2025 Transylvania County COMPREHENSIVE PLAN

Appendix A
2025 Comprehensive Plan Definitions

Affordable housing: Affordable housing is defined as housing that allows those with the median household income to spend less than 30% of their total income on housing (rent/mortgage, insurance, maintenance etc.).

Example: If the total household income equals $32,000 – then affordable housing would be $9,600/year or $800/month.

Built Environment – Changing the landscape with man-made materials such as a structure or a road.

Encourage – To make something more appealing or more likely to happen.

Equity – Fairness or justice in the way people are treated.

Land Use – The use and modification of land to produce products or to benefit from the use of the land. Land Use includes the modification of the land for settlements, agriculture, forestry, recreation, business and other uses.

Livability – Is a measure of opportunities within a community for a healthy, safe and prosperous life. Livability attempts to link the subjective attributes of satisfaction with the objective calculations of crime/safety, climate, public transport, environmental issues, access to nature, business conditions, medical care and infrastructure. The Economist Intelligence Unit's liveability ranking does not include the cost of living as a factor in livability.

Mobility Services – Transportation services that benefit the elderly or disabled persons.

Quality of Life – General well-being or satisfaction of individuals and communities that includes wealth, employment, the built environment, physical and mental health, education, recreational opportunities, leisure time and social belonging.

Support – Is to show agreement with, approval of, or to give assistance. The Transylvania County Commissioners will ultimately decide whether the support of an identified strategy is in the form of approval, recognition, delegation of county staff time or dedicating funding to assist with the implementation of the strategy.