



Community Focus

Wanted 30

Highly Motivated Individuals with Demonstrated Leadership Potential

If you are involved in production agriculture or agribusiness, male or female, in the general age range of 25-45 and intent on making a difference, you could be among those thirty individuals selected for:

Nebraska LEAD Group XX

A leadership program designed to develop those problem solvers, decision makers and spokespersons, for both agriculture and the state of Nebraska.

Soon celebrating twenty years of service

—Presently Over 500 Alumni—

Application deadline is June 15, 2000

For application or reapplication materials, call the Nebraska LEAD program at (402)472-6810. (GB)

Celebrating Nebraska's Farms and Ranches

by Roy Frederick, Ag Economics, Extension Policy Specialist

It's time to celebrate. We often spend a great deal of time worrying about the challenges of farming and ranching. But now, as the new millennium begins, USDA wants to honor agricultural operations that have been in the same family for 100 years. Appropriately so.

The program is called "Celebrating America's Century Farms." Some nice acknowledgments are planned. For one thing, qualifying farms will receive a commemorative Century Farm certificate. Century Farms are to be grouped by state and county on USDA's Internet site. The farm name and owners will be

included. Moreover, a photo gallery is planned of at least some of the farms and those who operate them.

Those who apply for recognition should be able to answer "yes" to the following three questions:

1. Has the farm been owned within the same family for 100 years?
2. Is the farm currently being used for agricultural production?
3. Does the farm contain at least 10 acres of the original homestead?

The national program begins

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The City of Lincoln and Lancaster County announced a joint effort to examine future urban and rural development in the Stevens Creek Basin. The purpose of this effort is to determine how the Stevens Creek Basin area fits within the Lincoln and Lancaster County's overall long term growth objectives. The map below illustrates the Stevens Creek Basin area.

The City of Lincoln and Lancaster County would like to hear from citizens and community groups regarding the future of the Stevens Creek Basin.



Date
May 20 (Saturday)
8:30 a.m. to 12 p.m.

May 22 (Monday)
6:30 to 9 p.m.

Location
Grace Lutheran Church
11640 "A" Street
Walton, NE
Hidden Valley Golf Course
Club House
10501 Pine Lake Road

The open houses are informal. Open house participants can come and go at any time during the scheduled time. For more information regarding the Community Open Houses, please contact Terry Brinkman in the Planning Department at 441-7603 or visit the Stevens Creek Basin Planning Initiative web-site at: <http://www.ci.lincoln.ne.us/city/plan/screen/index.htm>

1. Defined Study Area:

The primary area generally encompasses the Stevens Creek Drainage Basin, a 52 square mile area. The study will concentrate on the drainage basin.

A secondary area has also been defined. This secondary area includes areas surrounding the basin that might influence urban and rural development within the basin.

2. Evolving Issues:

The Stevens Creek Basin Planning Initiative will examine potential issues related to the following planning and development categories:

Natural Resources and Open Space: Includes issues related to the natural resources in the basin such as floodplains, sensitive areas, wetlands, soils, topography, scenic corridors.

Parks and Recreation: Includes the possible need for park and recreational facilities to serve the area.

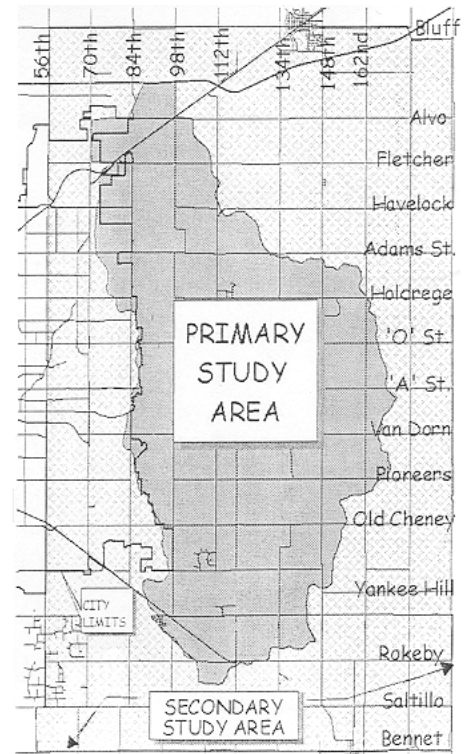
Agriculture: The relationship of the agricultural sector and urban and rural development within the basin.

Residential: Issues related to both the density of residential structures, the types and design of housing, and the real estate market for housing.

Transportation/Circulation: Includes different modes of transportation, including streets, highways, public transit, railroads and trails.

Public Infrastructure and Utilities: Includes potential issues of providing public infrastructure and utilities within the basin.

Community Facilities: The need for fire protection, public safety, schools, libraries, etc. within the basin.



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Progress Report—Lancaster Event Center

Project construction continues to remain ahead of schedule. Despite some days with high winds, the weather has been very friendly for construction work.

Concrete footings and stem wall construction is complete for Pavilion one and two and is nearing completion for the multipurpose building.

Steel frame work for Pavilion one and two is completed and nearly completed for



Grading for the Amy Countryman Outdoor Arena.

the multipurpose building. Installation of the roof covering began in late April, but progress was halted with dangerously high winds for the working crew.

The Event Center grounds grass has germinated after receiving some timely rain.

Construction of the Amy Countryman Outdoor

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Animal wash bays.



Exterior wall under construction.
Photos courtesy of Joel Armstrong.