

# The Importance of Green Space in Greenland



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# Supporting Individuals and Organizations

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- Mayor Gray recommends that the City of Greenland gain control of redevelopment of the southern gateway by annexation of properties that are important to Greenland's community.
- FNHA's Regional Green Infrastructure Planning Project includes Greenland and its planning area
- Proposed Beaver Lake Watershed Protection Organization considers the West Fork of the White River a high priority
- Water Conservation Resource Center has previously identified funding opportunities for clean-up and restoration activities.

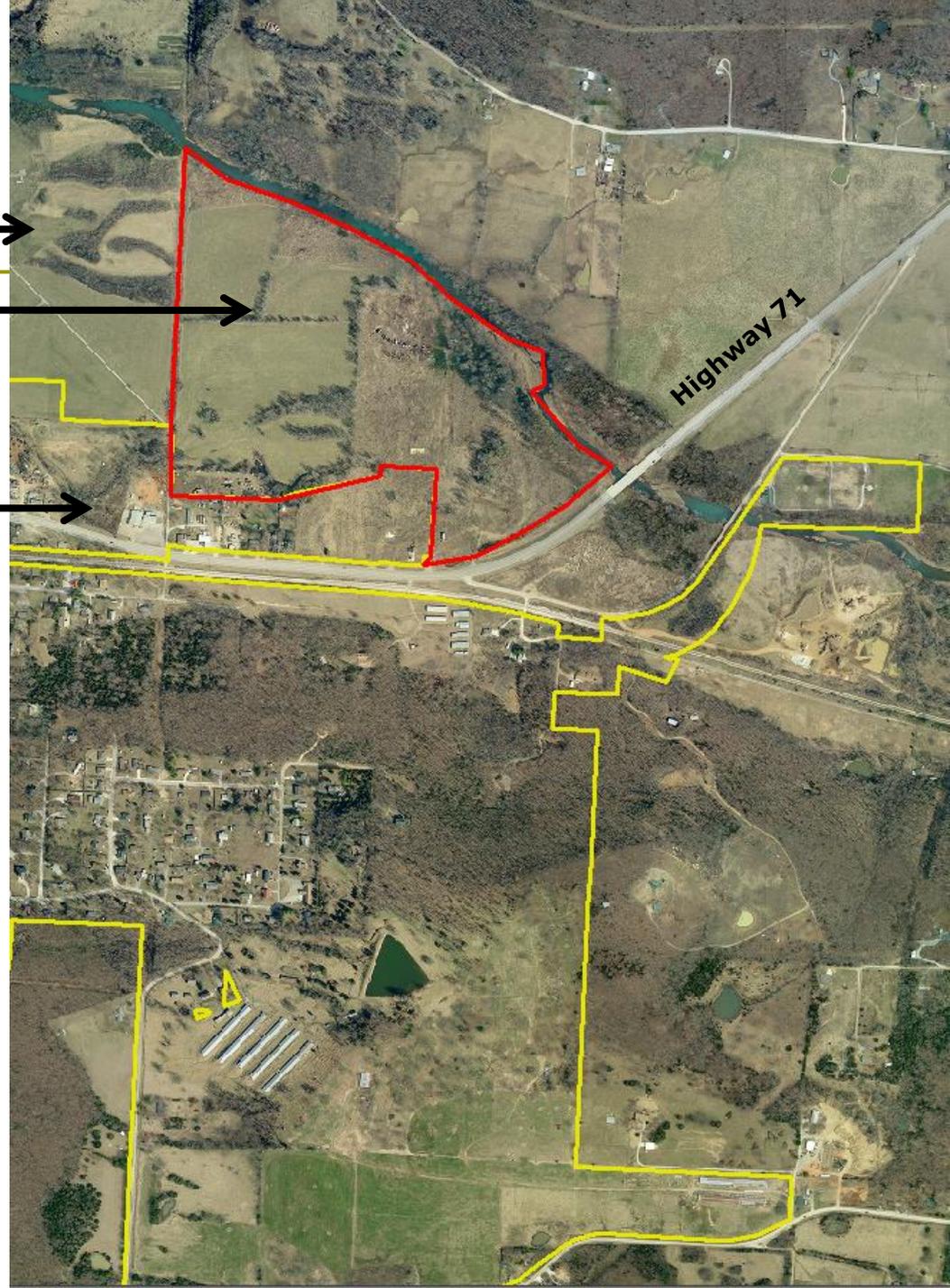
# Property to potentially be annexed

Fayetteville →

Property Boundary →

Greenland →

- Property is in floodplain
- River section is designated as impaired



## Many Reasons for Greenland to Annex and Restore Area

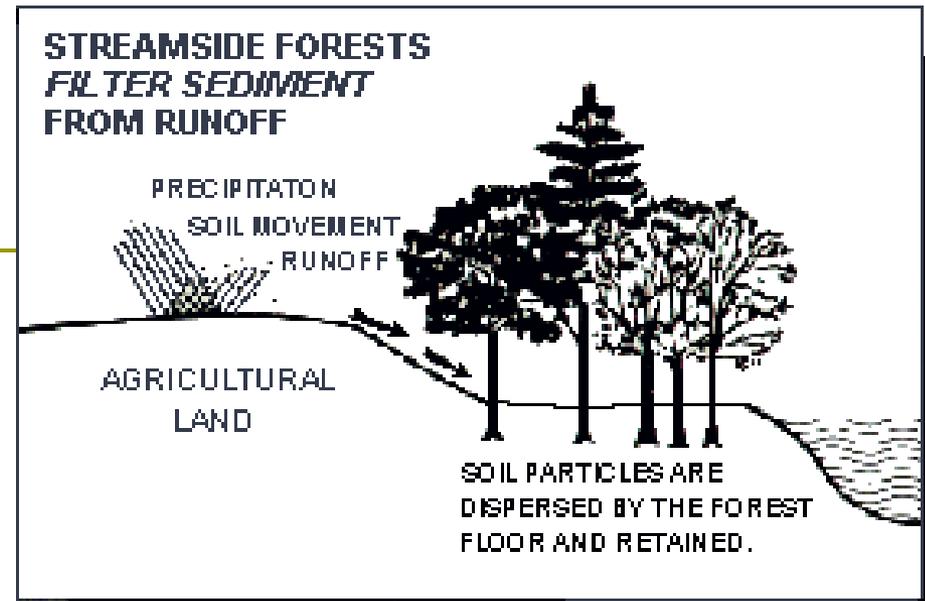
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- ❑ County land use control has progressed, but still behind the cities
- ❑ Opportunity to improve water quality in the White River
- ❑ Opportunity to improve visual impact of southern gateway
- ❑ Possible future recreation/social opportunities
- ❑ Opportunity to influence/participate in site clean-up and development

# Benefits to Water Quality, Flora, and Fauna

## Green space in riparian areas:

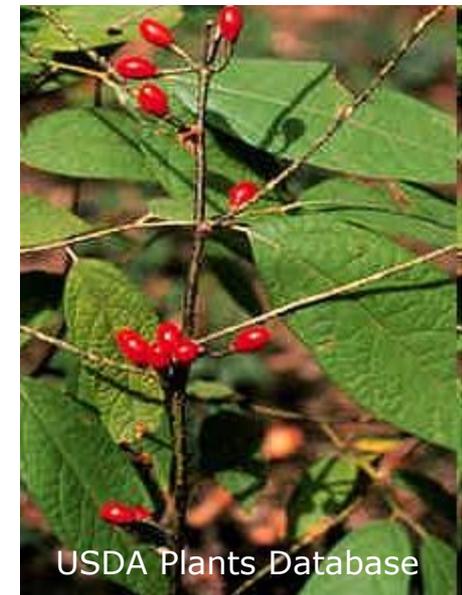
- ❑ Reduces pollutant run-off to river
- ❑ With access to floodplain, can reduce downstream erosion rates
- ❑ Can increase an area's floral and faunal biodiversity



Reference: Maryland Department of Natural Resources



Migratory Cirulean  
Warbler



USDA Plants Database

Federally-endangered  
Southern Spicebush

# Restoring this property can benefit Greenland's visual quality

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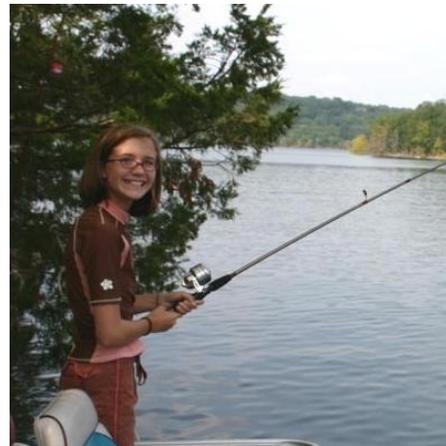
- ❑ The property is visible from Highway 71 as the southern entry to Greenland.
- ❑ It can serve as a natural regional attraction.



- ❑ Farmlands, natural meadows, prairies, and woodlands can be restored for future use.

# Healthy living and fun for all!!

- ❑ Gardens
- ❑ Walking
- ❑ Fishing
- ❑ Nature



# Steps to Restoration

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- Annex land to city
- Determine owner role and future ownership opportunities
- Assess site for any needed clean-up activities
- Begin restoration and land-use design

City Council will need to lead process, but you are locally supported by our organizations

# We Encourage You to “Act Now, Before It’s Too Late”

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- ❑ Annexation will allow City to control redevelopment
- ❑ Benefits Greenland’s local community
- ❑ Benefits to natural environment
- ❑ Can pass Greenland’s natural and cultural heritage to future generations



Restored wetland and park