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January 15, 2015

David L. Corliss, City Manager  
Lawrence City Hall  
6 E. 6th St.  
Lawrence, KS 66044

Dear Mr. Corliss,

Attached you will find a land request proposal from Lawrence Habitat for Humanity, a sketch of the plan for the property and a support letter from Ted Boyle of the North Lawrence Improvement Association. A support letter from the Douglas County Food Policy Council will arrive separately. Please let me know when this proposal can be placed on the commission's agenda so I may attend.

Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Lori Harse".

Lori Harse  
Executive Director  
Lawrence Habitat for Humanity

## **Lawrence Habitat for Humanity Land request**

Re: 815 Oak Street Lawrence, KS 66044

The lot at 815 Oak Street is currently being leased by Johnson County Community College under the Common Ground program. This lease is due to expire at the end of the year. It appears this property has been under-utilized this past year by the JCCC agricultural training program. The lot has come to the attention of Lawrence Habitat for Humanity (LHfH) as a possible home building site as LHfH has recently built a number of homes adjacent to this site in the Comfort Neighborhood.

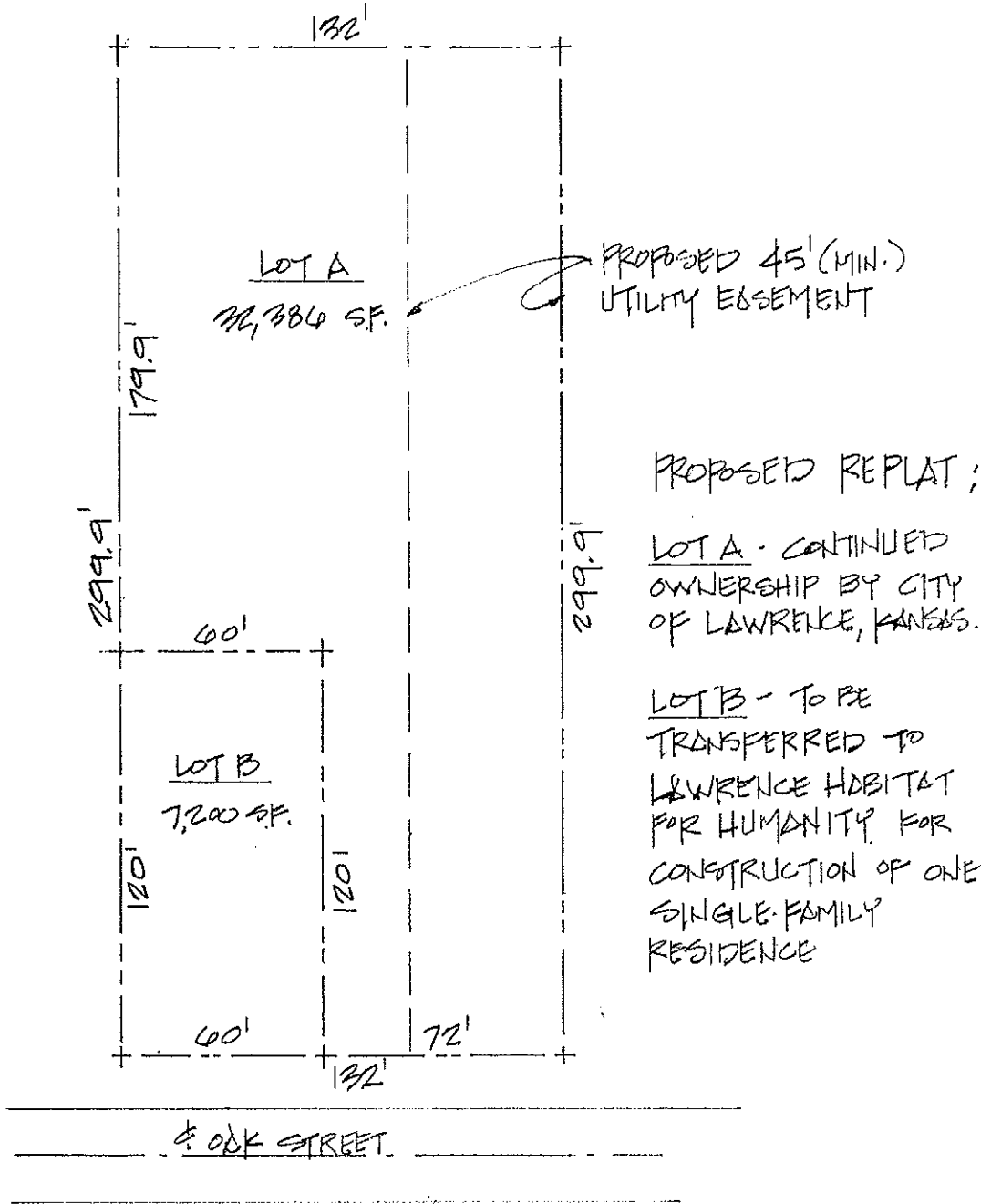
After some initial research we have determined that although the lot is quite large, we would only be able to put one of our homes on the lot due to the utility easement. Through some brainstorming with the Planning Department and our construction committee chair, we would like you to consider the following proposal.

We are proposing to both provide affordable housing to another family in Lawrence as well as continue to allow the city to meet other local needs through the community gardening and urban agriculture program, which is Common Ground. Due to the burden that caring for a lot that size would be for a single family in our program, Lawrence Habitat for Humanity would propose to build a single family home in the south west corner of the lot that would equal 7,200 square feet. Please see the attached exhibit A.

Through this proposed replat we would leave the remaining 32,386 square feet of the lot to the city to continue its use for the Common Ground program with a slight change to the structure of its previous use of the ground. The current use of the lot falling more on the urban agriculture side has less curb appeal than those sites that are more of a community garden. By acquiring the lot at a cost of no more than one dollar it would allow LHfH to truly partner with the city by providing two basic items that would help the curb appeal of the remaining southeast corner of the lot. A fence, no longer than 72 feet, to extend the south portion of the lot and a small gardening shed would be constructed by Habitat volunteers. This would allow for the front 8,640 sq ft of the property to be cultivated for a community garden and improve the street appearance while leaving the back 23,746.8 sq ft for urban agriculture as it has been in previous years. Common Ground or its partners would be responsible for maintaining the street frontage of the community garden as well as any upkeep of the fence and shed. This arrangement would offer a winning solution for the City of Lawrence, Lawrence Habitat and the immediate neighborhood.

If this plan was approved by the city, LHfH would build on the lot as early as summer 2015 and in turn begin generating property taxes of approximately \$1,900 a year.

Submitted by Lori Harse Executive Director, Lawrence Habitat for Humanity



PROPOSED REPLAT;

LOT A - CONTINUED OWNERSHIP BY CITY OF LAWRENCE, KANSAS.

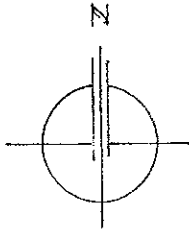
LOT B - TO BE TRANSFERRED TO LAWRENCE HABITAT FOR HUMANITY FOR CONSTRUCTION OF ONE SINGLE-FAMILY RESIDENCE

PROPERTY TRANSFER PROPOSAL DIAGRAM

11550'

ADDRESS: 815 OAK STREET

DESCRIPTION: LOT 5B, SIMPSON'S SUBDIVISION IN THE CITY OF LAWRENCE, EDGEMOND COUNTY, KANSAS.



# NORTH LAWRENCE IMPROVEMENT ASSOCIATION

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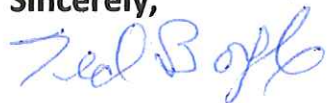
**January 13, 2015**

**Lori Harse  
Executive Director  
Lawrence Habitat for Humanity**

**The North Lawrence Improvement Association approves the build of a Habitat house in the 800 block of Oak Street. This project is being built on a 7000 square foot lot with RS7 zoning. This zoning will facilitate the property managing it's own storm water runoff as well as retaining the rural feel of North Lawrence.**

**The NLIA considers the Habitat Homes an asset to North Lawrence and welcomes them.**

**Sincerely,**



**Ted Boyle, President  
North Lawrence Improvement Association**