

**Memorandum
City of Lawrence
Parks and Recreation Department**

DATE: September 10, 2008

TO: Dave Corliss, City Manager
Cynthia Boecker, Assistant City Manager
Diane Stoddard, Assistant City Manager

FROM: Ernie Shaw, Interim Director Parks and Recreation Dept.

CC: Toni Wheeler, Director of Legal Dept.
Scott McCullough, Director Planning and Development

RE: Stultz Property Open Land Donation

In August, we were approached by Michael Stultz, who owns property known as "Emery" farm, located directly north of the intersection of Highway 40 and the South Lawrence Trafficway.

In his current long-range development plans, he would like to donate a parcel of land to the City, consisting of approximately 46 acres for open space and future park use. In his memo of August 12, he also indicated the potential of developing a trail to connect to the South Lawrence Trafficway trail.

Parks and Recreation staff has evaluated the property, concurring with Mr. Stultz's assessment of the property being suitable for open space and future park/trail usage and recommend approval of the donation.

At the Sept. 9 Parks and Recreation Advisory Board meeting, the Board also approved of the recommendation of accepting the donation.

We request this to be placed on an upcoming City Commission meeting agenda for consideration, as well as having the Legal Department review/prepare any other documents needed for Commission approval in accepting the donation.