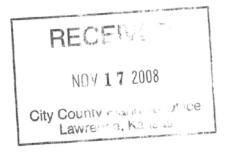
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November 17, 2008

Brad Finkeldei, Chairman Members Lawrence-Douglas County Planning Commission City Hall Lawrence, Kansas 66044



ITEM NO. 11: CPA-2008-7 Environmental Chapter (AMB & MKM)

Dear Chairman Finkeldei and Planning Commissioners:

We wish to comment on the draft environmental chapter of Horizon 2020. The outline includes "Goal 3: Air Resources and Management," but there are no policies listed. There are two subjects that we believe should be addressed in this chapter.

One is climate change (or global warming). While this is a worldwide phenomenon, it is likely to affect Douglas County in the form of hotter summers, less precipitation, and periods of drought that will hurt agriculture. The emission of carbon gases is the major cause.

The second subject is air pollution. The Environmental Protection Administration has recently made the ozone standard more strict. There is no longer an air quality monitoring station in Douglas County. It is possible that Douglas County will be incorporated into the Kansas City airshed, for which attainment of the standard is problematical. There are many sources of ozone; industry and transportation are two major ones.

Horizon 2020 should include policies to address these issues. For example, preservation of vegetation and trees would help. Land use patterns could be designed to encourage walking, cycling, and riding public transit. Anything that reduces traffic congestion would be good.

We would appreciate your consideration of these comments. Thank you.

Sincerely yours

Carrie Lindsey

President

Alan Black, Chairman

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Land Use Committee

A GREEN AGENDA FOR LAWENCE

By Clark H. Coan

Land use

- Create a **greenbelt** around Lawrence (through establishment of a Land Conservation Bank) which will prevent the merging of Lawrence with Topeka and Johnson County (Boulder, Col. and Nantucket Island, Mass.).
- Set up a program to **protect the major natural areas** (wetlands, forests, prairies, riparian habitat) in the city and the county. Hire an environmental planner (Watshtenaw County, Mich.)
- Establish a city-county **Greenways Commission** to plan and implement a greenways system in the city and county which links up parks and natural areas (Raleigh, NC).
- Require **buffers along all streams** and rivers to protect the riparian habitat and reduce flooding (Kansas City, MO & Napa, Cal.). Work to improve water quality in streams in the city and county. Establish a pollution runoff prevention program and a program to remove litter, tires and debris from streams and rivers.
- Adopt a Wetlands Protection Ordinance to preserve, protect and enhance wetlands (Boulder, Col.). Vigorously oppose and withhold all support/aid for any South Lawrence Trafficway route or enhanced 31st Street route through the Baker-Haskell Wetlands.
- Enact a **Pesticide-free Parks & Lawns** Ordinance and phase out the use of pesticides and herbicides in city parks and ultimately on all lawns to protect the health of children and surface water quality (Marblehead, Mass.).
- Issue permits for sand mining pits along river banks in the Douglas county in lieu of
 permits for sand dredging in rivers in order to protect aquatic life and the natural
 flow of rivers.
- Establish a program to **protect prime farmland** with Class 1 and 2 soils from development (Lancaster, Penn. & Davis, Cal.).
- Establish a **Environmental Quality Policy** and require that all new major developments and projects have an two-page **Environmental Assessment**. Hire an environmental planner to prepare the assessments and perform other duties (Seattle, Wash.).

Solid Waste

- **Ban all billboards** within the city and county to reduce visual pollution (San Diego, Cal.).
- Establish a **Zero Waste Commission** and set a **Zero Waste Goal** calling for a 75 percent reduction in city waste by 2015 and zero waste by 2025 (Berkeley, Cal.).

Energy

- Create a Citizens Utility Board to develop and implement a **Community Energy Plan** (Ames, Iowa).
- Add **strict energy conservation** sections to the building codes using the 2008 *California Energy Efficiency Standards for Residential and Nonresidential Buildings* code (California and Seattle, Wash.).
- Establish a **Green Home Program** where all new homes have to be net-zero energy or able to operate completely off the grid by 2015 (Austin, Tex).
- Change the building codes to allow the construction of energy-efficient **straw bale**, **used tire and adobe houses** (Tucson, Ariz.).
- Encourage the use of **alternative sources of energy** by amending the building and tax codes (Davis, Cal.).
- Adopt **conservation rate structures** which encourage conservation--those who use more energy and water should pay more per unit (Spokane, Wash.).
- Conduct a feasibility study of setting up neighborhood-owned wind generators and **rooftop wind generators** (Chicago, Ill., Carroll County, MD).
- Encourage USD 497 to join the **Wind for School Program** which places wind generators near schools so that students can learn about the technology (Dodge City). Ft. Hays University is also installing large wind generators. KU could do the same.
- Require all new public buildings to be **Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED)** certified. Request that the school district, County and KU to do the same. Give a tax break to private companies that build LEED-certified buildings (Dallas, Tex.).
- Change building codes to allow **composting toilets** and **recycled water systems** (Austin, Tex.).

- Set up a monthly **Energy Conservation Lottery** in which households that meet criteria for low energy use earn tickets to win \$1,000 in a random drawing.
- Collaborate with Westar to establish a program to provide **retail- plus guaranteed renewable energy payments** (also called lead-in tariffs) or net metering (avoidant cost) to small, clean energy producers (Germany).
- Establish a **Solar Incentive Rebate Program** to make the installation of solar panels more affordable for residents, businesses and non-profits. Set a goal of 2,000 rooftops with photovoltaic arrays. The program would provide incentive payments to qualified applicants ranging from \$3,000-6,000 for residential installations and up to \$10,000 for commercial installations (San Francisco, Cal.).
- Install **mico-hydro** turbines in the water outflow pipes of the City's water towers to produce electricity. Encourage Bowersock Mills to install additional turbines on the north side of the Kansas River Dam and below the Clinton Lake Dam.
- Create a **Carbon Offset Fund** to finance local carbon off-set projects. City departments (and individuals and businesses on a voluntary basis) would contribute "carbon offset" fees into the fund for each airline trip taken. The fund would pay out to nonprofit organizations to replace outdated household appliances and install solar panels and through their work remove carbon dioxide from the air and help cut down on greenhouse gas emissions (San Francisco, Cal.).
- Have the City work with Westar and KU to develop and implement a Renewable Energy Portfolio Standard where they increase procurement from eligible renewable energy resources by at lest one percent of their retail sales annual, until they reach 20% by 2020 (California).

Other

- Provide incentives to major area polluters (i.e., ICL Performance Products plant, City of Lawrence, Westar Energy Plant) to work toward a "Zero Discharge" goal (air and water pollutants).
- Adopt and enforce a **strict noise and air pollution inspection ordinance for vehicles**. Require annual inspections and permits (Portland, Ore.).
- Adopt a program to encourage the establishment of **Green Roofs** on top of public and commercial buildings to reduce energy consumption (Chicago, Ill.).
- Adopt a stringent **tree preservation ordinance** to protect trees in new developments and along streams and ridgelines. Require builders to retain large trees located on lots

when possible [and protect the roots from compacted soil during construction] (Lake Forest, Ill.).

- Enact a **Xeriscape Landscaping** Ordinance which applies to new multifamily, commercial and industrial development to conserve water by using established xeriscape principles in landscape design such as the use of drought-tolerant plants such as improved buffalo grass. (Tucson, Ariz.).
- Set up a fund to support the expansion and survival of locally-owned Green businesses that support **local self-reliance and sustainability**. The fund would also provide start-up capital for new businesses designated as "needed" (based on their relationship to basic needs and the county's current dependence on imports to supply them). Create a BEST Business Center to offer free technical and financial assistance to help area businesses adopt **green practices** (Portland, Ore.).
- Adopt a **Climate Change Goals and Action Plan** which adopts greenhouse gas reduction targets for Lawrence: 25% below 1990 levels by 2018, 40% below 1990 levels by 2025, and 80% below 1990 levels by 2050.



Kansas Alliance For Wetlands and Streams UPPER WAKARUSA WRAPS

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MEMORANDUM

DATE: November 17, 2008

TO: Amy Brown, Lawrence-Douglas County Planning

FROM: Tom Huntzinger, Upper Wakarusa WRAPS Coordinator

CC: Suggested edits to the draft Outline and Overview

SUBJECT: Horizon 2020 Environmental Chapter- suggested edits to outline

We appreciate the opportunity to review and comment on the draft Outline, Overview and Strategies documents for Horizon 2020. The concepts described in the documents are appropriate and we support them. The Upper Wakarusa Watershed Restoration and Protection Strategy is focused on activities and conservation practices in the watershed that will protect the water quality of Clinton Lake. Natural resource preservation, sustainable development, and stormwater management included in the documents are essential elements that address water quality protection as well as enhancing the natural environment.

The state has determined that stream channel degradation is a substantial contributor to contaminant transport to Clinton Lake. Protecting and restoring stream corridors to achieve an ecologically sustainable habitat is key to decreasing channel degradation by stabilizing stream banks with native vegetation and providing a natural buffer to filter out contaminants. We have made some suggested edits to both the Outline and the Overview that we believe will strengthen the concepts related to stream corridors and stream degradation.

Please find attached copies of each document with suggested edits included.

We look forward to future opportunities to support this very important effort.

Horizon 2020 - Environmental Chapter Outline

- 1) Overview
- General Information and Strategies (General description of topics listed below under goals, species identification, area identification, definitions, etc.)
- 3) Goals:
 - i) Environmental Education
 - (1) Programs/Outreach
 - ii) Water Resources and Management
 - (1) Floodplain and stream corridors
 - (2) Watershed
 - (3) Wetlands (Maybe mentioned under Lands below as well)
 - (4) Surface Rivers, Streams, Creeks, and Lakes
 - (5) Sub-surface Water Resources
 - (6) Wastewater Treatment
 - (7) Stormwater
 - iii) Lands and Habitat Management
 - (1) Soil
 - (a) Topography and Slope
 - (b) Prime Agricultural Farmland
 - (2) Woodlands
 - (3) Native Prairie Riparian Aveas
 - (4) Habitat for Endangered Species (Plants, Animals, and Fish)
 - (5) Scenic Vistas
 - iv) Energy Conservation and Waste Reduction
 - (1) Health (Air Quality)
 - (2) Noise and Light Pollution
 - (3) Resource Management Reduction, Reuse and Recycling
 - (a) Conservation of Water, Electricity, etc.
 - (i) Promotion of non-irrigated landscaping
 - (b) Alternative Energy
 - (4) Waste Management Reduction, Reuse and Recycling
 - (a) Recycling
 - (b) Hazardous Waste
 - v) Sustainable Development
 - (1) Transportation/Transit
 - (2) LEED/Green Building/Reuse

<u>Draft Environmental Chapter to Horizon 2020</u> <u>Chapter 16 – Environment (CPA-2008-07)</u>

Overview:

Stream Corridors (buffers)

Douglas County has a rich and valuable environmental heritage that is characterized by a variety of environmental and natural conditions. Prairies, rivers, orests, wetlands, and other natural areas provide scenic beauty, recreation, natural habitats, and opportunities for interpretation and education. Natural areas are an important component of the quality of life for residents and the need for protection of these natural areas is an important component in planning for growth and development in Douglas County.

In addition to natural areas, other important environmental facets contribute to the overall health of the environment and community. Sustainable, low-impact development is recognized as an ever increasing and important part of an environmental preservation plan. Air quality, waste management, and resource management all contribute to protecting the health of our environment, as well

as the personal health of the residents of Douglas County.

Strategies: Environment

Consider the impact upon environmental and natural resources in all planning efforts, including balancing the need for land development with environmental considerations.

Promote sustainable and efficient management of water, land and habitat resources.

Establish effective incentives for natural resource preservation, sustainable development and waste management.

Develop educational programs to foster community awareness of and support for the protection and enhancement of natural areas, efficient use of natural resources and waste management.

Encourage environmental policies and programs to secure the communities future economic, ecological and social health.

clean water

From: Scott McCullough

Sent: Wednesday, November 19, 2008 11:18 AM

To: Amy Brown (Miller); Mary Miller

Cc: Sheila Stogsdill

Subject: FW: meeting today

Fyi.

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From: Crystal Miles

Sent: Wednesday, November 19, 2008 10:39 AM

To: Mark Hecker Cc: Scott McCullough Subject: meeting today

Mark,

I got a call this morning from Frank Male at Lawrence Landscape representing several upset local landscape companies about new regulations being proposed with this Environmental proposal that may place restrictions on irrigation systems and commercial landscape code.

This may impact our park systems as well and we have not had any input or review on this proposal.

The landscape companies said they will have representation at the meeting this evening, and requested we do the same to support our park interests. I have not yet read this proposal, nor how it will effect irrigation of landscapes and parks.

Here is the link. http://www.lawrenceks.org/pds/H2020-Env



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<u>CMM's suggestions for Draft Environmental Chapter to Horizon 2020</u> <u>Chapter 16 – Environment (CPA-2008-07)</u>

Overview:

Douglas County has a rich and valuable environmental heritage replete with rivers, forests, wetlands, a few scattered virgin prairies, and other natural areas. Coupled with vast acreage of rich farmland, Douglas County boasts scenic beauty, recreation opportunities, as well as natural habitats for study and appreciation. All these natural resources greatly enhance the quality of life for Douglas County residents. The need to protect them is an important component in planning for growth and development in Douglas County. While land development is important to economic vitality, natural resources and climate protection are increasingly recognized as equally important to the health and vitality of the community and must be protected for future generations.

Strategies: Environment

Consider the impact upon environmental and natural resources in all planning efforts, including balancing the need for land development with reduction in green house gas emissions as outlined in the City's Climate Protection Plan. .

Promote sustainable and efficient management of water, land and habitat resources.

Establish effective incentives for natural resource preservation, sustainable development and waste management in compliance with the City Climate Protection Plan.

Develop educational programs to foster community awareness of and support for the protection and enhancement of natural areas, efficient use of natural resources and waste management.

Encourage environmental policies and programs to secure the communities future economic, ecological and social health.

Comment [CMM1]: Sustainable is too general a term therefore has no meaningful significance. Be more specific here.

Comment [SLR2]: Is this really an appropriate role and responsibility of the City and County?

From: Scott McCullough

Sent: Wednesday, November 19, 2008 9:35 AM

To: Amy Brown (Miller); Mary Miller **Subject:** FW: Environmental Chapter

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From: Greg Moore [mailto:Greg@MooreValuation.com]

Sent: Wednesday, November 19, 2008 9:11 AM

To: Scott McCullough; Sheila Stogsdill Subject: FW: Environmental Chapter

FYI.

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From:

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Subject: Environmental Chapter

Dear Commissioners,

My family and I farm and own property in Douglas County. We have worked very hard over the past decades to make a living for ourselves and our employees by farming in Douglas and surrounding counties. We value our right to own and hold property and put it to it's best possible use. We also rent land from individuals who want to see their property put to it's best possible use. Please keep in mind our personal property rights when considering a new environmental chapter to Horizon 2020. Please also keep in mind the fact that we are already under scrutiny by many governmental agencies as to how our property may be used. Please don't further limit our children and grandchildren's options for managing their inherited property. There is a process in place now to designate scenic vistas, woodlands, wetlands and buildings as historic.

I'm sorry that I won't be able to attend the public meeting tonight, but I wanted to let you know that those of us farming in Douglas County

do not want to see our property rights restricted, and our land devalued because of more and more regulations.

Thank you.

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From: pssethi@gmail.com on behalf of Simran Sethi [simran@ku.edu]

Sent: Sunday, November 16, 2008 11:25 AM

To: Amy Brown (Miller)

Subject: Horizon Environmental Chapter Feedback

Dear Amy,

Thanks again for soliciting feedback.

I love the overview and wish we at the CPTF (climate protection task force) had adopted a similar time line of education and then effort. Perhaps there could also be some mention of greenhouse gas mitigation, as well?

In regards to the outline, it looks very comprehensive.

My only questions/ comments are:

- * Would irrigation plans also fall under water management?
- * In regards to Goal 3 (and Goal 1, for that matter), how does this tie back into our primary energy source ie coal which is a large source of air and water contamination.
- * Would Goal 3 be an area to mention climate change or greenhouse gas emissions?
- * You may also want to consider indoor air quality (if that's not too tangential). EPA has determined indoor air quality is often twice as bad as outdoor air due to industrial cleaners, off-gassing of paints and varnishes, etc.
- * Goal 4 has a lot of stuff in it it might be good to split resource and waste management into two goals
- * Under Policy 4.2, you may also want to split source reduction from waste diversion and break down the types of recycling (composting, e-waste, etc.)
- * In Policy 5.2, I would be careful with suggesting LEED. It is a great program but the paperwork involved and costs for actual certification are high. It might be more useful to have an established set of building criteria. Also, this is another big policy. It might be useful to split transport and transit apart to allow for exploration of bike paths, etc.
- * Under Goal 6, I would add educational outreach to schools, business, and industry as well as community and municipal outreach.

Thanks again for reaching out. I hope this is useful. In case you need background on those making comments, I am a member of the Sustainability Advisory Board, am on the City's Climate Protection Task Force (and chair the working group on Policy, Education and Outreach) and am a sustainability journalist by trade.

My best, Simran

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I am a student at KU and serve on the Lawrence Sustainability Advisory Board. The news that the Planning Commission and staff in the Planning Department are working on a Draft Environmental Chapter for the Horizon 2020 document is great. Given the centrality of the relationship between the built and natural environments to the values of many Lawrencians, it is more than appropriate to have a chapter devoted to that relationship in the comprehensive planning document. Class prohibits me from attending the November 19 meeting, so I would like to submit comments electronically. I would humbly recommend:

- Overview: In addition to beauty, recreation, natural habitats, and opportunities for interpretation and education (all essential provisions), I think it would be appropriate to mention the intrinsic value of certain natural conditions in providing ecosystem services or in providing guidance for the relative suitability of different kinds of development. Environmental quality and suitability is quantifiable, and with a research institute like KU on the hill, planning and development decisions can be based on scientific information. Ideally, we could and would incorporate environmental functioning in all planning efforts and embrace land development that maintains or improves environmental functioning.
- First point in the Strategies Section: Though this portion of the document is a broad brush stroke, use of the word "consider" might be counterproductive in setting up definable goals, policies, decision-making standards, and monitoring later. It may seem like a small gesture, but if the intention of the Strategies Section is to define ways in which the values outlined in the Overview are included in planning, a word stronger than "consider" might be appropriate. Some suggestions: account for impacts, include quantifiable impacts.
- First point in the Strategies Section: Again, it might seem small but use of the phrase
 "environmental considerations" rather than "environmental quality", "ecosystem functioning",
 or "ecosystem services maintenance" might hamstring later efforts to quantify the existing
 conditions and forecasted future outcomes used in decision making.
- Second and third points in the Strategies Section: Though it would be inappropriate to do so
 here, at some point the terms "sustainable" and "sustainability" will have to be defined. They
 can be nebulous terms meaning many different things when discussing environmental, social,
 and economic indicators. In the interest of defining specific and explicit goals, use of the word
 might want to be avoided, reduced, or buttressed with strong definitions.

Thank you for all of the hard work you do for the benefit of the citizens of Lawrence.

Respectfully,

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From: Nancy Thellman [nthellman@hughes.net]
Sent: Wednesday, November 19, 2008 10:03 AM

To: Amy Brown (Miller) **Subject:** comment on Env. Chapter

Amy,

I'm unable to make the Planning Commission meeting tonight (11/19/08) where public comment will be received regarding the new Environmental Chapter of H2020. So I'm sending this brief note to add my two cents to what will undoubtedly be a long (but hopefully fruitful!) process:

About the overview and strategy: While it's true that protecting/preserving our environment is aesthetically pleasing and is good for our physical health and well being, taking care of our environment is critical to our economy as well. If this chapter doesn't establish the connection between environmental health and economic health, it won't be taken seriously by the business and development community who arguably hold the most power when it comes to planning. (To this point, I'm wondering if members of the development community, Chamber, traditional agriculture etc are being sought out for their opinions/advice/input on our environmental needs? The broader the community voice from the outset--especially from folks who are not traditionally identified as environmentalists-- the better the chance this chapter might actually be embraced by all concerned parties in the future...).

Of course, I'd like to see a very strong section on sustainability--that goes to the basics, like ensuring sources of food and water for future generations. To that end, I'm wondering if sustainability will need a very prominent place in the document, to include not only sustainable technology (transportation and LEED projects, but even more basic concerns like sustainable agriculture and future food production). The APA actually has a policy guide on planning for local and regional food systems. How and where might we include real plans for significant sustainability planning--or will that require another new chapter?

Most of all, though, I'd like to say thanks already for the significant work you and your committee has put in to this new chapter. I truly appreciate the effort to invite the public into the process early on, and I look forward to seeing our community create a new planning chapter that is sorely needed--and wanted!

Nancy Thellman

From: White, Stacey Swearingen [sswhite@ku.edu]
Sent: Tuesday, November 18, 2008 11:47 AM

To: Amy Brown (Miller)

Subject: RE: Updates regarding Environmental Chapter to Horizon 2020

Hi Amy!

Seeing this morning's article (front page!) on this initiative reminded me that I needed to respond to you about this outline. Is tomorrow night's meeting focused only on this, or on other issues as well? I ask because my in-laws are arriving right before dinner, so I probably shouldn't charge off for a meeting at 6:30. Please let me know if it would be worthwhile for me to come later and how long you think the meeting will last.

Regarding the working outline, I think it looks really good and comprehensive. I have just a few small comments that I will share here:

- 1) Under stormwater management, you might consider 2 subsections, one on water quantity (flooding) and another on water quality.
- 2) For Policy 2.4.b, do you think it might be better to refer to "sensitive" species? The word "endangered" suggests the federal Endangered Species Act, and there may be other species of concern here.
- 3) Under Human and Built Environment, would it be worthwhile to include something on human health and active living? I know a couple of your fellow planners were at that conference recently in Wichita and drawing connections between environmental protection and public health is a hot topic (and might bring in a larger constituency of support).

Again, I really like this outline and am glad to see it delving into a broader sense of environment than just open space and water. That's great.

I look forward to further involvement! Hope all is well with you. Have I congratulated you yet on your new name? :-)

Best, Stacey

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From: Amy Brown [mailto:amybrown@ci.lawrence.ks.us]

Sent: Wednesday, November 12, 2008 12:16 PM

To: White, Stacey Swearingen

Subject: Updates regarding Environmental Chapter to Horizon 2020

Message to Stakeholders:

Subject: New chapter in Horizon 2020 concerning environmental issues

The Lawrence \square Douglas County Planning Office, in conjunction with the Planning Commission \square s Comprehensive Plans Committee (CPC), has begun a process to draft a new chapter in Horizon 2020 concerning environmental issues. You are

receiving this email because the CPC has identified you as a project stakeholder and you wish to be kept informed of the progress of the chapter.

The Planning Commission will hold a public hearing regarding the draft outline and overview for the new Environmental Chapter at their November 19, 2008 meeting. The meeting starts at 6:30pm and will be located at City Hall, 6 E 6th Street in the City Commission room.

The CPC has developed a working outline, as well as a basic overview with strategies that will set the tone for the chapter as it evolves.

The purpose of the public hearing at the November 19th Planning Commission meeting is to collect specific comments from the Commissioners and the public regarding the chapter outline and overview. The CPC would like to encourage specific comments regarding anything that might be missing from the outline.

The project website (http://www.lawrenceks.org/pds/H2020-Env) has been updated with the latest timeline, meeting notes, outline and draft overview. In addition, materials for review can also be found on our website as part of the Planning Commission □s agenda packet. (http://www.lawrenceks.org/pds/pc_agendas_minutes)

Comments and questions can be directed to Amy Brown at (785) 832-3166, amybrown@ci.lawrence.ks.us <mailto:amybrown@ci.lawrence.ks.us < ref. or P.O. Box 708, Lawrence, KS 66044.

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