Among our hopes for this piece of land is to build a house large enough for many to dwell there, to make it accessible to those with disabilities, and to be on stilts so it is above the occasional flooding. There are many things needed for this to become a reality, and any help, (prayer, advice, building materials, or even volunteers) would be greatly appreciated!!



Location for Seed of Hope Farm Main House



Occasional pond on the property

Possible objectives for us are grounded in the vision of a Christcentered ministry of hope and redemption! We hope to share beyond the existing structure of many social agencies by opening our home, by sharing a family life of personal discipline, work, worship, loving relationships, care and support through daily challenges. By working together we can offer much:

- a Christian ministry center, based on meeting needs through love & faith
- a 24-hour/day shelter for those in need of emergency housing due to various reasons
- transitional housing, foster or respite care for longer-term needs
- elder daycare
- an opportunity for volunteers
- a retreat farm for individuals or groups
- a life of service, working together with local churches and social services to meet the needs of our area and its people.

As we work and live together, we can:

- learn rural living skills: gardening, animal care, food preservation, etc.
- learn co-operative family, work, and land management skills
- develop personal gifts, skills and talents
- prepare and eat lots of very good food
- experience a life of faith in a natural setting



By following the principle of sharing our food, shelter and friendship without charge, and encouraging all who come to share in these as well as the work needed to support the farm, as they are able, we hope to develop the farm into a place of welcome for all. In the spring of 2011, some of us purchased a strip of land north of the Hennepin canal east of Tiskilwa for the purpose of not only living there, but of building a mission open to all in need, and aiding them in building a new life.



Joining with other families, our vision is to develop an open door farm, or hospitality farm, similar to the model of the Catholic Worker farms started in the early 1940's through the movement spearheaded by Peter Maurin and Dorothy Day. An open door farm can serve many needs and purposes, although clearly the most important goal is to share the love of Christ Jesus with those around us. We strive to share what we are blessed to receive, to live simply, to reach out to the poor and needy in our world, and to live a life that is in harmony with God's creation.

"...And the seed sown on good soil is those who hear the Word, receive it, and with patience bring forth much fruit." Matt 13:23, Mark 4:20, Luke 8:15

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