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ECO<sup>2</sup> = The exponential benefits of economic development + ecological preservation

#### **ECO<sup>2</sup> Commissioners**

- Trudy Rice, Chair
- Larry McElwain,
   Vice Chair
- Bruce Liese
- Rex Buchanan
- Bob Rhoton
- John Pendleton
- Roger Boyd
- (Open Position)

#### **Past Members:**

- Jim Roberts
- Mark Gonzales
- Leo Lauber
- Sandra Shaw
- RoxAnne Miller

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## Community Participation

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Over 100 community members have actively participated in the first and second phases of the process through the original workgroups and the current implementation committees

#### Purpose

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Develop a long-term plan for the advancement of industrial/business parks and open space preservation in Douglas County

## Primary Focus Areas



- Completion of a long term plan
- Implementation of the plan
- Consensus building to insure success

# ECO<sup>2</sup> Accomplishments

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- 2000-Chamber of Commerce initiated
- 2002-Douglas County Commission
- 2003-Lawrence City Commission
- 2004-Community Work Groups
- 2005-Draft Plan Proposed
- 2006-Public Education and Outreach
- 2007-Adoption of Plan
- 2008-Implementation of the Plan

#### **Guiding Principles**

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- Voluntary Landowner
- Public/Private Partnerships
- Dual Goal of Open Space Preservation and Economic Development

#### **Plan Components**

- Evaluation criteria for business/industrial parks
- Evaluation criteria for open space
- Implementation process
- Public education and outreach plan
- Funding options
- Bylaws

#### Business/Industrial Implementation Committee

- Larry McElwain, Co Chair
- John Pendletom, Co Chair
- Stacey White
- Ted Boyle
- Mark Gonzales
- John Naramore
- Frank Male
- Roger Boyd, ad hoc

# Industrial/Business Site Evaluation Criteria....

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- Transportation
- Total Potential Acreage
- Average Slope of Site
- Extraordinary Costs
- Existing Local/Regional Plan
- Number of Owners

#### Transportation

- 5-Access to interstate (I-70) less than 1 mile
- 4-Access to interstate 1.1 to 3 miles
- 3-Access to K-10 less than 3 miles
- 2-Access to US 59 less than 3 miles
- 1-Access to US 56 less than 3 miles
- 0-More than 3 miles to state or interstate
- \*.25 weight

# Total Potential Acreage

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- 5-300 or more acres
- 4-no criteria identified
- 3-200-299 acres
- 2-100-199 acres
- 1-no criteria identified
- 0-less than 99 acres
- \*.17 weight

#### Average Slope of Site

- 5-3%-4.99 %
- 4-2% to 2.99% or 5% to 5.99%
- 3-1% to 1.99 % or 6% to 6.99%
- 2-7% to 7.99%
- 1-no criteria identified
- 0-less than .99% or more than 8%
- \*.17 weight

#### **Extraordinary Costs**

- 5-less than \$2 million
- 4-\$2 to \$4.9 million
- 3-\$5 to \$6.9 million
- 2-\$7 to \$9.9 million
- 1-\$10 to \$14.9 million
- 0-\$15 million or more
- \*.17 weight

# Existing Local/Regional Plans

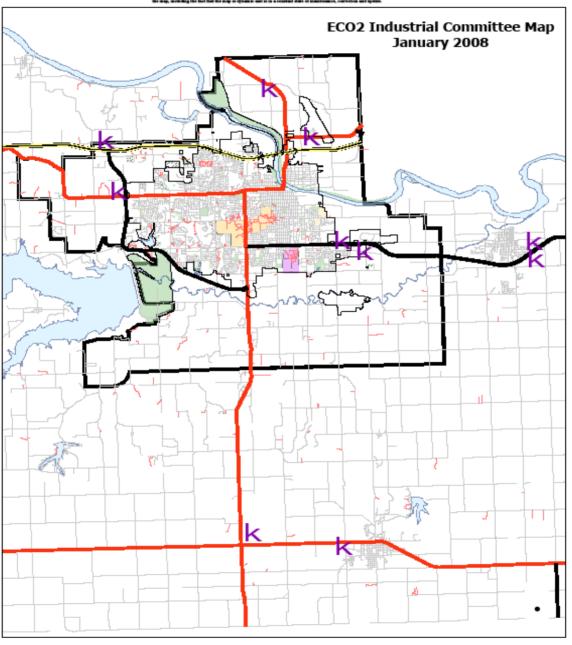


- 5-area located in at least one existing plan
- 4-area located adjacent to existing plan
- 3-area to be planned in 5 years
- 2-area to be planned within 6 to 10 years
- 1-area to be planned within 11 to 25 years
- 0-area not expected to be planned within 25 years
- \*.17 weight

#### Number of Owners

- 5-fewer than 3 owners
- 4-3 to 4 owners
- 3-5 to 6 owners
- 2-7 to 9 owners
- 1-10 to 12 owners
- 0-over 12 owners
- \*.07 weight

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#### **Final Score**

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Baldwin, west city limits	3.32
Baldwin US 56/59	3.06
Eudora, North K-10	3.82
Eudora, South K-10	3.48
<ul> <li>Lawrence, Airport</li> </ul>	3.77
Lawrence, Midland Junction	2.43
<ul> <li>Lawrence, Farmland</li> </ul>	3.24
Lawrence, SE Area	3.64
Lawrence, 6th/SLT	4.27
Lawrence, I-70 Interchange	3.84
Lawrence, Airport 140 acres	3.47
Lawrence, Airport 550 Acres	3.77

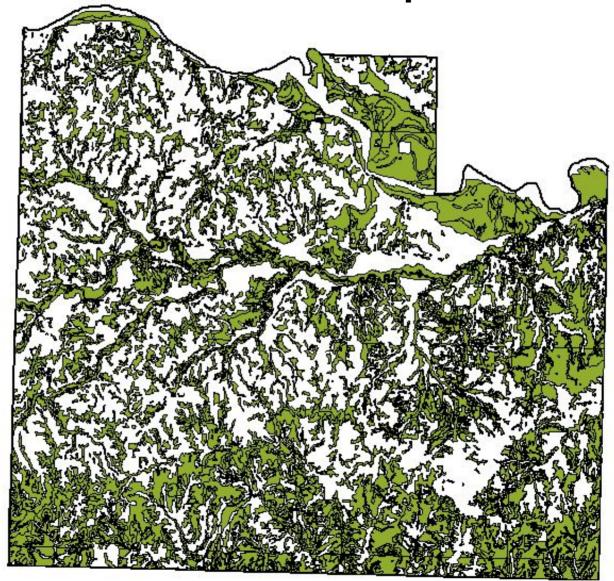
### Potential Open Space Conflicts

\* Farmland Tract: There is a small amount of prime agricultural land. This prime agricultural land was on the tract that lies north of the railroad. The remaining portion of this tract is free of other conflicts. The triangle tract north of the railroad is a minor portion of the over-all site.

\*\* I-70 Interchange Tract: This tract has prime agricultural land. There are no other conflicts directly associated with this tract.

\*\*\* Airport Tract (approximately 140 acres): The entire tract is prime agricultural land. Some of the northwest portion of the tract lies in the floodplain. There are no other conflicting categories on this tract.

#### Prime Soil Map



# Open Space Implementation Committee

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- Rex Buchanan, Co Chair
- Bob Rhoton, Co Chair
- Bev Worster
- Joyce Wolf
- Norman Leary
- Ryan Wedel
- Bill Busby
- Bruce Leise, ad hoc

#### **Open Space RFP**

- Issued in December of 2007
- Two responses
- Need to continue the RFP process to create an inventory of potential projects

# Open Space Site Evaluation Criteria...

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- Water Quality Protection
- Multiple Conservation Values
- Floodplain
- Proximity to intact natural areas
- High risk of urban development
- High risk of rural development
- Accessibility to public
- Proposal with partner funding
- Size of tract
- High quality natural area
- \*all weighted at .10

#### **Baldwin Woods**

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<ul> <li>Water Quality Protection</li> </ul>	Medium	3
<ul> <li>Multiple Conservation</li> </ul>	7 of 10	7
<ul> <li>Floodplain</li> </ul>	No/100 yr.	0
<ul> <li>Proximity to intact natural</li> </ul>	Adjacent/1	5
<ul> <li>High Risk of Urban Dev.</li> </ul>	<2mi.	5

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<ul> <li>High risk of rural development</li> </ul>	<1/2mi.	4
<ul> <li>Accessibility to public</li> </ul>	limited	5
<ul> <li>Partner funding</li> </ul>	19.4%	2
Size of tract	255.82	5
<ul> <li>High quality natural area</li> </ul>	Forest	5

#### **Open Space RFP**

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**Baldwin Woods Project** 4.10

\*No potential conflicts were noted by the Business/Industrial Implementation Committee







### ECO<sup>2</sup> Next Steps 2008 and Beyond



- Implementation of the ECO<sup>2</sup> Plan
- Plan review and adjustment
- Public Education and Outreach

# Proposed Action Steps

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- Funding source
- Agreement on funding ratio and management plan
- Clear criteria of when ECO<sup>2</sup> applies

#### Success Is.....



- A completed open space project
- A completed business/industrial project
- An ongoing commitment to the ECO<sup>2</sup> Plan through future projects
- A prosperous and vibrant community!



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