

**VILLAGE OF ROYAL LAKES  
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To: Chairman Andy Manar  
Macoupin County Board Members

Dear Chairman Manar,

Per our recent conversations concerning property in our Village, which is owned by the County, I am suggesting the following actions be taken. However first I would like the Board Members to be aware of what has transpired thus far.

Whenever property taxes go unpaid the County sells them at a tax sale. Those that go unsold then revert back to the County. Over the past 30 years the County has accumulated approximately 122 lots in the Village of Royal Lakes. Please take note that over these 30 years the County has not been able to sell these lots.

Also, over these 30 years the County has not maintained these lots. It has always fallen to the Village to remove trash, mow the grass, and perform any number of other activities at our expense. Due to financial restraints we can no longer do this and upkeep of these properties will fall to the Macoupin County Highway Department or whomever the County deems responsible.

What I and the Village Board are proposing is this:

1. The Village will exempt any charges to the County for the upkeep of property owned by Macoupin County and located within the Village of Royal Lakes.
2. The County will declare their property located within the limits of Royal Lakes surplus and donate same to the Village to compensate for our cost incurred over the years.
3. The Village will then make a concerted effort to sell these lots in order to get them back on the property tax rolls.

I, and the Village Board believe that this is not only fair, but will actually increase taxes for the County and provide building sites for working men and women in our area.

I would be available at any time to talk to you, Board Members, or the entire Board if need be. I know that this proposal will benefit everyone involved and would reflect positively on everyone involved.

I look forward to hearing from you.

Sincerely, 

London Simmons  
President, Village of Royal Lakes