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Glenview committee developing preservation strategy

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When Lisa Barr bought her home in Glenview in 1994, she loved that it offered privacy in a natural setting and convenience to downtown Louisville.

Now, Barr is working to preserve that natural setting. She's a member of a committee working with Metro Louisville planners to develop a neighborhood plan for Glenview — an enclave off River Road with lush landscapes dotted by large estate homes with gated entrances and private drives.

"We need to start trying to do whatever we can to preserve what we've got — the large lots, the wooded areas; we've got wetlands that are very important. Parts of it look very rural and yet there's a bus on River Road that takes you downtown," she said.

While the plan is in the early stages, boundary lines have been determined. They include the city and stretch northeast along River Road just past Captains Quarters Road; on the south, they stop just outside Innes Trace Road.

Patrick Dominik, vice president of Sabak, Wilson and Lingo Inc., is the consultant on the plan. He has worked on similar plans for the Wolf Pen Branch area and Mockingbird Valley.

The idea is to preserve and protect an area, and there will be a number of meetings before details are worked out. It could include rules on setbacks, fencing and minimum lot sizes, he said.

Ken Baker, a metro public planning supervisor, said the consultant fee is \$28,500. The city of Glenview, Metro Planning and Design and Metro Councilman Kelly Downard's office are paying the fee.

Downard is working with the task force to develop the plan, but said input should come from residents. "It's their plan — not mine," he said.

On Sept. 15, the public will have a chance to weigh in on what they want the plan to include.

Resident Rob Hutcherson lives in a modern-looking home on nearly 3 acres of rolling wooded land on Arden Road. He said he loves the area for its abundance of wildlife, including wild turkey and deer so tame you can almost touch them.

While he said he hopes Glenview will remain rural, he said he is not so sure a neighborhood plan is necessary because most residents are so "neighborly." For example, no one has chain-link fences or boats parked in their driveways, he said. But he said he sees where the city is coming from.

"I understand why they want to do it. Neighborly only goes so far," he said.

Hutcherson, who is a developer, said he doesn't like the idea of a city imposing restrictions after he already owns a piece of property.

Dominik said it's too soon to say what the plan might include, and that as many as a dozen meetings might be held to get comments from residents.

"We are literally just getting our feet wet on the project," he said.

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Additional Facts

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What: Meeting on the Glenview neighborhood plan

When: 5:30 p.m. Sept. 15

Where: The Knights of Columbus Hall on River Road

Information: For updates on the plan or to submit comments go to www.louisvilleky.gov/PlanningDesign/Neighborhood+Plans/Glenview.htm
