WOODFORD COUNTY



Illinois River Open Space ADOPT-A-LOT

THE ACOUISITION PROJECT

Properties along the Illinois River in Woodford County were acquired with funding from and with the assistance of the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA), the Illinois Emergency Management Agency (IEMA) and the Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity (DCEO). This voluntary program is designed to reduce further damage by flooding to floodprone areas.

WHAT NOW?

Acquisition of the property comes with a restrictive covenant - the properties must remain as dedicated open space in perpetuity and "no new structures or improvements shall be erected on the property..." However, compatible uses with open space, recreational, or wetland management practices; such as parks, nature reserves, unimproved parking lots are permitted. Woodford County would like to see the vacant lots being used by and for the benefit of its citizens.

WHO CAN ADOPT A LOT?

Anyone may participate. The Adopt-a-Lot program allows permitted residents to enter a property for the purpose of mowing and keeping the lot free of debris. No insurance is required and no fees are involved. By entering into an agreement with the County, residents would have opportunities as individuals or as a community group to beautify and enhance their neighborhood without the burden of taxes or other financial obligations that come with ownership.

WHERE ARE THE LOTS LOCATED?

62 Collins Lane, 1115, 1122, 1263, 1271, 1273, 1293 and 1295 Sunset Drive and 1257, 1267, 1279 and 1297 Millpoint Road. Maps of the properties are available in the Zoning Department or can be seen on our website at www.woodford-county.org under the Maps and Apps link in the lower left corner.

HOW DO I PARTICIPATE?

Applications are available at the Zoning Department or on our website (see above). Simply fill out an application and return it to the Woodford County Zoning Department. 115 N. Main Street - Room 100, Eureka, IL 61530. Please call (309) 467-3023 if you have any questions. Our office hours are M-F from 8 am to 5 pm.



Adopt-a-Lot Agreement

Introduction: The Adopt-a-Lot Agreement allows the participant owner non-exclusive right and privilege to enter and use Woodford County property for the purpose of maintaining the property.

Used when: The participant wishes to maintain the property. The maintainer shall not use the property for any purpose whatsoever other mowing and maintaining the property free of trash, refuse, garbage, litter, waste, and junk of any type whatsoever. The maintainer must mow the grass on the property with sufficient frequency to prevent grass from attaining a height greater than the norm of surrounding yards.

Agreement Duration: Established for a one-year term which may be renewed annually upon successful compliance to the agreement as determined by the County. Termination, with or without cause, requires 10 days written notice from either party.

Fee: No fee. The maintainer provides a service to the County by maintaining the property.

Insurance Requirement: No insurance required. The maintainer is required to sign and deliver to the County of Woodford an executed RELEASE OF LIABILITY from before they go on or about the property.

No other person shall participate in maintaining the property without signing the Release Form and delivering same to the County.

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Landscape Maintenance Agreement

Introduction: The Landscape Maintenance Agreement allows participants or other community groups non-exclusive use of Woodford County property.

Used when: The participant wishes to use and maintain the area. The maintainer may use this area to plant shrubs, trees, plants, and other low density vegetation. No structures or other uses are allowed. The maintainer must mow the grass on the property with sufficient frequency to prevent grass from attaining a height greater than the norm of surrounding yards.

Agreement Duration: Established for a one-year term which may be renewed annually upon successful compliance to the agreement as determined by the County. Termination, with or without cause, requires 10 days written notice from either party.

Fee: No fee. The maintainer provides a service to the County by maintaining the property.

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Application

Contact Information

Name of Applicant:					
Name of Organization	on (if applicable):				
	☐ Adjacent Landowner ☐ Adjacent Tenant	☐ Community Organization☐ Other			
City:	County:		_Zip Code:		
Phone:	Email:				
Type of Agreement					
□ Ad	opt-a-Lot Agreement / No Fe	ee - No Insurance			
□ La	ndscape Maintenance Agree	ment / No Fee - No Insurance			
Property Information	o n				
List of property addr	ess(es) and/or Parcel ID Nun	nber(s) to be adopted:			

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For more information, please contact Woodford County Zoning at (309) 467-3023.