

LAND STEWARDSHIP ASSISTANCE FOR DOUGLAS COUNTY, KANSAS



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Foreword

Dear Douglas County Resident,

Douglas County, Kansas, is situated in an ecotone, a transition zone between the deciduous forests of the eastern half of the United States and the grasslands of the Great Plains. It is a landscape of reservoirs, rivers, wetlands, and streams; of prairies, pastures, ponds; of woodland and farmland.

Douglas County is also home to approximately 120,000 humans who live, work, and play in our rural landscape, in our cities, and all the spaces in between. Residents of Douglas County and those who wish to become residents value the rural and agricultural character of the county's unincorporated areas and the natural resources that make this area a desirable place to live.

Building a home and living in a rural setting has unique advantages and challenges. Before you buy land or a country home, it is important to realize that living in the country is quite different from living in the city. You and your family will face many new responsibilities, chores, and, in some cases, extra expenses for living in the country. In addition, some services available in the city may not always be readily available in the country.

This document is a resource guide for those living or planning to live in the unincorporated areas of Douglas County. Topics range from animal control to pond management to zoning codes. All the agencies and organizations referenced in this document are committed to the health, safety, and welfare of Douglas County residents and the land they care for. It is designed to help prospective and current property owners find the information and resources to manage their land for health, safety, sustainability, and enjoyment.

Land Acknowledgment Statement

Douglas County honors and acknowledges the original stewards of the land that makes up the County, including the Kaw/Kansa, Wazhazhe (original tribal name, Ni-U-Ko'n-Ska)/Osage, and Shawano/Shawnee peoples.

Douglas County recognizes that the foundation of current land use and land access is inextricably tied to the forceful removal of Indigenous communities, cultures, and their lifeways from the land. The removal and relocation of Native American Tribes has resulted in fundamental ecological changes and systematic oppression that continues to impact Douglas County's human and non-human community members.



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Frequently Asked Questions

1. I want to subdivide my land to develop, sell, or give to a family member. Where do I start?

Please see the minimum acreage and frontage requirements in the County Code ([Chpt. 11 Subdivision Regulations](#) and [Chpt. 12 Zoning](#)) and contact **Zoning and Codes** with questions.

Phone: 785-331-1344
Email: zoning@dgcoks.gov

The **Kansas Society of Land Surveyors** lists surveyors working in Douglas County. When choosing a surveyor, ask to ensure they are familiar with Douglas County’s regulations.

Phone: 785-234-7983
Email: info@ksls.com
Website: <https://www.ksls.com/>

2. I want to re-zone my land. Where do I start?

Contact the **Lawrence-Douglas County Planning Department** to schedule a pre-application meeting. Appraisal classification is independent of zoning.

Phone: 785-832-7700
Email: planning@lawrenceks.org



3. I am purchasing land in the unincorporated area of Douglas County to build a home. What do I need to know, and where do I find the information?

| If planning to buy land in Douglas County, one needs to consider: | Resource | Website |
|--|--|---|
| How many acres do you want, and what is your price range? | Lawrence Board of Realtors | https://www.lawrencerealtor.com/property-for-sale/ |
| What are the proposed uses of the land? Examples - home site, agriculture, timber, wildlife habitat | | |
| What are the water sources? Examples - rural water district, lake/ponds, well, stream/creek | Property viewer, Google Earth, rural water districts (Appendix H) | |
| What are the desired characteristics? Examples - topography, road surface | Google Earth | Google Earth |
| Who will provide utilities? Examples - rural water district, electricity, natural gas/propane, solar, wind turbine, trash collection, internet | Maps of water districts (Appendix F), electricity providers (Appendix G) | |
| Is there a preferred township? | Map of townships (Appendix C) | |
| Things to know before you buy if you plan to build a house: | Resource | Website |
| Is it a buildable parcel? | Zoning and Codes 785-331-1344 | https://www.dgcoks.gov/zoning-and-codes |
| Is the parcel vested for home construction (split legally per existing code at the time)? | Zoning and Codes 785-331-1344 | https://www.dgcoks.gov/zoning-and-codes |
| If not vested, is the parcel 20 acres or more in size? | Zoning and Codes 785-331-1344 | https://www.dgcoks.gov/zoning-and-codes |
| Have you obtained Public Health Dept. approval for the septic system? | LDCPH Septic/Well Applications 785-843-3060 | https://ldchealth.org/508/Environmental-Health |
| Does the parcel meet access management standards? | Zoning and Codes 785-331-1344 | https://www.dgcoks.gov/zoning-and-codes |
| Is there approval by a rural water district for a meter, or does the property have a well approved by the Public Health Dept.? | Map of Rural Water Districts (Appendix H) | |
| Are 3 contiguous acres outside of the floodplain? | Zoning and Codes 785-331-1344 | https://www.dgcoks.gov/zoning-and-codes |
| Does your house plan meet building codes so you can obtain a building permit? | Zoning and Codes 785-331-1344 | https://www.dgcoks.gov/zoning-and-codes/building-code#permits |
| Have you completed the Entrance Permit and arranged for the township to complete the road cut? | Zoning and Codes 785-331-1344 | https://www.dgcoks.gov/zoning-and-codes |
| What other information do you need? | Rural Property Information | https://www.dgcoks.gov/rural-property-information |

4. I want to protect my land from future development.

A. Conservation Land Trusts (conservation easements)

A conservation land trust is a private, non-profit organization that acquires land or conservation easements to limit commercial development and preserve open space, natural areas, or agricultural land.

Kansas Land Trust (KLT)

KLT permanently protects Kansas lands of ecological or agricultural importance or lands of historic, scenic, and recreational merit. KLT crafts a customized conservation agreement for each landowner. Once the conservation agreement is in place, KLT works to ensure that the lands are protected forever. KLT also works with other conservation organizations to preserve large, contiguous tracts of land.

Phone: 785-749-3297
Address: PO Box 508,
Lawrence, KS 66044
Website: www.klt.org

Ranchland Trust of Kansas

Ranchland Trust cooperates with voluntary ranchers and conservation partners to create perpetual conservation easements. These partnerships help the environment, wildlife, and ecosystems of Kansas and aid land stewards in achieving successful financial goals for their operations and families.

Phone: 785-273-5115
Email: rtk@kla.org
Address: 6031 SW 37th St, Topeka, KS 66614
Website: <https://ranchlandtrustofkansas.org>

B. Re-zoning

Agriculture and Natural Resources Protection Agreement

Agricultural parcels may be reduced to the minimum area permitted by the Douglas County Sanitary Code (buildable lot), provided the development on

the remainder of the parcel is prohibited with the recording of an executed agricultural/natural resource protection agreement. The agreement remains in effect until the property is annexed into a city or rezoned to a district that permits greater density.

Zone to Open Space

Douglas County is working on guidelines for establishing an open space zoning district.

Phone: 785-832-5157
[Douglas County Open Space Plan](https://www.dgcoks.gov/administration/sustainability)
<https://www.dgcoks.gov/administration/sustainability>

County Operations and Government

COUNTY ADMINISTRATION

Phone: 785-832-5268
Address: Douglas County Courthouse, 1100 Massachusetts Street, Lawrence, KS 66044
Website: www.dgcoks.gov/administration/



The County Administrator is the county’s chief executive officer, with overall responsibility for efficiently administering policies determined by the County Commission. The administrator serves at the pleasure of the County Commission and is responsible for implementing their goals. Specific duties include budget preparation, coordinating county operations with other local governments and agencies, and developing proposals to improve county operations.

Citizens with any county-related problem should always feel free to call or e-mail the county administrator for assistance.

COUNTY APPRAISER

Phone: 785-832-5133
Address: Douglas County Courthouse, 1100 Massachusetts Street, Lawrence, KS 66044
Website: www.dgcoks.gov/appraiser

The County Appraiser’s Office is responsible for the appraisal of all commercial and residential real estate and all personal property in the county. The County Appraiser’s office is regularly out in the County photographing property.

COUNTY CLERK

Phone: 785-832-5167
Address: 1100 Massachusetts Street,
Lawrence, KS 66044
Website: www.dgcoks.gov/county-clerk

The County Clerk’s office assists in filling out the Homestead Tax refund forms. As an agent for the Kansas Department of Wildlife and Parks, the County Clerk provides fishing and hunting licenses, park permits, and boat permits. The Clerk’s office is also responsible for all national, state, and local elections conducted in Douglas County. The Real Estate Division maintains current records of real property in Douglas County, including individual parcels by ownership, address, legal description, special assessments, and tax identification number.

DOUGLAS COUNTY GEOPORTAL

Phone: 785-832-5167
Address: 1100 Massachusetts Street, Lawrence, KS 66044
Website: www.dgcoks.gov/county-clerk

The Interactive Map Portal provides links to interactive web maps, including the [Property Viewer](#), county initiatives, downloadable maps and data, and quick links to popular content.

ELECTIONS OFFICE AND VOTER INFORMATION

Phone: 785-832-5267
Address: 711 W 23rd St, Suite # 1, Lawrence, KS 66046
Website: www.dgcoks.gov/county-clerk/voting-and-elections

Voting precinct maps for all elected offices can be found through the County’s interactive map portal [Voting Precincts](#). See Appendix A for a map of County Commission voting districts.



PLANNING AND ZONING

Planning and zoning are two terms often confused when referring to land-use activities in a community. Both are tools local governments use to direct land use, growth, and development within communities. Planning covers a wide range of activities, including transportation, housing, economic development, and environmental sustainability - all included in our County’s comprehensive plan titled Plan 2040.

Zoning is a specific tool used in planning and refers to dividing a municipality or county into different zones to regulate land use. Zoning creates and enforces ordinances or codes that specify what can and cannot be done in each zone. Each parcel of land is placed in a zoning district, and the assigned zoning district dictates allowable land use.

Planning and Development Services manages the City of Lawrence building permits and inspections, code compliance, contractor licensing, and much more in addition to planning. The Planning Division is a joint city/county division within Planning and Development Services. The Planning Division oversees growth and development in the City of Lawrence and unincorporated areas of Douglas County with respect to zoning and land use. The Douglas County Zoning and Codes office exclusively serves the unincorporated areas of Douglas County, including building permits and inspections, code compliance, and contractor licensing.

The following table outlines which department acts on specific land-use activities in the unincorporated parts of Douglas County.

Table 1. Government agency responsibilities for land-use activities.

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| Lawrence-Douglas County Planning Division | Douglas County Zoning and Codes |
| Annexation | Building Permits |
| Comprehensive Plan Amendment | Floodplain Development Permits |
| Conditional Use Permit | Special Event Permits |
| Preliminary & Final Plat | Temporary Business Uses |
| Rezoning | Vacation Rentals |
| Text Amendment | Variances |

Other actions handled by the Planning Division with review and comment from Zoning and codes include:

- Final development plans within the City of Lawrence
- Final plats (legal documents that show the location of property boundaries and elements on the property, such as natural features and structures)
- Minor subdivisions
- Site plan applications

For more detailed information on the Planning Division and County Zoning and Codes see under ‘Lawrence-Douglas County Planning Division’ and ‘Zoning and Codes’ in the alphabetical listing.

PROPERTY VIEWER

The Property Viewer is an interactive GIS map that allows the viewer to select specific location information on numerous physical and governmental features of Douglas County. For example, use the Property Viewer to find zoning maps, zip codes, fire districts, historic aerial photographs, flood hazard areas, Certificates of Survey, tax parcels, historic trails, and more.



PUBLIC WORKS

Phone: 785-832-5293
Address: 3755 East 25th Street, Lawrence, KS 66046
Website: www.dgcoks.gov/public-works

The County Public Works Department provides road and bridge maintenance, road signage, roadside mowing and vegetation control, snow and ice removal, and park maintenance. County residents may apply for road dust control with the Public Works Department (see under ROADS). A [map](#) identifying responsibility for road maintenance can be found on the Public Works website and Appendix B.

REGISTER OF DEEDS

Phone: 785-832-5282
Address: County Courthouse, 1100 Massachusetts St, Lawrence, KS 66044
Website: www.dgcoks.gov/register-of-deeds

The Register of Deeds office serves as a recording and information center for real estate located in Douglas County. If you have ever bought or sold property, you have interacted with a similar office.

TOWNSHIPS

Voters in Kansas townships elect a township trustee, clerk, and treasurer. These three officials form the township board. The township board is also the township auditing board. In this capacity, the board is responsible for the general management and supervision of township finances and is required to make an annual report to the board of county commissioners.

For a map of [Township boundaries](#), see Appendix C. Find a list of [currently elected officials](#) on the County Clerk’s webpage.

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| Clinton Township Meets on: 1st Monday of the Month at 7:00 p.m., Clinton Township Hall, 1177 E 604 Rd, Lawrence, KS 66047 | Marion Township Meets on: 1st Monday of the month at 6:30 p.m., Marion Township Hall, 501 E 300 Rd, Overbrook, KS 66524 |
| Eudora Township Meets on: 1st Tuesday of the month at 6:00 p.m., Eudora Township Fire Station, 310 E 20th St, Eudora, KS 66025 | Palmyra Township Meets on: Last Tuesday of the month at 6:30 p.m., 372 E 1700 Rd, Baldwin City, KS 66006 |
| Grant Township Meets on: 2nd Monday of the month, where the date has two digits, at 6:00 p.m., Grant School (Prairie Moon School) 1853 E 1600 Rd, Lawrence, KS 66044; granttownshipkansas@gmail.com | Wakarusa Township Meets on the 2nd Tuesday of the month at 4:00 p.m. and the 4th Tuesday of the month at 4:00 p.m., Township Hall Fire Department, 1230 N 1800 Rd, Lawrence, KS 66049 |
| Kanwaka Township Meets on: 2nd Tuesday of the month at 7:00 p.m., Township Hall, 776 US-40, Lawrence, KS 66049 | Willow Springs Township Meets on: 1st Wednesday of the month at 7:00 p.m., Township Hall, 303 E 1100 Rd, Baldwin City, KS 66006 |
| Lecompton Township Meets on: 3rd Tuesday of the month at 6:00 p.m., 320 E Woodson Ave, Lecompton, KS 66050 | |

Alphabetical Listing of Topics

AGRICULTURE

Agriculture Assistance Programs

Kansas Dept. of Health and Environment (KDHE) – Watershed Management Section
Phone: 785-296-4195
Email: KDHE.NPS@ks.org
Website: www.kdhe.ks.gov/974/Watershed-Management-Section



The KDHE – Watershed Management Section has made available [A Producer's Guide and Directory to Agricultural Conservation Assistance Programs in Kansas](#) (2022). It is a directory that details financial and technical assistance available to producers and landowners interested in implementing conservation practices on their property. While available as a PDF for download, it is easiest to use online.

Agriculture and Land Management Associations

Many agricultural, conservation, and land management associations can provide valuable resources and support. Below is a comprehensive list of organizations and contacts to help you navigate your rural lifestyle.

Douglas County Conservation District

Phone: 785-843-4260 ext. 6500
Address: 4920 Bob Billings Parkway, Suite A, Lawrence, KS 66049
Website: <http://www.douglasccd.com/>

The Douglas County Conservation District promotes responsible land use and conservation practices. They offer technical assistance, cost-share programs, drill rental, seed sales, and educational workshops on soil conservation, water quality, wildlife habitat enhancement, and urban farming. The District's comprehensive tool is designed to help small acreage landowners evaluate the condition of their property and identify methods for managing and enhancing the land at <http://www.douglasccd.com/steps-for-small-acreage.html>.

Kansas Agricultural Mediation Services (KAMS)

Phone: 800-321-3276
Email: kams@ksu.edu
Website: www.k-state.edu/kams/

Kansas Agricultural Mediation Services provides Kansas landowners and producers with legal, financial, transition/succession planning, and mediation services.

Kansas Alliance for Wetlands and Streams (KAWS) Upper Wakarusa WRAPS - Watershed Restoration and Protection Strategies

Phone: 785-424-4137
Address: 626 North Main St., Suite A, Newton, KS 67114
Website: <https://kaws.org/projects/upper-wakarusa-river-watershed/>

KAWS works to conserve and restore wetlands, streams, and riparian areas in Kansas. They provide technical assistance, grant opportunities, and educational resources to landowners interested in enhancing water resources and wildlife habitat. Upper Wakarusa WRAPS offers financial and technical consultations on clean water for landowners, farmers, and ranchers. This includes funding for livestock watering systems, livestock feeding pads, rotational grazing infrastructure, exclusion fencing, permanent vegetation establishment, cover crop plantings, buffer plantings, and other agricultural projects related to watershed health.

Kansas Black Farmers Association

Phone: 785-839-KBFA (5232)
Address: 200 Washington St. Nicodemus, KS 67625
Website: <https://kbfa.org/>

The mission of the Kansas Black Farmers Association is to preserve the Kansas minority farmer legacy through education, promotion of the agricultural lifestyle, and collective niche product development.

Kansas Center for Sustainable Agriculture and Alternative Crops (KCSAAC)

Phone: 913-856-2335, ext. 102
Address: 35230 W 135th Street,
K-State Olathe Horticulture Research and Extension Center Olathe, KS 66061
Website: <https://kcsaac.engg.ksu.edu/>

The Center works with state and federal agencies, nonprofit organizations, environmental groups, and producer organizations to assist family farmers and ranchers in boosting farm profitability, protecting natural resources, and enhancing rural communities.

Kansas Farm Management Association (KFMA)

Phone: 785-532-6702
Address: Kansas State University, Department of Agricultural Economics, 342
Waters Hall, Manhattan, KS 66506
Website: www.agmanager.info/kfma

KFMA economists work cooperatively with farm families to provide members with production and financial management information for decision-making. The primary goal of the KFMA program is to provide each member with information to help make farm and family decisions.

Kansas Farmers Union

Phone: 620-331-4600
Email: info@kansasfarmersunion.com
Address: 115 E. Marlin, Suite #108, PO Box 1064, McPherson, KS 67460
Website: <https://www.kansasfarmersunion.org/>

The Kansas Farmers Union advocates for family farms, rural communities, and sustainable agriculture practices. They offer farmers and rural residents educational programs, policy advocacy, and networking opportunities.

Kansas Grazing Lands Coalition

Phone: 913-837-5945
Address: 1382w3 W 107th St., Lenexa, KS 66215
Website: www.kglc.org

The Kansas Grazing Lands Coalition promotes sustainable grazing management practices that benefit livestock producers and natural resources. They offer workshops, demonstrations, and resources on rotational grazing, pasture management, and soil health improvement.

Kansas Land Trust

Phone: 785-749-3297
Address: PO Box 508, Lawrence, KS 66044
Website: www.klt.org

The Kansas Land Trust protects and preserves lands of ecological, agricultural, scenic, historic, or recreational significance in Kansas. Their mission is to preserve both agricultural and natural landscapes across the state of Kansas.

Kansas Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS), Farm Service Agency (FSA)

Phone: 785-843-4260 ext. 3 for NRCS, ext. 2 for FSA
Address: 4920 Bob Billings Pkwy, Suite A, Lawrence, KS 66049
Website: www.ks.nrcs.usda.gov

The NRCS offers technical and financial assistance to agricultural producers to implement conservation practices that improve soil health, water quality, and wildlife habitat. They provide conservation planning services and administer various conservation programs. The USDA Farm Service Agency (FSA) is a branch of the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) responsible for administering and implementing various federal farm programs and policies.

Kansas Rural Center

Phone: 866-579-5469

Email: info@kansasruralcenter.org

Address: PO Box 314 North Newton, KS 67117

Website: <https://kansasruralcenter.org/>

The Kansas Rural Center is a nonprofit organization dedicated to promoting sustainable agriculture and rural communities. They provide educational resources, advocacy, and networking opportunities for farmers, landowners, and rural residents.

Kansas Soil Health Alliance

Phone: 785-545-5628

Email: information@kssoilhealth.org

Address: 964 60 Road, Esbon, KS 66941

Website: <https://kssoilhealth.org/>

The Kansas Soil Health Alliance is a farmer and rancher-led organization that provides practical information, resources, and events on soil improvement and health that can be used on farms and ranches.

Kansas Specialty Crop Growers Association (KSCGA)

Email: info@kscga.org

Website: www.kscga.org/

The KSCGA works to advance specialty crops and specialty crop growers, focusing on expanding and supporting a network of growers equipped with the resources, education, and mentoring necessary to increase production, visibility, market reach, and profitability.

K-State Research and Extension - Douglas County

Phone: 785-843-7058

Address: 2110 Harper Street, Lawrence, KS 66046

Website: <https://www.douglas.k-state.edu/>

The Douglas County Extension Office provides research-based information and educational programs on agriculture, horticulture, and natural resources. They offer workshops, publications, and consultations for landowners.

Kansas State University Office of Farm and Ranch Transition

Phone: 785-532-4526

Email: agkansitions@ksu.edu

Address: 337A Waters Hall, 1603 Old Claflin Pl, Manhattan, KS 66506

Website: www.agkansitions.org/

Matching beginning farmers and ranchers with landowners looking for the next generation. One-on-one help with starting the succession planning process, retirement, and transferring management and assets.

Irrigation Wells

K-State Produce Safety

Phone: 913-307-7394

Website: <https://www.ksre.k-state.edu/foodsafety/produce/testing.html>

K-State offers free microbial water testing to all fruit and vegetable growers in KS as long as funding continues.

K-State Soil Testing Laboratory

Phone: 785-532-7897

Email: soiltesting@ksu.edu

Address: K-State Research and Extension, 2308 Throckmorton PSC, 1712 Claflin Road, Manhattan, KS 66506

Website: <https://www.agronomy.k-state.edu/outreach-and-services/soil-testing-lab/water-analysis/>

The most common water analysis from producers is irrigation water quality, which includes both electrical conductivity (E.C.) and sodium (Na) and routinely analyzes for nitrate-nitrogen (NO₃-N), ammonium-nitrogen (NH₄-N), sulfur (S), and chloride (Cl). Other tests are available upon request.

Livestock Watering

Douglas County Conservation District

Phone: 785-843-4260 ext. 6500

Address: 4920 Bob Billings Parkway, Suite A, Lawrence, KS 66049

Website: <http://www.douglasccd.com/>

The Douglas County Conservation District offers technical assistance and cost-share programs for livestock watering facilities.

K-State Research and Extension - Douglas County

Phone: 785-843-7058

Address: 2110 Harper St, Lawrence, KS 66046

Website: <https://www.douglas.k-state.edu/>

Contact the Douglas County Extension Office to be put in touch with the NE Kansas Watershed Specialist. K-State watershed specialists actively partner with producers, municipalities, and other important water users to identify and implement science-based solutions to improve water quality and quantity.

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Website: <https://kaws.org/projects/upper-wakarusa-river-watershed/>

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ANIMAL CONTROL AND WELFARE



[Chapter 2 of the County Code of Douglas County](#) outlines the regulations surrounding keeping animals, nuisance animals, dangerous and exotic animals, and related enforcement. This chapter also spells out regulations relating to animal impoundments and kennels. A dog, cat, or other animal found by an Enforcement Officer or person to be turned loose by an owner or at large within the boundaries or unincorporated area of Douglas County may be impounded in the Animal Shelter. It is unlawful to own or possess an exotic animal. Contact the Douglas County Sheriff's Office at 1-785-841-0007 to report non-emergency animal control and welfare issues.

Lawrence Humane Society

Phone: 785-843-6835
Address: 1805 E. 19th Street, Lawrence, KS 66046
Website: <https://lawrencehumane.org/>

If you have found an animal, lost one, or need to surrender a pet, call 785-371-0473. The Lawrence Humane Society offers the public low-cost spay/neuter, microchipping, and monthly vaccine clinics.

Operation Wildlife

Phone: 785-542-3625
Email: opwildlife@aol.com
Address: 23375 Guthrie Rd., Linwood, KS 66052
Website: <https://owl-online.org/>

Operation Wildlife provides professional rehabilitation services for injured and orphaned wild animals and wildlife education for residents of northeast Kansas and northwest Missouri.

BURNING

Burn Hotline

Phone: 785-832-5394
Emergency Management: 785-832-5259
Website: www.dgcoks.gov/emergency-management/open-burning-regulations-safety

Whether or not burning is allowed or prohibited is determined daily. The Rangeland Fire Index is published daily online, and individuals can call the Douglas County Burn Hotline (785-832-5394) after 8 AM each morning.

All approved open burning must be reported to the Dispatch Center. You can log your burn by calling the Burn Hotline (785-832-5394) or using the [online form](#). Be prepared to share the following information when logging your burn:

| | |
|---|--------------------------------------|
| Location of the intended burn | Duration and schedule of the burning |
| Name, address, and telephone number of the person responsible | Description of the proposed burn |

Allowed open burning is limited to the following:

Agricultural open burning. The open burning of vegetation such as grass, woody species, crop residue, and other dry plant growth for crop, range, pasture, wildlife, or watershed management (this includes the burning of routine brush piles accumulated from the property). Materials (brush, limbs, and other materials) brought from another site cannot be burned.

Residential open burning. Open burning of nonhazardous materials generated from the residential parcel (unless otherwise prohibited) includes trees, brush, and yard waste. Prohibited materials for residential open burning include heavy smoke-producing materials including heavy oils, tires, and tarpaper as outlined in K.A.R. 28-19-647(e)(2).

Recreational open burning. Aside from the exception described below, notification to the Douglas County Dispatch Center is not necessary for this type of open burning.

1. Open burning for cooking, warming or ceremonial purposes on public or private land regularly used for recreational purposes; provided, however, any fire exceeding five (5) feet in diameter at its base requires notification.
2. Burning within a self-contained outdoor burning device designed for cooking or heating (barbecue grill or pit, camp stove, fire pit, etc.).

Burn Permit. Specifically approved open burning conducted under a burn permit granted by the BOCC.

KDHE-approved open burning. Open burning is approved by the Kansas Department of Health and Environment (KDHE) according to K.A.R. 28-19-647 and approved by the fire control authority having jurisdiction over the area.

Visit the [Kansas Forest Service website](#) to learn about prescribed burning and find a list of prescribed fire contractors.

CONSERVATION EASEMENTS

Kansas Alliance for Wetlands & Streams (KAWS)

Phone: 734-564-6775
Address: 626 North Main St., Suite A, Newton, KS 67114
Website: <https://kaws.org/projects/kansas-wetlands-conservation-easement/>

The KAWS Conservation Easement Program protects and restores wetlands, streams, riparian areas, and adjacent lands to connect the waters, lands, and peoples of Kansas. KAWS works with landowners to voluntarily protect their property and implement best management practices to improve water quality, protect wildlife habitat, improve soil health, and ensure lands are managed sustainably in perpetuity.

Land Trusts

A land trust is a nonprofit, grassroots organization with a mission to conserve land and its resources. Willing landowners work with a land trust when they wish to protect the valuable and unique qualities of their land permanently.

Kansas Land Trust

Phone: 785-749-3297
Address: PO Box 508, Lawrence, KS 66044
Website: www.klt.org/

The Kansas Land Trust protects and preserves lands of ecological, agricultural, scenic, historic, or recreational significance in Kansas. Their mission is to preserve both agricultural and natural landscapes across the state of Kansas.

Ranchland Trust of Kansas

Phone: 785-273-5115
Email: rtk@kla.org
Address: 6031 SW 37th St, Topeka, KS 66614
Website: <https://ranchlandtrustofkansas.org/>

The KS Ranchland Trust cooperates with voluntary ranchers and conservation partners to create perpetual conservation easements. These partnerships help the environment, wildlife, and ecosystems of Kansas and aid land stewards in achieving successful financial goals for their operations and families.

CONTRACTORS

(private land management operations)

Many landowners need assistance clearing or planting trees and shrubs, constructing ponds, planting native vegetation, or contouring their land. The Douglas County Conservation District and the KS Forest Service maintain a list of contractors available for land management activities.



Douglas County Conservation District

Phone: 785-843-4260 ext. 6500
Address: 4920 Bob Billings Parkway, Suite A, Lawrence, KS 66049
Website: <http://www.douglasccd.com/equipment-seed--contractors.html>

Kansas Forest Service (KSFS)

Phone: 785-532-3300
Address: 2610 Claflin Road, Manhattan, KS 66502
Website: https://www.kansasforests.org/rural_forestry/consultantsandcontractors.html

DRAINAGE DISTRICTS

Douglas County has four drainage districts: Douglas County Kaw, Wakarusa Kaw, Wakarusa-Haskell-Eudora, and Weaver Bottoms. These districts assess special taxes to manage drainage within the district. Refer to the map in Appendix D for district boundaries.

FIRE DISTRICTS AND FIRE INFORMATION

FIRE DISTRICTS (see Appendix E for a [map](#) of district boundaries)

Consolidated Fire District #1

Phone: 785-843-2266
Address: 300 W 31st St, Lawrence, KS 66046
Website: www.dgcoks.gov/consolidated-fire-district-1

Palmyra Fire District #2

Phone: 785-594-6944
Address: 914 N 6th St, Baldwin City, KS 66006
Website: www.dgcoks.gov/palmyra-fire-district-2

Willow Springs Fire District #3

Phone: 785-594-6686
Address: Fire Station #1 304 E 1100 Rd, Baldwin City, KS 66006
Fire Station #2 648 E 1100 Rd, Baldwin City, KS 66006
Website: www.dgcoks.gov/willow-springs-fire-district-3

Fire Danger Forecast

The National Fire Danger Rating System on the Kansas Mesonet website calculates [fire danger](#). Visit the K-State website: <https://mesonet.k-state.edu/fire/danger/>.

The [Kansas Forest Service](#) website has more information on protecting life and property from wildland fires: <https://www.kansasforests.org/fire-management/prevention.html>.

[Kansas Wildfire Assessment Map](#). Enter your address or zoom into a location on the map to assess the likelihood of a wildfire for that location.

[Preparing Homes for Wildfire](#). The National Fire Protection Association provides a website that outlines methods for homeowners to prepare their homes to withstand ember attacks and minimize the likelihood of flames or surface fire touching the home or any attachments. Website: <https://www.nfpa.org/education-and-research/wildfire/preparing-homes-for-wildfire>.

HERBICIDE DRIFT

Douglas County Public Works maintains a [sensitive crops registry](#) and interactive map. To see where sensitive crops are located or to register a sensitive crop, go to the [Public Works website](#) or call 785-331-1322.



HISTORIC RESOURCES

Eudora Area Historical Society

Phone: 785-690-7900
Museum address: 720 Main St. Eudora, KS 66025

The Eudora Area Historical Society preserves and maintains the history of the city and township of Eudora and the surrounding communities of Clearfield, Fall Leaf, Hesper, Prairie Center, and Weaver.

Heritage Conservation Council

Phone: 785-330-2878
Address: 1006 New Hampshire St, Lawrence, KS 66044
Website: www.dgcoks.gov/administration/heritage-conservation-council

The Heritage Conservation Council of Douglas County promotes the conservation of our cultural and natural heritage to honor our past, enrich our present, and inspire our future. They recommend to the Douglas County Commission how to best establish a framework to conserve our natural & cultural heritage for future generations and to enhance the economic benefits of tourism, local agriculture, and other endeavors based on such conservation efforts.

The Natural and Cultural Heritage Grant Program considers annual applications to assist with developing and implementing natural and cultural heritage conservation projects in Douglas County.

Historic Lecompton

Website: <https://lecomptonkansas.com/>

Territorial Capital Museum, 640 E. Woodson, Lecompton, KS 66050
Phone: 785-887-6148

Constitution Hall, 319 Elmore St., Lecompton, KS 66050
Phone: 785-887-6520

Santa Fe Trail Historical Society of Douglas County, Kansas

Website: <https://santafetraildouglas.org/>

The goals of the Society are to promote and educate others about the Santa Fe Trail in Douglas County and local history, as well as to preserve and maintain historical sites in the Baldwin City and Vinland areas.

Wakarusa River Valley Heritage Museum/Clinton Lake Historical Society

Phone: 785-783-4420

Email: wakarusavalleymuseum@gmail.com

Address: 716 N 1190 Rd, Lawrence, KS 66047

Website: <https://www.wakarusamuseum.org/>

The Clinton Lake Historical Society documents community and family histories through stories, photos, and documents in the Wakarusa River Valley Heritage Museum.

Watkins Museum of History

Phone: 785-841-4109

Email: info@watkinsmuseum.org

Address: 1047 Massachusetts St., Lawrence KS 66044

Website: www.watkinsmuseum.org/

Watkins showcases unique and fascinating stories from Douglas County’s past. Admission is free to the public.

HOME GARDENING, LAWN, AND LANDSCAPING



Common Ground

Phone: 785-832-5157

Address: 1006 New Hampshire St, Lawrence, KS 66044

Website: www.dgcoks.gov/administration/sustainability/common-ground

Common Ground is a community gardening and urban agriculture program established in 2012, providing residents with underutilized properties for use as community gardens and farming land for minimal cost.

K-State Research and Extension – Douglas County

Phone: 785-843-7058

Address: 2110 Harper St, Lawrence, KS 66046

Website: <https://www.douglas.k-state.edu/program-areas/lawn-garden/>

Maintaining attractive communities and home landscapes increases property values and promotes an improved quality of life, making Douglas County a great place to live. Whether you have questions about lawns, vegetables, flowers, or landscape maintenance, Extension information is available to help you. The Douglas County Extension Master Gardener Horticulture Hotline is available by calling 785-843-7058, emailing dgcogardenhotline@gmail.com, or visiting the Extension office.

LAWRENCE-DOUGLAS COUNTY PLANNING DIVISION

Lawrence-Douglas County Planning Division

Phone: 785-832-7700

Email: planning@lawrenceks.org

Address: 6 E 6th St., Lawrence, KS 66044

Website: <https://lawrenceks.org/pds/planning/>

The Lawrence-Douglas County Planning Division is a joint planning department between the City of Lawrence and Douglas County. The Division processes and presents applications for re-zoning and development to the Planning Commission and the Douglas County Commissioners. One can also contact the Planning Division if you have questions or concerns about a land use project in the county.

Area Plans

Website: <https://lawrenceks.org/pds/lr-areaplans/>

The purpose of area plans is to outline specific land use goals, policies, and recommendations for specific but larger planning areas while being consistent with the overall adopted comprehensive plan for the community. The unincorporated area of Douglas County has five area plans: the Northeast Sector Plan (located north of the city of Lawrence and within Grant Township), the Southeast Area Plan, the Revised Southern Development Plan, the K-10 and Farmer's Turnpike Plan, and the West of K-10 Sector Plan.

Conditional Use Permits (CUP)

Planning & Development Services

Phone: 785-832-7700

For questions and application submittal, call 785-832-7700

Email: planning@lawrenceks.org

Address: 6 E 6th St., Lawrence, KS 66044

Conditional Use Permits allow specific uses in a permitted Zoning District without a zoning change. A site plan and application must be submitted to the Planning & Development Services Department to begin the procedure. Reach out to the Planning Division to schedule a pre-application meeting before applying for a conditional use permit.

Lawrence-Douglas County Metropolitan Planning Commission

Website: <https://lawrenceks.civicweb.net/portal/members.aspx?id=16>

Douglas County and the City of Lawrence have a joint planning commission - five members appointed by the Lawrence City Commission and five members appointed by the Douglas County Commission. The cities of Baldwin City, Eudora, and Lecompton each have their own planning commissions. Planning commissions serve an advisory role in planning and development approval processes. Planning commission meetings allow the public to comment on land use plans and development projects. The Lawrence-Douglas County Planning Commission typically meets on Mondays and Wednesdays of the fourth week of each month at 6:30 p.m. in the Lawrence City Commission Room on the first floor of City Hall, 6 E 6th Street.

Plan 2040

Website: <https://lawrenceks.org/pds/comp-plan/>

Plan 2040 is the comprehensive plan for unincorporated Douglas County and the City of Lawrence. It provides the foundation and framework for future physical development and policy decisions. It is used as a policy guide that identifies the community's goals for directing future land use decisions.

MINERAL RIGHTS

(see under Register of Deeds)

Mineral deeds and mineral reservations are recorded with the county register of deeds and are included in any abstract of title to the land involved.

NATURAL RESOURCES



Forest Management

Kansas Forest Service

Phone: 785-532-3300

Address: 2610 Claflin Road,
Manhattan, KS 66502

Website: www.kansasforests.org/

The [Kansas Forest Service](http://www.kansasforests.org/) (KSFS) provides expertise and resources for managing forested lands, including agroforestry, windbreaks, and urban forestry. They offer educational programs, tree-planting initiatives, and technical assistance to landowners interested in enhancing forest health and sustainability.

Rural Forestry Program

Participating in the Rural Forestry Program connects landowners with professional foresters who provide various services and on-site visits to help landowners identify and accomplish the natural resource management objectives for their property.

Douglas Co. Rural District Forester: 785-473-6433

Conservation Tree Program

The Kansas Forest Service's Conservation Tree Planting Program offers tree and shrub seedlings and other items for conservation plantings. Plantings may function as wildlife habitats, windbreaks, wood lots, timber plantations, or educational and riparian plantings. Order a minimum of 25 trees [online](#) or by calling 1-888-740-8733.

Hunting

Contact the KS Dept. of Wildlife and Parks for information on hunting regulations and permitting or for hunter education courses.

KS Dept. of Wildlife and Parks, Region 2 Office

Phone: 785-273-6740

Address: 300 SW Wanamaker Rd, Topeka, KS 66606

Applications and fees: <https://ksoutdoors.com/Hunting/Applications-and-Fees>

Private Landowner Assistance: <https://ksoutdoors.com/Services/Private-Landowner-Assistance>

Hunting Regulations: <https://ksoutdoors.com/Hunting/Hunting-Regulations>

Hunter Education: <https://ksoutdoors.com/Services/Education/Hunter>

Native Vegetation Establishment and Management

Several agencies can assist landowners in establishing stands of native vegetation or improving remnant prairies.



Douglas County Conservation District

Phone: 785-843-4260 ext. 6500

Address: 4920 Bob Billings Parkway,
Suite A, Lawrence, KS 66049

Website: www.douglasccd.com

The DCCD can provide a no-till drill for rent and native seed for purchase. One can find the District's comprehensive tool designed to help small acreage landowners evaluate the condition of their property and identify methods for managing and enhancing the land at <http://www.douglasccd.com/steps-for-small-acreage.html>.

Kansas Department of Wildlife and Parks

Region 2 Office

Phone: 785-273-6740
Address: 300 SW Wanamaker Rd,
Topeka, KS 66606

Region 2 Wildlife Biologist

Phone: 913-422-1314
Address: 8304 Hedge Lane Terrace
Shawnee, KS 66227

Cost-share and technical assistance through the [Habitat First Program](#).

K-State Research and Extension – Douglas County

Phone: 785-843-7058
Address: 2110 Harper St, Lawrence, KS 66046
Website: <https://www.douglas.k-state.edu/program-areas/natural-resources/>

KSRE-Douglas County can provide technical advice and guidance.

Monarch Watch

Phone: 785-864-4441
Email: monarch@ku.edu
Address: University of Kansas, 2021 Constant Ave, Lawrence, KS 66047
Website: <https://monarchwatch.org>

[Free milkweeds](#) for large-scale (two acres or more) native habitat restoration only.

Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS)

Phone: 785-843-4260 ext 3
Address: 4920 Bob Billings Parkway, Suite A, Lawrence, KS 66049

The Environmental Quality Incentives Program (EQIP) provides cost-share and technical assistance for agricultural producers.

Streams, Riparian Corridors and Wetlands
(for pond management resources, see PONDS)



Douglas County Conservation District

Phone: 785-843-4260 ext. 6500
Address: 4920 Bob Billings Parkway,
Suite A, Lawrence, KS 66049
Website: www.douglasccd.com

The Douglas County Conservation District provides financial assistance for conservation practices, including erosion and sediment control, riparian area protection, and wetland development and restoration. You can find the District’s comprehensive tool designed to help small acreage landowners evaluate the condition of their property and identify methods for managing and enhancing the land at <http://www.douglasccd.com/steps-for-small-acreage.html>.

**Upper Wakarusa WRAPS -
Watershed Restoration and Protection Strategies**

Phone: 785-424-4137
Address: 626 North Main St., Suite A, Newton, KS 67114
Website: <https://kaws.org/projects/upper-wakarusa-river-watershed/>

KAWS works to conserve and restore wetlands, streams, and riparian areas in Kansas. They provide technical assistance, grant opportunities, and educational resources to landowners interested in enhancing water resources and wildlife habitat. Upper Wakarusa WRAPS offers financial and technical consultation for landowners, farmers, and ranchers related to clean water. This includes funding for livestock watering systems, livestock feeding pads, rotational grazing infrastructure, exclusion fencing, permanent vegetation establishment, cover crop plantings, buffer plantings, and other agricultural projects related to watershed health.

Wildlife

Property owners may want to enhance wildlife habitat and/or control nuisance wildlife. Agencies that can assist with wildlife habitat enhancement and nuisance wildlife:

KS Dept. of Wildlife and Parks - Private Landowner Assistance

Region 2 Office

Phone: 785-273-6740
Address: 300 SW Wanamaker Rd,
Topeka, KS 66606
Website: <https://ksoutdoors.com/Services/Private-Landowner-Assistance>

Region 2 Wildlife Biologist

Phone: 913-422-1314
Address: 8304 Hedge Lane
Terrace, Shawnee, KS 66227

K-State Research and Extension

Phone: 785-532-1949
Address: 1603 Throckmorton Hall, Manhattan, KS 66506
Website: www.wildlife.k-state.edu/

K-State Research and Extension – Douglas County

Phone: 785-843-7058
Address: 2110 Harper St, Lawrence, KS 66046
Website: <https://www.douglas.k-state.edu/program-areas/natural-resources/>

Pheasants and Quail Forever

Phone (toll-free): 877-773-2070
Address: 4920 Bob Billings Pkwy Unit A, Lawrence, KS 66039
Website: <https://www.kansaspfqf.org/>

NOXIOUS WEEDS



The Kansas Noxious Weed Law requires all persons who own or supervise land in Kansas to control and [eradicate all weeds declared noxious by legislative action](#). The weeds declared noxious by the State of Kansas at the time of publication are FIELD BINDWEED, MUSK THISTLE, CANADA THISTLE, JOHNSON GRASS, and SERICEA LESPEDEZA. Control is defined as preventing the production of viable seeds and the vegetative spread of the plant.

Douglas County Public Works

Phone: 785-331-1322
Hours: Mon-Fri, 7 am - 3:30 pm
Address for Public Works Shop: 3755 East 25th Street, Lawrence, KS 66046
Website: www.dgcoks.gov/public-works/noxious-weed-control

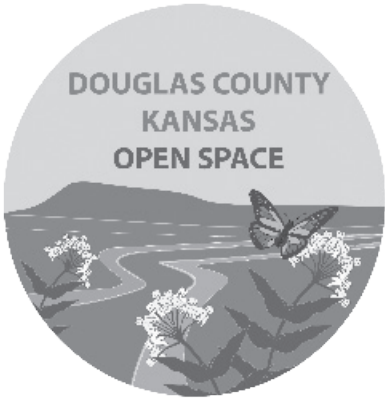
Douglas County Public Works manages the noxious weed program, associated chemical sales, and equipment rental. Douglas County will rent sprayers to county residents to assist in spraying noxious weeds. The sprayers can be rented from the Douglas County Public Works Shop. Twenty-four hours advanced notice is preferred. The county has 300-gallon pull-type sprayers available on a first-come, first-serve basis.

OPEN SPACE

Douglas County Sustainability Office

Phone: 785-832-5157
Address: 1006 New Hampshire St,
Lawrence, KS 66044
Douglas County Open Space Plan Website: <https://www.dgcoks.gov/administration/sustainability>

The Open Space Plan is a local effort intended to protect shared community values and county character, identify voluntary land management options and partnerships, and foster appreciation and access to nature for future generations.



PONDS

To build a pond, consult the Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS). The USDA publication “Ponds – Planning, Design, Construction” is a good reference, available as a free pdf download. The Kansas Department of Agriculture (KDA) maintains a list of [dam consulting engineers](#).



Kansas Department of Wildlife and Parks

Region 2 Office

Phone: 785-273-6740
Address: 300 SW Wanamaker Rd, Topeka, KS 66606
Website: <https://ksoutdoors.com/Fishing/Special-Fishing-Programs-for-You/Pond-Management-Program>

To manage a pond as a fishery or for other wildlife, the KS Department of Wildlife and Parks (KDWP) has an online guide titled “[Producing Fish and Wildlife in Kansas Ponds](#)” (also available as a PDF to download). The KDWP can also assist with common [pond problems](#).

K-State Research and Extension - Douglas County

Phone: 785-843-7058
Address: 2110 Harper Street, Lawrence, KS 66046
Website: https://www.douglas.k-state.edu/program-areas/natural-resources/pond_management.html

The Douglas County Extension office can offer advice for managing aquatic weeds or enhancing the wildlife value of your pond. Contact the Extension Office if a harmful algae bloom (blue-green algae) is suspected. From the Dg. Co. Extension webpage one can access the Kansas Aquaculture Association. The Kansas Aquaculture Association maintains a directory of fish producers for stocking ponds.

Natural Resources Conservation Service

Phone: 785-843-4260
Address: Lawrence Service Center, 4920 Bob Billings Pkwy, Lawrence, KS 66049

Harmful Algal Blooms (HAB)

K-State Research and Extension – Douglas County

Phone: 785-843-7058
Address: 2110 Harper St, Lawrence, KS 66046
Website: https://www.douglas.k-state.edu/program-areas/natural-resources/pond_management.html

If you think you have harmful blue-green algae in your pond, contact the Extension Office. Extension can sample your pond for HAB. Water samples are sent to the Kansas State Veterinary Diagnostic Laboratory.

Kansas Department of Health & Environment- Watershed Management Section

HAB hotline for current advisories: 855-422-5253
Website: <https://www.kdhe.ks.gov/790/Recognizing-Algal-Blooms-or-How-to-Recog>

PROPERTY SEARCH

Douglas County Clerk

Phone: 785-832-5167
Website: www.dgcoks.gov/county-clerk/

The Real Estate Division of the [County Clerk](#) maintains current records of real property in Douglas County, including individual parcels by ownership, address, legal description, special assessments, and tax identification number. Property research requests may be sent to Zoning and Codes as well.

Property Viewer

The Property Viewer is an interactive GIS map that allows the viewer to select specific location information on numerous physical and governmental features of Douglas County. For example, you can use the Property Viewer to find zoning maps, zip codes, fire districts, historic aerial photographs, flood hazard areas, Certificates of Survey, tax parcels, historic trails, and more.

REGISTER OF DEEDS

Phone: 785-832-5282
Address: 1100 Massachusetts Street, Lawrence, KS 66044
Website: www.dgcoks.gov/register-of-deeds

The Register of Deeds office is the custodian and preserver of all records concerning parcels of land in Douglas County, including deeds, mortgages, maps/ subdivision plats, and other documents pertaining to real estate. Whenever you buy or sell property, someone will utilize these records to ensure that the property is free of any liens and that you have a clear title to the property. City, state, & federal offices also use these records to determine where to put utility lines, determine land usage plans and more.

RESIDENTIAL RECYCLING

Douglas County offers four recycling drop-off sites to serve residents the unincorporated areas of the County. Residents who live within incorporated areas may have curbside options available. The four locations in the unincorporated area are:



Prairie Moon Waldorf School (1853 E 1600 Rd)
Stull United Methodist Church (1596 E 250 Rd)
Vinland/Baldwin (1704 N 700 Road)
Wakarusa Valley School (1104 E 1000 Rd)

At each location, there are containers for mixed materials (all glass, plastic, paper, cans, etc.) and containers for cardboard only. Plastic bags are generally not accepted. The drop-off recycling bins are available for Douglas County residents. Businesses can contact Honey Creek Disposal Services (913-369-8999) for commercial recycling services.

ROADS

Several state and local agencies maintain public roads in Douglas County. Roads located within the city limits of Lawrence, Baldwin City, Eudora, and Lecompton are maintained by their respective cities. For road maintenance on township roads, contact current township officials (see under Townships).



Douglas County Public Works - Operations Division

Phone: 785-331-1332
Address: 3755 East 25th Street, Lawrence, KS 66046
Website and map: www.dgcoks.gov/public-works/road-maintenance-responsibility

Dust Control

Phone: 785-832-5293
Website: www.dgcoks.gov/public-works/dust-control-program

This program is made available to all residents in Douglas County living adjacent to public roadways. If the township maintains the road, cooperation with the Township Board is needed to prepare the road before the dust control application and protect it from blading as long as possible after treatment. The program consists of applying liquid calcium chloride or magnesium chloride to rock roads, typically in front of houses, to reduce dust created by vehicles.

SEPTIC SYSTEMS AND SEWAGE LAGOONS

The Douglas County Sanitary Code helps ensure that septic systems are designed and will function properly to avoid any potential health hazards due to contaminated groundwater. Sanitary code enforcement protects homeowners from sewage backups, prevents water well contamination, and ensures that septage haulers dispose of waste in accordance with all state and Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) regulations.



Douglas County Environmental Health Department

Phone: (785) 843-3060
Email: ehinfo@ldchealth.org
Address: 200 Maine St, Suite B, Lawrence, KS 66044
Website: <https://ldchealth.org/508/Environmental-Health>

Douglas County Environmental Health Department works to ensure Lawrence and Douglas County residents live in a safe and healthy environment. Environmental health staff enforce health and safety regulations in Douglas County to protect environmental quality for all residents. Environmental Health staff assist rural residents with permitting and testing of private well water and permitting and inspecting of onsite sewage management systems.

Douglas County Zoning and Codes Department

Phone: 785-331-1343
Address: 3755 E 25th St, Lawrence, KS 66046
Website: www.dgcoks.gov/zoning-and-codes

Understanding local zoning regulations and codes is crucial when installing a septic system or sewage lagoon. The Zoning and Codes Department can provide information on setback requirements, lot size restrictions, and other relevant zoning ordinances.

Kansas Department of Health and Environment (KDHE)

Phone: (785) 296-1500
Address: 1000 SW Jackson St, Suite 330, Topeka, KS 66612
Website: <https://www.kdhe.ks.gov/167/Water>

The KDHE is responsible for setting statewide regulations and standards for wastewater management, including septic systems and sewage lagoons. Their website offers comprehensive information on regulations, permitting requirements, and best practices for installation and maintenance.

K-State Research and Extension – Douglas County

Phone: 785-843-7058
Address: 2110 Harper St, Lawrence, KS 66046
Website: <https://www.douglas.k-state.edu/>

The Extension Office offers publications addressing septic system maintenance and best practices for rural homeowners.

Local Contractors and Septic System Professionals

Website: <https://ldchealth.org/DocumentCenter/View/638/Licensed-Septic-Installers-PDF>

Seeking guidance and expertise from local contractors and septic system professionals can be invaluable during planning and installation. They can offer insights into soil conditions, system design options, and maintenance recommendations tailored to your property.

SEVERE WEATHER AWARENESS AND ALERTS

Emergency Management

Phone: 785-832-5259

Address: Judicial Law Enforcement Center,
111 East 11th Street, Lawrence, KS 66044

Website: www.dgcoks.gov/emergency-management/severe-weather-safety



Douglas County encourages residents to sign up (online) for the NE Kansas Regional Notification System, a free call notification system used by Douglas County to provide residents with health and safety information, including weather alerts sent by the National Weather Service in Topeka.

Douglas County's outdoor warning siren system consists of 44 sirens placed strategically throughout the county as an early warning device to alert citizens outdoors to imminent severe weather. ([MAP](#))

SOIL

K-State Research and Extension – Douglas County

Phone: 785-843-7058

Address: 2110 Harper St, Lawrence, KS 66046

Website: <https://www.douglas.k-state.edu/news-events/soil-test/>

Soil samples can be brought to the Extension office for shipping to the K-State soil diagnostic lab. Results and additional information are then emailed or mailed to the landowner.

Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) Web Soil Survey

Phone: 785-843-4260 ext. 3

Address: Lawrence Service Center, 4920 Bob Billings Pkwy,
Suite A, Lawrence, KS 66049

Soil survey website: <http://websoilsurvey.sc.egov.usda.gov/App/HomePage.htm>

The Web Soil Survey (WSS) provides soil data and information from the National Cooperative Soil Survey. Information can include erodibility, agricultural production capability, flooding potential, and building suitability.

UTILITIES

Douglas County has three 'Electric Certified Areas.' See Appendix F for a [map](#) (note KC Power & Light Company and Westar Energy have merged to form Evergy) of the Kansas Electric Certified Areas for Douglas County. Baldwin City and Eudora utilities are municipally maintained.

Baldwin City Public Works

Phone: 785-594-6907

Address: 1015 Orange St, Baldwin City, KS 66006

Website: <https://www.baldwincity.gov/elec-dept>

Eudora Public Works

Phone: 785-542-3100

Address: 107 West 5th St, Eudora, KS 66025

Website: <https://www.cityofeudoraks.gov/93/Electric>

Evergy

Phone (customer service): 888-471-5275

Phone (report outage): 888-544-4852

Website: <https://www.evergy.com/>

FreeState Electric Cooperative

Phone: 913-796-6111

Address: 507 N Union St, McLouth, KS 66054 or
1100 SW Auburn Rd, Topeka, KS 66615

Website: <https://www.freestate.coop/>

VOTER INFORMATION

(see under [COUNTY OPERATIONS](#))

WASTE MANAGEMENT

(See also septic systems and sewage lagoons)

Hamm Sanitary Landfill

Phone: 785-842-2221.
Email: info@nrhamm.com
Address: 609 Perry Pl, Perry, KS 66073

HAMM Companies offers roll-off trucking and large dumpster services.

Household Hazardous Waste

Phone: 785-832-5157
Address: 1006 New Hampshire St, Lawrence, KS 66044
Website: www.dgcoks.gov/administration/sustainability/hazardous-waste-disposal

The City of Lawrence/Douglas County Household Hazardous Waste Facility accepts hazardous waste from Douglas County households for free throughout the year. The Household Hazardous Waste Facility operates on a by-appointment-only basis for Douglas County residents. Materials accepted at the HHW Facility include unwanted paint (empty/dry paint cans can be disposed of in the trash), pesticides, cleaners, mercury thermometers and light bulbs (non-mercury and LED bulbs can be disposed of in the trash), and household batteries. The facility also houses a Product Reuse Store, which allows Douglas County residents to pick up recycled products in good, usable condition by appointment.

WATER AND WELLS

(see also ‘irrigation wells’ under [Agriculture](#))

Moving to the country involves several different types of water planning. If planning to build a home, you must identify your water sources for indoor and outdoor uses. Existing ponds and wells may need evaluation and management. Consulting the relevant experts is advised when establishing a new pond or well to provide water for wildlife, livestock, and gardening or to provide water containment to improve land use.

Harmful Algal Blooms (HAB)

**Kansas Department of Health & Environment-
Watershed Management Section**

HAB hotline for current advisories: 855-422-5253
Website: www.kdhe.ks.gov/790/Recognizing-Algal-Blooms-or-How-to-Recog

K-State Research and Extension – Douglas County

Phone: 785-843-7058
Address: 2110 Harper St, Lawrence, KS 66046
Website: https://www.douglas.k-state.edu/program-areas/natural-resources/pond_management.html

If you think you have harmful blue-green algae in your pond, contact the Extension Office. Extension can sample your pond for HAB. Water samples are sent to the Kansas State Veterinary Diagnostic Laboratory.

Livestock Watering
(see under Agriculture)

Ponds
(see under Ponds)

Rural Water Districts

Link to map:
www.dgcoks.gov/sites/default/files/media/depts/public-works/pdf/rural-water-district-map.pdf

There are six rural water districts wholly located in Douglas County. Rural water districts of neighboring Franklin, Osage, and Jefferson counties service some areas of Douglas County. The cities of Wellsville and Edgerton have municipal water supplies. Appendix G shows a map of the rural water districts and contact information.

Water Resource Protection

It is important to understand how your property relates to the overall watershed of the area. Contact the KDHE watershed planning, monitoring, and assessment section to learn more about water quality pollution from and to our land.



Douglas County Conservation District

Phone: 785-843-4260 ext. 6500
Address: 4920 Bob Billings Parkway, Suite A, Lawrence, KS 66049
Website: www.douglasccd.com

The Douglas County Conservation District provides financial assistance for conservation practices, including erosion and sediment control, riparian area protection, and wetland development and restoration. You can find the District’s comprehensive tool designed to help small acreage landowners evaluate the condition of their property and identify methods for managing and enhancing the land at <http://www.douglasccd.com/steps-for-small-acreage.html>.

Kansas Forest Service

Phone: 785-532-3300
Address: 2610 Claflin Road, Manhattan, KS 66502
Website: www.kansasforests.org/resources/resources_docs/waterquality.html

The KS Forest Service can offer technical assistance to establish or enhance streamside buffers and streambank protection strategies.

Upper Wakarusa WRAPS - Watershed Restoration and Protection Strategies

Phone: 785-424-4137
Address: 626 North Main St., Suite A, Newton, KS 67114
Website: <https://kaws.org/projects/upper-wakarusa-river-watershed/>

KAWS works to conserve and restore wetlands, streams, and riparian areas in Kansas. They provide technical assistance, grant opportunities, and educational resources to landowners interested in enhancing water resources and wildlife habitat. Upper Wakarusa WRAPS offers financial and technical consultations on clean water for landowners, farmers, and ranchers. This includes funding for livestock watering systems, livestock feeding pads, rotational grazing infrastructure, exclusion fencing, permanent vegetation establishment, cover crop plantings, buffer plantings, and other agricultural projects related to watershed health.

Watershed Districts
(see under COUNTY OPERATIONS)

Wells - Drinking Water

Private well owners are responsible for regularly testing the water they use for household purposes such as drinking, cooking, bathing, and laundry to ensure it is safe.

Douglas County Environmental Health Department

Phone: (785) 843-3060
Email: ehinfo@ldchealth.org
Address: 200 Maine St, Suite B, Lawrence, KS 66044
Website: <https://ldchealth.org/508/Environmental-Health>

Douglas County Environmental Health Department works to ensure Lawrence and Douglas County residents live in a safe and healthy environment. Environmental health staff enforce health and safety regulations in Douglas County to protect environmental quality for all residents. Environmental Health staff assist rural residents with permitting and testing of private well water and permitting and inspecting of onsite sewage management systems.

Douglas County Sanitarian

Phone: 785-856-5370
Address: 200 Maine, Suite B, Lawrence, KS 66044

Kansas Department of Health and Environment (KDHE)

KDHE Geology & Well Technology
Phone: 785-296-5560
Address: 1000 SW Jackson Street, Suite 420, Topeka, KS 66612
Website: www.kdhe.ks.gov/1454/Resources-for-Well-Owners

Technical assistance regarding well construction, maintenance, and protection. Education for well owners is provided, including information on disinfection and water quality.

K-State Research and Extension – Douglas County

Phone: 785-843-7058
Address: 2110 Harper St, Lawrence, KS 66046
Website: <https://www.douglas.k-state.edu/>

Test kit for private lab analysis available.

Wells - Irrigation ELLS – IRRIGATION
(see under AGRICULTURE)

ZONING AND CODES

Location: Public Works Building, 3755 East 25th St, Lawrence, KS 66046
Hours: Mon-Fri, 8 am - 5 pm, Closed 12-1
Phone: 785-331-1344
Email: zoning@dgcoks.gov
Website: www.dgcoks.gov/zoning-and-codes

Zoning is a critical tool that allows different land uses to be located in an organized manner that promotes the public health, safety, and general welfare of residents. Zoning guides development, including transportation, infrastructure, agricultural lands, open space, and other types of rural land use. Zoning is enforced to protect property owners from the negative impacts of certain types of land uses. Properties that are used in a manner inconsistent with the applied zoning code can cause visual blight in the county, affect the floodplain and downstream neighbors, create drainage issues, safety hazards for traffic, and damage the natural environment. Zoning protects the public interest, including agriculture, residential, commercial, and industrial zones, in relation to natural resource protection through the administration of land use policies.

Building Codes

Phone: 785-331-1344
Website: www.dgcoks.gov/zoning-and-codes/building-code

The Building Codes Department reviews residential and commercial building plans, issues construction permits, and handles construction violations.

County Code

The Douglas County Code details the requirements, codes, restrictions, and responsibilities related to property ownership in the county. The County Code includes animal control, building and housing, emergency services and preparedness, fire safety, nuisances, and solid waste management. Many of these topics are cross-referenced in this document.

Douglas County Administration at 785-832-5268.
Website: www.dgcoks.gov/media/8618

ENFORCEMENT

Enforcement is generally complaint-based. Please reach out to zoning@dgcoks.org to file a complaint. For criminal activity, call the sheriff’s office.

Zoning and Codes: 785-331-1344
Sheriff: 911 for emergencies or 785-841-0007

Zoning Regulations

Access the general website for the following information at: www.dgcoks.gov/zoning-and-codes/zoning#regulations

Agritourism

Zoning and Codes Department: 785-331-1343
Website: www.dgcoks.gov/zoning-and-codes/agritourism

“Agritourism activity” means any activity that allows members of the general public, for recreational, entertainment, or educational purposes, to view or enjoy rural activities, including, but not limited to, farming activities, ranching activities, or historic, cultural, or natural attractions. An activity may be an agritourism activity whether or not the participant pays to participate in the activity. Agritourism activities must be registered with the County and State.

Board of Zoning Appeals (BZA)

County Planner and BZA staff liaison: 785-331-1347.
Website: www.dgcoks.gov/zoning-and-codes/board-of-zoning-appeals

The cities of Baldwin City, Eudora, and Lecompton each have their own BZAs. An applicant pays a nonrefundable application fee to go before the Board of Zoning Appeals (BZA). Meetings of the BZA are published in the Lawrence Journal-World, and property owners within one-half mile are notified. The applicant should contact the Zoning Department for information on how to apply for a variance. The BZA meets on the third Monday of the month at 10:00 at the Douglas County Public Works/Zoning and Codes Building.

Fireworks

Fireworks regulations website: <https://www.dgcoks.gov/zoning-and-codes/fireworks-rules-and-regulations>

Fireworks are allowed at public parks and lakes in the county in specific locations on limited days per year.

Prohibited areas include:

- Within 1,000 feet of any hospital, sanitarium or infirmary; or
- Within 100 feet of any Fireworks Stand; or into, under, from, or on a car or vehicle, whether moving or standing still; or on any public roadway or the right-of-way adjoining a public roadway; or on any public or private property without the express permission and, with respect to private property, direct supervision of the owner, occupier, or other Person having control of such property.

For Lone Star Lake, fireworks are allowed between the maintenance building and the community building. No fireworks are allowed in the campground areas or at the beach from 7:00 am to 10:00 pm until July 4th.

Firework displays require a permit. Contact Zoning and Codes at 785-331-1343.

Floodplain Management

Zoning and Codes Department: 785-331-1343
Email: zoning@dgcoks.gov
Website: www.dgcoks.gov/zoning-and-codes/floodplain-management

Building and modifying structures or moving soil within a regulated floodplain may not be permitted or may require a permit. Review the floodplain map to ensure your property is not in the regulated floodplain. If a property is in a regulated floodplain, review the floodplain regulations and contact Zoning and Codes. To see the floodplain map, go to the Douglas County Geoportal – [floodplain viewer](#).

Home occupations
(home-based businesses)

Website: www.dgcoks.gov/zoning-and-codes/home-business

While certain types of home businesses are allowed, many unintentionally adversely affect adjacent neighbors and properties. For this reason, home-based businesses have been categorized into Types 1 and 2, depending on the business use. More impactful businesses are required to register with the Zoning and Codes office.

Permitted Use Table

The permitted use table provides a shorthand look at the activities and structures allowed within each zoning district in the unincorporated portions of the county. See Appendix H.

- Zoning districts and permitted uses of land within zoning districts
- AG-1 Agricultural District
 - AG-2 Transitional Agricultural District
 - CP Clustered Preservation District
 - LS Lone Star Lake Lot Residential District
 - LB Lake Oriented Business District
 - RT Rural Tourism District
 - GB General Business District
 - LI Light Industrial District
 - GI General Industrial District
 - V Village District
 - BSC Big Springs Community District
 - EWP Eudora Source Water Protection Overlay District
 - ASO Airspace Overlay District

Vacation Rentals

Vacation rentals are an increasingly common way for property owners to open up a new revenue stream by renting out their homes. Douglas County has an administrative registration process for vacation rentals within established dwellings, including an inspection and payment of a \$50 fee per advertised bedroom every two years. Some vacation rentals may require a conditional use permit.

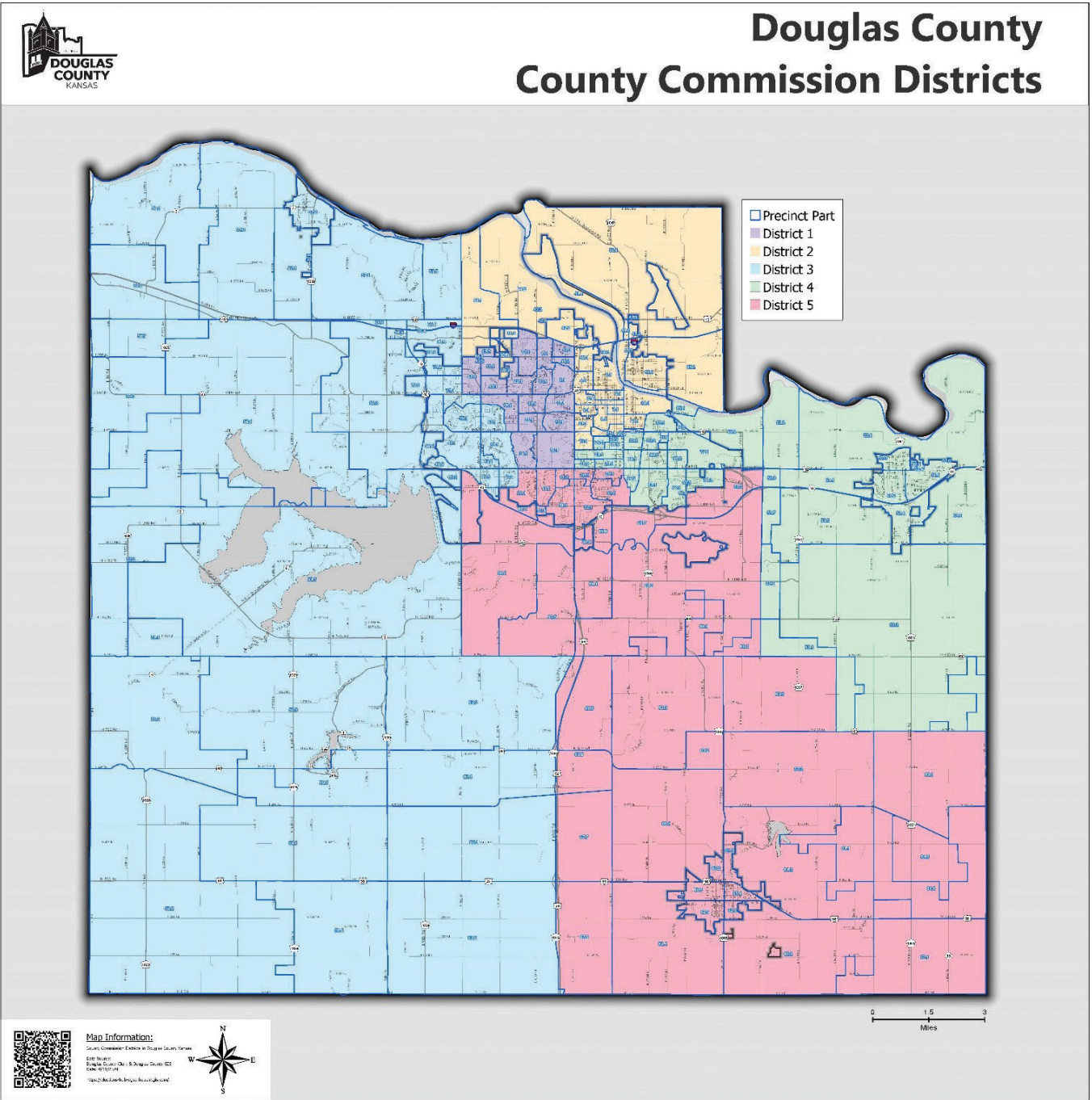
Zoning and land use regulations

Website: www.dgcoks.gov/zoning-and-codes

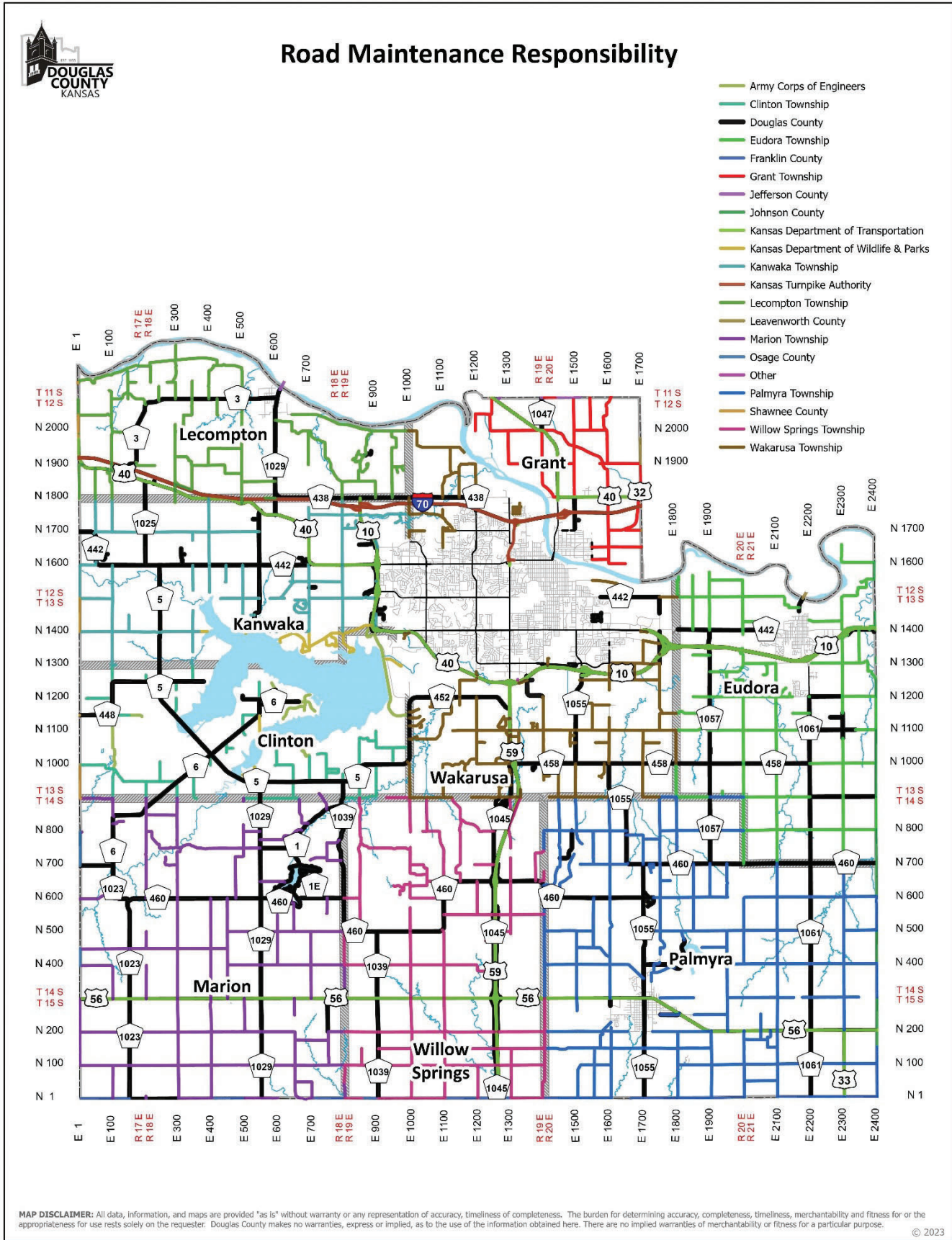
Chapter 12 of the Zoning and Land Use Regulations document defines what is and what is not permitted land use within the unincorporated areas of Douglas County. For example, Chpt. 12 details each zoning district’s setback, buffer area, signage, and lighting requirements.

Appendices

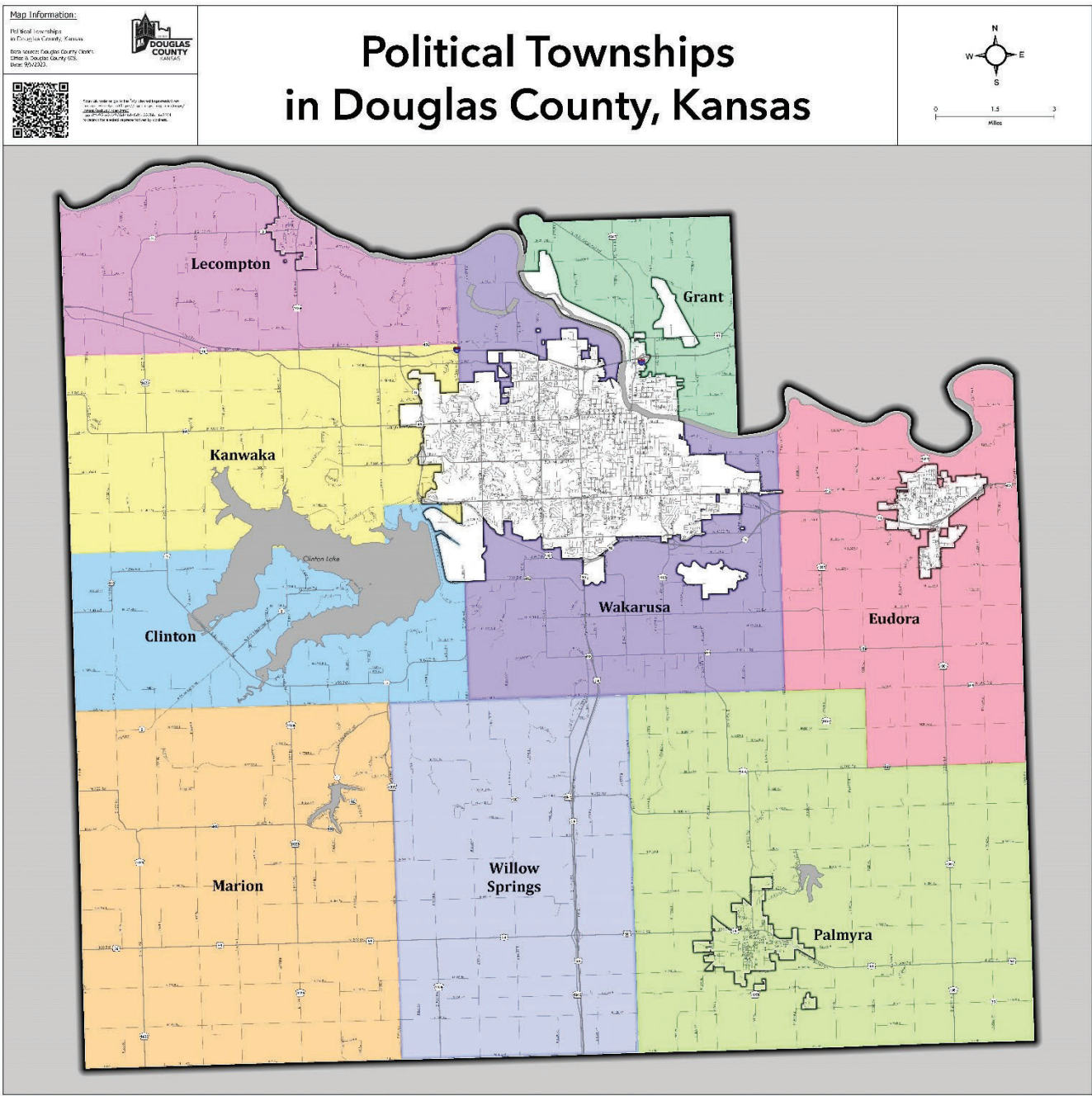
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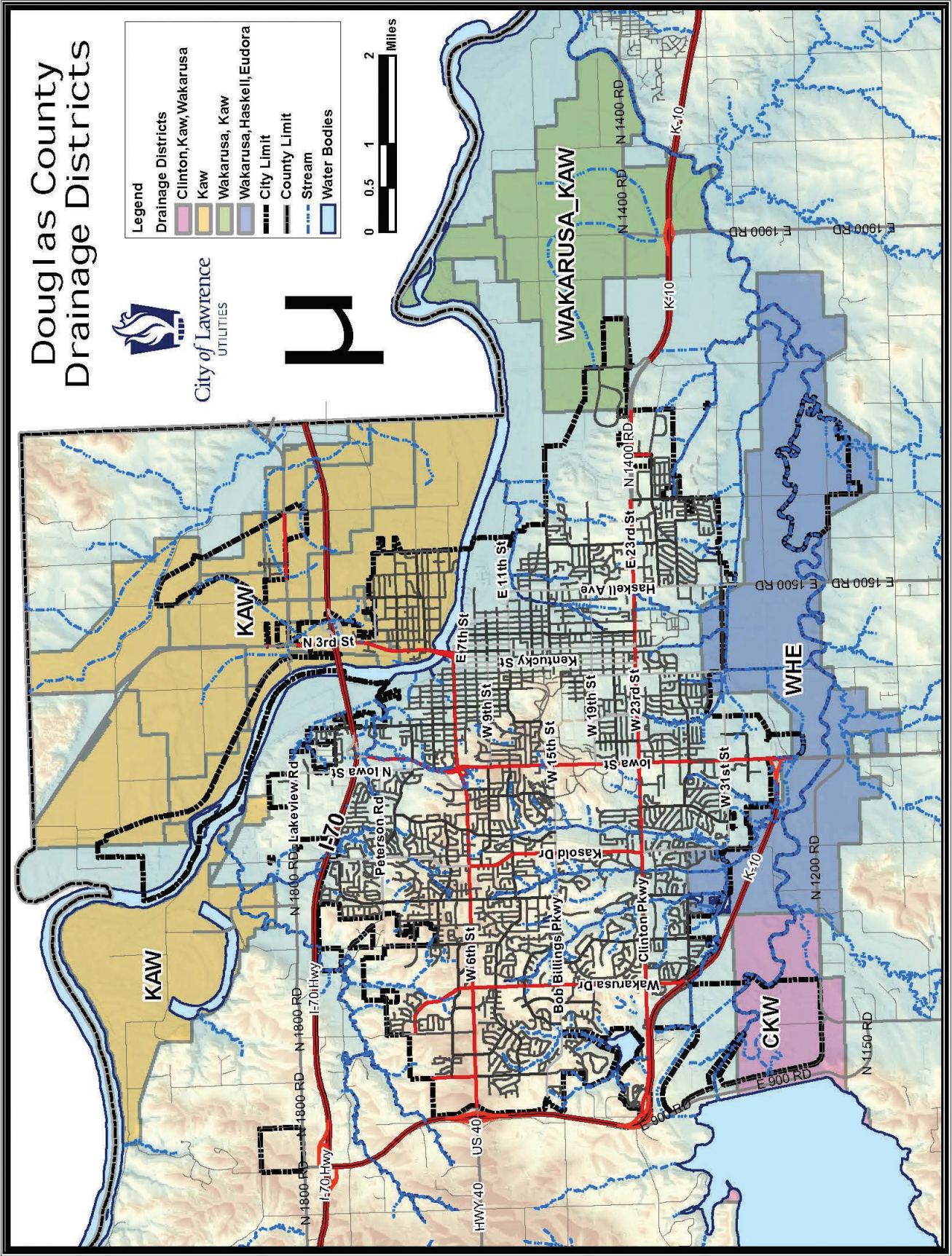
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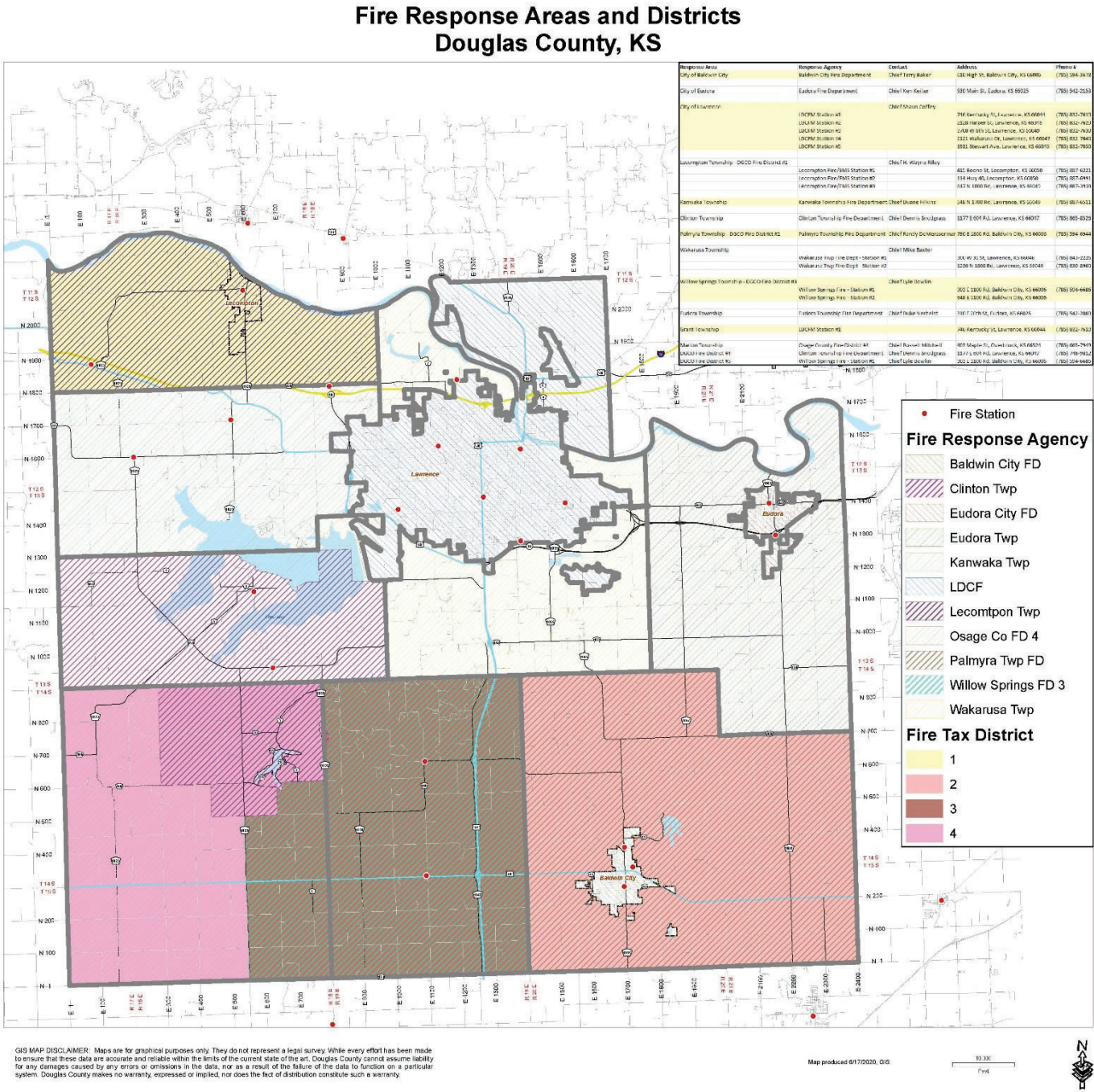
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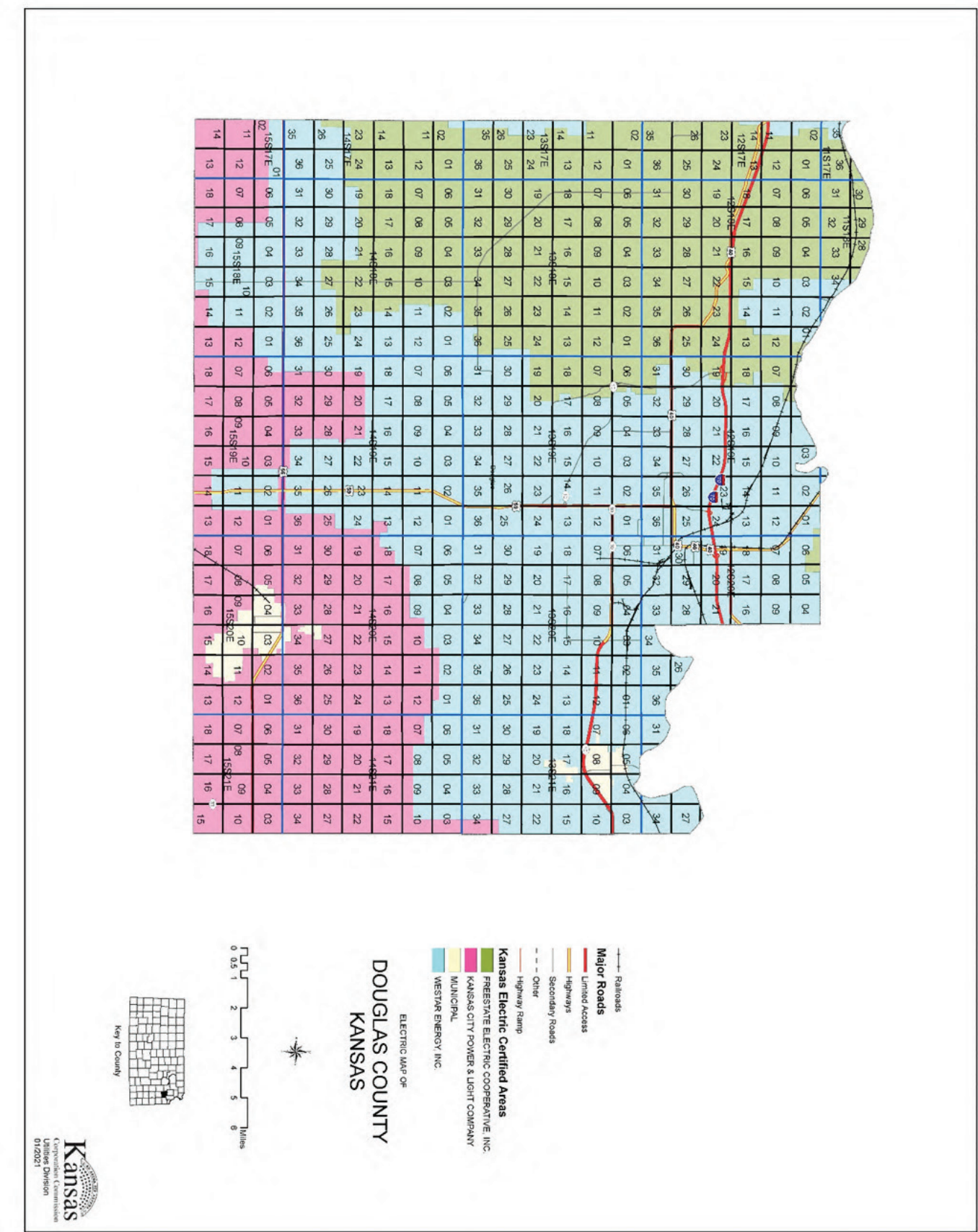
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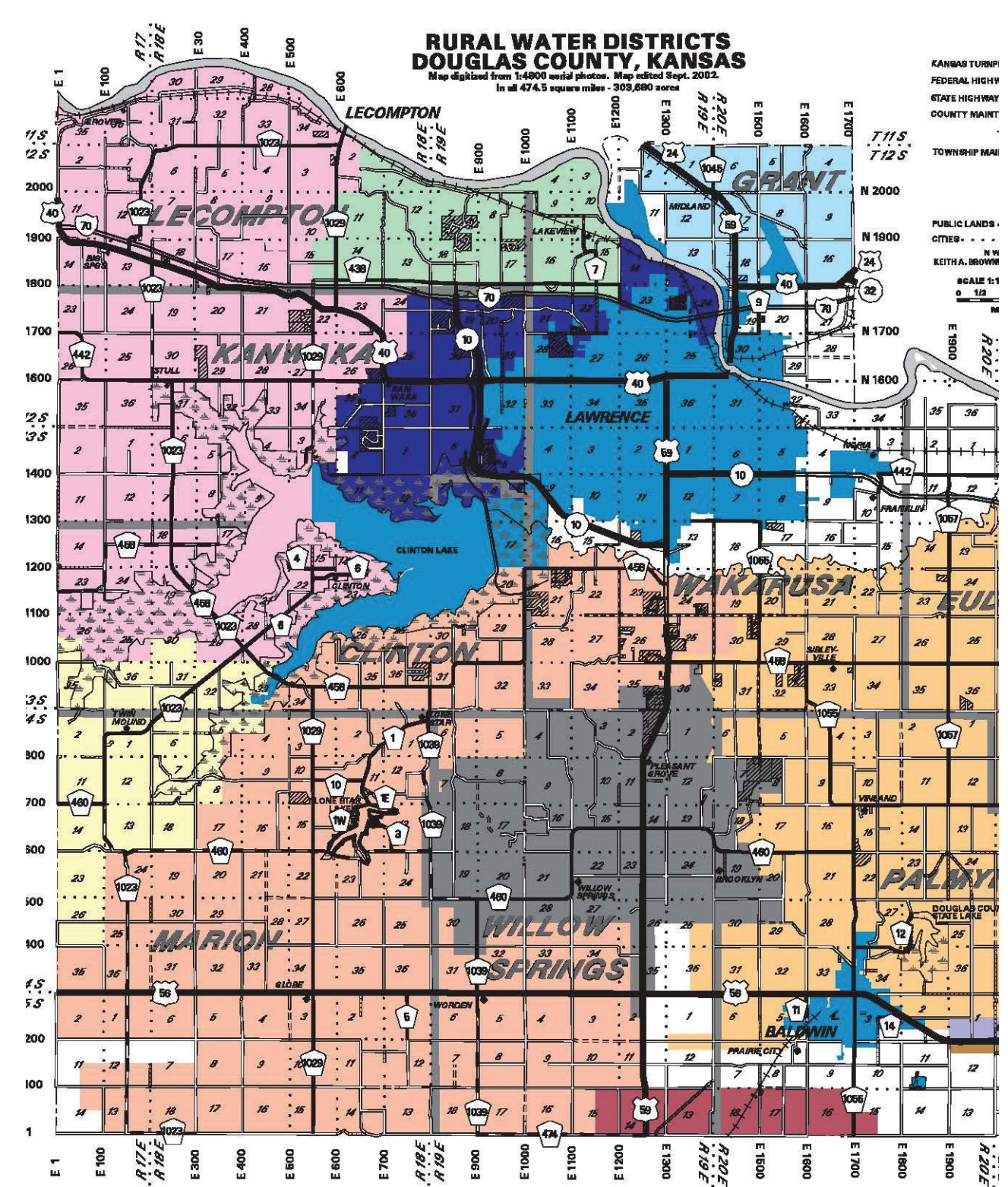
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APPENDIX F. KANSAS ELECTRIC CERTIFIED AREAS



APPENDIX G. RURAL WATER DISTRICTS



APPENDIX I. PERMITTED USE TABLE

SECTION 304 PERMITTED USE TABLE

12-304-1 Permitted Use Table 12-304-2 Unlisted Uses

12-304-3 Permitted Use Table

12-304.1 PERMITTED USE TABLE

The Permitted Use Table in Section 12-304(b) lists the principal uses allowed within each of the Zoning Districts. The symbols used in the Use Table are explained below:

- a. [P] Permitted Uses
A ‘P’ indicates that a use is permitted by-right, subject to compliance with all applicable local, state and federal regulations including the requirements of the Zoning Regulations.
- b. [C] Conditional Uses
A ‘C’ indicates that the use is allowed only if reviewed and approved in accordance with the Conditional Use procedures of Section 12-307-2.
- c. A [‘P’/‘C’] indicates that in some instances the use is permitted-by-right, while in others a Conditional Use Permit is required. The use specific standards will provide the criteria for each.
- d. [A] Accessory Uses
An ‘A’ indicates that a use is only permitted as accessory to a principal use, subject to compliance with all applicable local, state and federal regulations, including the requirements of the Zoning Regulations.
- e. [-] Uses not permitted.
A dash indicates that the use is not permitted within that Zoning District
- f. [*] Use-Specific Standards
Many permitted uses, whether permitted by-right, or as conditional or accessory uses, are subject to compliance with use-specific standards and conditions. An asterisk after the ‘P’, ‘C’, or ‘A’ use code identifies that the use is subject to use- specific standards and conditions. The sections in which these standards and conditions are located are identified in the far right column titled ‘Use Specific Standard’.

12-304-2 UNLISTED USES

A. If an application is submitted for a use that is not listed in the Permitted Use Table, the Director of Zoning and Codes is authorized to classify the unlisted use into an existing land use category that most closely fits the unlisted use using the following factors:

1. The description of each activity in relationship to the characteristics of each use category;
2. The relative amount of site or floor space and equipment devoted to each activity;
- g. Relative amounts of sales from each activity;
- h. The relative number of employees in each activity;
- i. Hours of operation;
- j. Classification of the use in the North American Industry Classification System (NAICS);
- k. Building and site arrangement;
- l. Number and types of vehicles used with each activity;
- m. The relative number of vehicle trips generated by each activity;
- n. How the use advertises itself; and
- o. Whether each individual activity would be likely to be found independent of the other activities on the site.

B. If no similar use determination can be made, the Planning Director shall begin the initiation process to the text of the Zoning Regulations to define the use, establish any necessary use-specific standards, and clarify where such use shall be allowed.

C. If a specific use in a district requires a Conditional Use Permit, that specific use shall not be interpreted to fall within a more general use permitted by right in such district. The specific use shall require a Conditional Use Permit

12-304-3 PERMITTED USE TABLE

| | | | | | | | | | | | | |
|---|-------------|-------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|----------|------------|--------------------------|
| A = Accessory use P = Permitted use C = Requires Conditional Use Permit PG -Parking Group *=Specific Use Standards | AG-1 | AG-2 | CP | LS | LB | RT | GB | LI | GI | V | BSC | USE STDS |
| Agricultural | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Agriculture | P* | P* | P* | P* | P* | P* | P* | P* | P* | P* | P* | 306-3 |
| Hobby Farm | P | P | P* | P | - | A | - | - | - | P | - | 306-4 |
| Agritourism | P*/C* | P*/C* | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 306-5 PG 2 |
| Ancillary Agricultural Retail sales | P*/C | P*/C | - | - | A | A | P | - | - | C | P | 306-7 PG 6 |
| Commercial Grain Storage | C* | C* | - | - | - | - | P | P | P | C | C | PG 4 |
| Commercial Riding Stable or Academy | C* | C* | - | - | P | P | P | - | - | C | P | 306-35 PG 3 |
| Commercial Slaughtering/ Processing General | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | C | - | - | PG 4 |
| Commercial Slaughtering/ Processing Limited | C | C | - | - | - | - | C | C | C | - | C | PG X |
| Farm Stand | A* | A* | A* | A* | P* | P* | P* | P* | - | P* | P* | 306-17 PG 6 |
| Farmer's Market | C* | C* | A* | - | P* | P* | P* | P* | | P* | P* | 306-18 PG 5 |
| Sale Barn/Auction House | C* | C* | - | - | - | - | P* | P* | P* | C* | P* | 306-36 PG 17 |
| Value Added Agricultural Business | P*/C * | P*/C * | - | - | A* | A* | C* | P* | P* | C* | P/C* | 306-42 PG 14 |
| Residential | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Accessory Dwelling Unit | A* | A* | A* | - | - | - | - | - | - | A* | A* | 306-1 PG 1 |
| Caretaker/Manager's Residence | - | - | - | - | A* | A* | A* | A* | A* | P* | A* | 306-11 PG 1 |
| Detached Dwelling including Residential Design Manufactured Homes | P* | P* | P* | P* | - | - | - | - | - | P* | P* | 306-14 306-34 PG 1 |
| Group Home, General | C* | C* | C* | C* | - | - | - | - | - | C | C | PG 1 |
| Group Home, Limited | P* | P* | P* | P* | - | - | - | - | - | P | P | PG 1 |

12-304 Permitted Use Table

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| Home Occupations, Type 1 | P* | P* | P* | P* | - | - | - | - | - | P* | P* | 306-21 PG 14 |
| Home Occupations, Type 2 | P* | C* | C* | C* | - | - | - | - | - | C* | C* | 306-22 PG 14 |
| Farm Employee Housing | C* | C* | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | PG 1 |
| Commercial Uses | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Bank/Financial Institution | - | - | - | - | P | A | P | - | - | C | P | PG 7 |
| Bar or Tavern | - | - | - | - | P | A | P | - | - | C | P | PG 10 |
| Boat or Other Recreational Vehicles Sales/ Rental/ Service | - | - | - | - | P | A | P | P | P | C | P | PG 18 |
| Contractor Shop/Yard | - | - | - | - | - | - | P | P | P | C | P | PG 9 |
| Construction Sales & Services | - | - | - | - | - | - | P | P | P | - | P | PG 9 |
| Commercial Dog Kennel | C* | C* | - | - | - | - | P* | P* | P* | - | P* | 306-23 PG 17 |
| Animal Services | - | - | - | - | - | - | P | P | - | C | P | PG X |
| Fireworks Sales | P* | P* | - | - | P* | - | P* | P* | P* | P* | P* | 306-19 |
| Gas and Fuel Sales | - | - | - | - | P | A | P | P | P | C | P | PG8 |
| Heavy Equipment Sales and Rentals | - | - | - | - | - | - | P | - | P | - | P | PG 20 |
| Animal Hospital or Clinic | C* | C* | - | - | - | A* | P* | P* | P* | C* | P* | 306-8 PG X |
| Landscape and Lawn Care Businesses | - | - | - | - | - | - | P | P | P | C | P | PG 14 |
| Light Equipment Sales and Rentals | - | - | - | - | - | - | P | P | P | - | P | 306.24 PG 20 |
| Offices | - | - | - | - | - | - | P | - | - | C | P | PG 7 |
| Personal Services | - | - | - | - | P | A | P | - | - | C | P | PG 7 |
| Meat Lockers | - | - | - | - | P | - | P | P | P | C | P | PG X |
| Restaurant | - | - | - | - | P | A | P | - | - | C | P | PG 9 |
| Retail Sales | - | - | - | - | P* | A* | P* | - | - | C* | P* | 306-46 PG 6 |
| Sexually Oriented Business | - | - | - | - | - | - | C* | C* | - | - | C* | 306-38 PG 9 |
| Community Facilities | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Cemeteries | C | C | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | C | - | PG X |
| Colleges and Schools | - | C | - | - | - | - | P | P* | P* | C | P | 306-47 PG 11 |

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|---|------|-----------|-----------|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|-----|-----------------|
| Day Care Center | - | C*/A * | C*/ A* | C* | C* | A* | P* | P* | P* | C* | P* | 306-12 PG 14 |
| Day Care Home | P* | P* | P* | P* | - | - | - | - | - | P* | P* | 306-13 PG 14 |
| Day Care Home Non-occupant Provider | C | C | C | C | - | - | - | - | - | C | P | PG 14 |
| Fairgrounds | C | C | - | - | - | P | C | P | - | C | P | PG X |
| Community Center, Libraries, Museums or Art Galleries | C | C | - | - | P | P | P | - | - | C | P | PG 7 |
| Non-profit Educational or Philanthropic Institutional Uses | C | C | - | - | - | - | P | - | - | C | P | PG X |
| Government Buildings | C | C | C | C | P | - | P | P | P | C | P | PG 7 |
| Religious Institution, Small | C* | C* | C* | C* | P* | A* | P* | - | - | P* | P* | 306-33 PG 13 |
| Religious Institution, Large | - | C* | - | - | - | - | P* | - | - | C* | P* | 306-33 PG 13 |
| Industrial/Warehouse | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Asphalt or Concrete Batch Plant | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | P | P | - | - | PG 4 |
| Boat/RV Storage | - | C | - | - | P | C | P | P | P | - | P | PG X |
| Landfill | C* | C* | C* | - | C* | C* | C* | C* | C* | - | C* | 306-24 PG 14 |
| Exterior Storage | - | - | - | - | A* | A* | A* | A* | P* | A* | A* | 306-16 PG X |
| Farm Implement Repair Service | C | C | - | - | - | - | P | P | P | C | P | PG 18 |
| Heavy Equipment Repair/Service | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | P | P | C | - | PG 18 |
| Equipment Storage (Light or Heavy) | C* | C* | - | - | - | - | - | P* | P* | C* | - | 306-25 PG 14 |
| Light Equipment Repair/Service | - | - | - | - | - | - | P | P | P | C | P | PG 18 |
| Manufacturing & Production, General | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | P* | - | - | 306-26 PG 4 |
| Manufacturing & Production, Light | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | P* | P* | C* | - | 306-26 PG 4 |
| Mini- or Self-Storage | - | C* | - | - | C* | - | P* | P* | P* | - | P* | 306-28 PG 19 |
| Small Scale Industrial Uses | C* | C* | - | - | - | - | P* | P | P | C* | P* | 306-39 PG 14 |
| General Service and Repair Establishment | - | - | - | - | - | - | P | P | P | C | P | PG 14 |

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| Mining, Excavation and/or Extraction of Natural Resources | C* | C* | - | - | C* | C* | C* | C* | C* | - | C* | 306-27 PG 4 |
| Salvage Yards | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | C* | - | - | 306-37 PG 14 |
| Wholesale Storage & Distribution/ Warehousing | - | - | - | - | - | - | P* | P | P | - | P | 306-43 PG 4 |
| Research Facility, Ag Related | P/C | P/C | - | - | - | - | P | P | P | - | P | PG 4 |
| Medical | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Medical or Dental Clinics or Offices | - | - | - | - | - | - | P | - | - | C | P | PG 7 |
| Extended Care Facility | - | - | - | - | - | - | C* | - | - | C* | C* | 306-29 PG 16 |
| Utilities | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Major Utilities | C | C | C | - | - | - | - | P | P | C | - | PG 4 |
| Minor Utilities | P | P | P | P | P | P | P | P | P | P | P | PG 14 |
| Wind Turbine/Residential or Accessory | A* | A* | A* | A* | A* | A* | A* | A* | A* | A* | A* | |
| Wind Energy Conversion System/ Commercial | C* | - | - | - | - | - | C* | C* | C* | - | C* | 306-44 PG 14 |
| Communications | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Amateur and Receive Only Antennas | P | P | P | - | P | P | P | P | P | P | P | |
| Radio, Television, and Microwave Towers | C* | C* | C* | - | C* | C* | C* | C* | C* | C* | C* | 306-31 PG 14 |
| Wireless Facilities | C* | C* | C* | - | C* | C* | C* | C* | C* | C* | C* | 306-45 PG 14 |
| Temporary | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Special Event | P* | P* | P* | P* | P* | P* | P* | P* | P* | P* | P* | 306-40 PG X |
| Temporary Business Use | P* | P* | P* | P* | P* | P* | P* | P* | P* | P* | P* | 306-41 PG X |
| Temporary Housing During Construction | P* | P* | P* | P* | P* | P* | P* | P* | P* | P* | P* | 306-2 PG X |
| Lodging (transient accommodations) | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Vacation Rentals | C | C | C | C | C | P | - | - | - | C | P | PG 1 |
| Bed & Breakfast | C* | C* | C* | - | P* | P* | - | - | - | C* | P* | 306-9 PG15 |
| Campgrounds, Developed and Primitive | C* | - | - | - | P* | P* | - | - | - | - | - | 306-10 |
| Camping, Personal and Special Event | P*/A * | A* | A* | - | P* | P* | - | - | - | - | P* | 306-10 |
| Motel/Hotel | - | - | - | - | P | P | P | - | - | C | P | PG 15 |
| Recreation and Entertainment | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Event Center/ Public Assembly | C | C | - | - | P | P | P | - | - | C | P | 306-15 PG 13 |

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| A = Accessory use P = Permitted use C = Requires Conditional Use Permit PG -Parking Group * =Specific Use Standards | AG-1 | AG-2 | CP | LS | LB | RT | GB | LI | GI | V | BSC | USE STDS |
|--|------|------|-----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|-----|-----------------|
| Indoor Sports or Recreation Facility | - | C | - | - | - | A | P | P | C | C | P | PG 13 |
| Nature Preserve | P | P | P | P | P | P | P | P | P | P | P | |
| Outdoor Sports or Recreation Facility | - | C* | - | - | P* | P* | C* | P* | - | C* | C* | 306-30 PG X |
| Public Parks/ Playgrounds | P/C | P/C | P/C | - | P | P | P | P | P | P | P | PG X |
| Recycling | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Commercial Compost | C | C | - | - | - | - | - | P | P | - | - | PG 14 |
| Recycling Collection Center | C* | C* | C* | - | P* | P* | P* | P* | P* | P* | P* | 306-32 PG 9 |
| Recycling Processing | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | P | P | - | - | PG 4 |
| Transportation | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Private Airstrip/ Heliport (Public or Private) | C* | C* | - | - | - | - | - | C* | C* | - | - | 306-6 306-20 |

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