



INDUSTRIAL AND OPEN SPACE PLAN

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Mayor Sue Hack
City of Lawrence
City Hall
Lawrence KS 66044

Bob Johnson, Chairman
Douglas County Commission
Douglas County Courthouse
Lawrence KS 66044

Dear Mayor Hack & Chairman Johnson,

The ECO² Commission is moving into another important phase, the Implementation Phase, and we wanted to report to you about what we are doing and planning.

First, as outlined in the plan, we are selecting two committees, one to work on the implementation of the Industrial/Business section of the Plan, and one to work on the Open Space section of the Plan. We are selecting five people from the community in addition to two of us serving on each committee. We are selecting people who may have worked on the Plan as it was developed in addition to people who may have expertise in one of the two areas. We are seeking balanced representation on each committee. We will notify you with those names when we have them confirmed to serve. On August 30, 2007 there will be an orientation for these two committees. If you are interested in more details about this meeting, please let me know (843-7058).

Second, these two new committees will review the specific geographic areas that our earlier working groups previously identified as candidates for open-space preservation and industrial/business space. The two new committees will analyze the suitability and feasibility of advancing these projects over time. The work of these new committees will require the assistance of the Lawrence/Douglas County Planning Staff. If these committees identify any potential conflicts between their goals and criteria (that is, if there are open-space issues with a proposed industrial site or vice versa), we will notify you. The committees will also provide a report to the ECO² Commission on each geographic area and that report will be forwarded on to your commissions.

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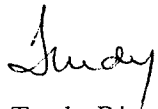
ECO² = The exponential benefits of economic development + ecological preservation

Third, the ECO²Commission will develop an open space request for proposals (RFP) and submit it to the City Commission and the County Commission for review. If the City and County approve, we request that you jointly issue the RFP.

Last, our commission will continue to serve in an advisory capacity to the City and County Commissions. We will make written recommendations to the Lawrence/Douglas County Planning Commissions and to both of your commissions after reading both of the reports that are generated by the two committees. The final decisions on these projects will then belong to your two commissions.

We continue to serve at your pleasure and we appreciate any questions or feedback that you may give us.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Trudy".

Trudy Rice
Chairman