Growing the Land of Lincoln

Central Illinois is home to some of the most fertile farmland in the world, and agriculture drives much of our local economy. The Community Foundation for the Land of Lincoln believes there is great value in using this unique local asset to benefit our community in multiple ways, for years to come.

As a working asset, farmland can produce income for grantmaking purposes to local charitable causes. Keeping farmland locally owned also helps to recycle wealth in our communities, increase employment opportunities for local farmers and keep farmland in production beyond the lives of the current owners.

The Growing the Land of Lincoln program allows for charitable gifts of farmland to continue providing income to causes donors care about for years to come.

**THE GROWING THE LAND OF LINCOLN PROGRAM IS AN IMPORTANT TOOL FOR RETAINING ONE OF CENTRAL ILLINOIS’ GREATEST ASSETS—FARMLAND—WHILE BENEFITING ALL INVOLVED.**

- **Landowner Donors** can make an outright gift, leave their farmland as a bequest, or create a stable revenue source for the remainder of their lifetime.
- **Donors** receive a tax deduction for the charitable portion of the gift.
- **Local Charitable Causes**, which the Donor cares about, benefit for years to come.
- **Tenants** can continue renting the land and keep wealth generated by the land local.
- **Local Government** maintains tax base, as the Community Foundation continues paying property taxes on the land.
- **The Community Foundation for the Land of Lincoln** retains ownership of the land and diversifies its investment portfolio, earns revenue from the rent for the benefit of our central Illinois region and its communities, and serves donors in a meaningful way, helping landowners create a legacy.
Wealth is retained by keeping rental income in the region and by keeping wealth created by continued use of the land local. This wealth makes a significant impact on central Illinois communities.

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BENEFITS

1. This program is about the future of this region and its communities. Maintaining one of the region’s greatest assets—farmland—is top priority.

2. Farmland giving represents an incredible opportunity for rural philanthropy.

3. Farmland giving is a great tool for landowners, especially for those without heirs and as a way to keep the land in production beyond their lifetime.

4. The Community Foundation for the Land of Lincoln is well-positioned to manage the Growing the Land of Lincoln program.

HOW IT WORKS

The Community Foundation for the Land of Lincoln is ideal for managing a farmland giving program. The Growing the Land of Lincoln program provides a vehicle to:

KEEP LAND LOCALLY OWNED.

KEEP LAND FUNCTIONAL AS FARMLAND.

PROVIDE A LASTING LEGACY TO THE COMMUNITY AND REGION.

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