000.
Examine successful models from Georgia, North Carolina and other states, then design a Kentucky-specific program.

IN RESPONSE TO SPECIFIC SUGGESTIONS FOR FURTHER ACTION:

MORE THAN 50% of all respondents agreed with the suggestion that LRC establish a special legislative committee or commission to include private citizens and groups, executive agency representatives and university representatives to establish a process.

MORE THAN 50% of all respondents agreed with the suggestion that if a permanent structure is needed for planning in state government that the General Assembly should legislate a requirement for long term planning in Kentucky and designate a lead agency to develop a proposal and guidelines to be an Office (Cabinet/Department) of planning for state government.

There was not a majority agreement on any one approach for obtaining grass roots input on the process or for how to best utilize expertise in the universities and nonprofit research sector.