

LAND ACCESS PROGRAM APPLICATION



PROGRAM DESCRIPTION

The Land Access Program (LAP) provides land use agreements to area farmers of varying farming experience and scale. Currently, the use agreements include land, irrigation water, and dry storage. LAP is public land located at the Historic Poor Farm which is owned by Johnson County and is developing under a 10-year master plan that includes improvements to the historic, recreation, local food production, and land conservation elements on site. If you have questions about the public use of this land and the proposed future improvements, please refer to the master plan located on the Johnson County [website](#) or contact Vanessa Fixmer-Oraiz at vanessa@ivr.cd.org.

Names of All Farmers:

Business Name, if applicable:

Contact Person

Name:

Address:

Phone:

Email:

You will be contacted at the above address for all official documents. It is up to the applicant to keep their contact information updated. For any changes to this information, submit them to Vanessa Fixmer-Oraiz at vanessa@ivr.cd.org.

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Application Questions

1. Describe your interest in farming and explain why you want to be a farmer?
2. Describe the farm you wish to establish at the Historic Poor Farm. What crop(s) do you plan to grow and what size do you want your farm to be? Tell us the minimum and maximum amount of land you are interested in farming.
3. What markets are you planning on selling to? Why do you think your products will sell? Have you done any market analysis or research?
4. Describe your previous experience farming.
5. List your farming strengths and weaknesses. For example, you are skilled at operating agricultural equipment.
6. How will you overcome your challenges and improve upon your weaknesses while farming?
7. If you are accepted, how do you see your farm in three years? Do you envision transitioning off after your three-year tenure at the Historic Poor Farm is complete?
8. No housing is located on site, thus you will need to commute to the farm. Describe a typical schedule you may have at the farm. For example, you plan on working on the farm Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays between 8am and noon and evenings after 5pm.
9. Is there anything else about you and your plans that we should know about you at this juncture?

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Please provide two references who we may contact.

Reference 1:

Name:
Address:
Relationship:
Email: Phone:

Reference 2:

Name:
Address:
Relationship:
E-mail: Phone:

SUBMISSION OF AN APPLICATION DOES NOT GUARANTEE RENTAL OF A FARM SITE. USE OF A FARM SITE IS ONLY ALLOWED AFTER APPROVAL AND EXECUTION OF AN ACCEPTABLE FARM SITE USE AGREEMENT WITH YOU BY THE CHAIRPERSON OF THE JOHNSON COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS. Note that the English language version of any such contract shall be the original, governing version, even if this Application or other related documents are made available in another language.

Land Access Program Timeline

Application Available.....December 17, 2018
Application Due.....January 18, 2019
Committee Decision & Notification.....February 1, 2019
Contract Begins.....March 1, 2019
Mandatory Farm Meeting.....March 18, 2019
Crop Plan Due.....April 1, 2019
Mid-Season Meeting.....June 24, 2019
End-of-Season Meeting.....October 28, 2019
Out of Field.....December 31, 2019

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2019 Rental Rates

The following rates pertain to the listed infrastructural items and are available for an annual fee.

Item	Year One Fee	Year Two Fee	Year Three Fee	Unit of measurement
Land	\$25	\$35	\$35	Per 1/8 acre
Irrigation Water Access	\$100	\$150	\$150	Per Year
Covered storage (approximately. 200 sq. ft.)	\$50/bay	\$100/bay	\$100/bay	Bay

Additional Services Available

Item	Year One Fee	Year Two Fee	Year Three Fee	Unit of measurement
Staff Consultation/ Trainings	First Hour Free (\$30/hour)	First Hour Free (\$30/hour)	First Hour Free (\$30/hour)	First Hour Free (\$30/hour)
Custom Field Work	<u>Based on Current ISU Custom Farm Rate Survey</u>			

*Electrical access is for illumination purposes only in the North Shed. Additional access must be approved in advance by staff and fees may apply.

** Additional items may be available in subsequent years, such as cooler space and shared hand tools. Farmers will be notified when these become available.

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