Douglas County has launched an 18-month planning process to establish the Douglas County Open Space Plan. The resulting Open Space Plan will be a broad policy guide toward prioritizing a range of ecosystems and land uses, such as prairie, floodplain, agriculture, historic sites, trails, and more.

Access to open space can provide these community benefits:

- **Active healthy lifestyles** and connection to nature
- **Flood control**, sustained stormwater management and resilience
- **Enduring rural character** and agricultural sectors
- **Enhanced ecological integrity**, native landscapes and wildlife habitat
- **Respect for community history** and intergenerational, multicultural legacy of place

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The planning process will:

- ✓ Collect and consider resident input on ways to enjoy and preserve open spaces into the future
- ✓ Explore incentives for creative and voluntary conservation

The Open Space Plan will NOT:

- ✗ Interfere with the right of landowners or private property
- ✗ Create new, or revoke existing, regulations

The Douglas County open space team requests your valuable feedback. Your input is important and will help shape the Open Space Plan and future open space opportunities in Douglas County.

- **COMPLETE and return the enclosed survey by July 1.**
- **CALL the toll-free, 24/7 Douglas County open space hotline at 785-236-7415.**
  - » Listen to neighbors tell stories about how they connect to land and leave us a message with your open space ideas.
- **SUBMIT a photo of your favorite place in Douglas County and you could win!**
  - » You could win a gift card and have your photo featured in the final plan! Call or email the contact below for details on how to enter.
- **ATTEND an upcoming public meeting:**
  - » Thursday, June 8th from 5:30pm-7pm@Lawrence Public Library
  - » Friday, June 9th from 1:30pm-3pm@Lone Star Lake Community Building

Are you a savvy web user? You can also visit dgcoks.org/openspace to complete the survey online, access the photo competition, and read more about the project.

Questions?

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Scan here to visit our website and complete the survey online.