The Douglas County Open Space Plan will guide decision makers in prioritizing a range of ecosystems and land uses. This plan is a local effort intended to:

PROTECT shared community values and county character

IDENTIFY voluntary land management options and partnerships

FOSTER appreciation and access to nature for future generations

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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This local 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 rights of landowners or infringe on private property
- ✗ Create new, or revoke existing, regulations

How will the Open Space Plan benefit me?

- **Are you an outdoor enthusiast or a resident who wants to get outside with your family and friends?** The county wants to know about the recreational activities you want more space for, so we can create a program that is relevant to our community.
- **Are you a landowner who might be interested in options to help manage your land in the future, options that keep your land thriving and natural?** The county wants to hear from you, so they can explore solutions that would remove some of the burden of private land conservation.
- **Do you experience barriers to enjoying the outdoors?** The county wants to hear how we can improve access to open spaces for everyone to better live, learn, and play.
- **Do you enjoy visiting outdoor spaces to learn about and appreciate community history?** The county wants to hear what spaces are significant to you and identify opportunities to preserve and explore diverse histories.

Questions?
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