

Seeking a Farmer for Long-Term Management Transition in Livingston County



Carroll's Timber Edge Farm

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Location

Graymont, IL
Livingston County

Acreage

5 acres, ~3 acres tillable

Land Opportunity Type

Lease and Farm Business Transition

About

Kathy and Chuck Carroll are long-time Illinois growers who turned their decades-long passion for gardening and healthy food into a full sustainable farming business. Their mission is to provide high-quality, organically grown produce while helping cultivate the next generation of farmers through hands-on learning and internships.

Farming Arrangement

The owners envision a transition model grounded in mentorship, where they remain engaged in guidance and decisions while supporting the incoming farmer's growth in leading daily operations and, if there is the right fit, transitioning into long-term management of the farm. Kathy and Chuck anticipate the continued involvement of a part-time employee and dedicated volunteers. They are committed to working collaboratively with the farmer to create a written lease arrangement that reflects shared goals and equitable terms. Preference will be given to farmers with 1–3 years of practical farming experience, a strong interest in organic growing practices, and a commitment to upholding the farm's values.. Interested farmers should email Erica Peters at erica@thelandconnection.org to set up a call.

Farm Background

Carroll's Timber Edge Farm, located near Graymont in central Illinois, is a diversified, sustainable farm offering a wide range of seasonal produce for a CSA, the Pontiac farmer's market, and Down at the Farms (a Chicago and downstate market food hub). The farm integrates crop rotation, composting, and hoop-house production to extend the season and protect soil structure. There is demand in the community to grow more and possibility to further extend the growing season, opening the door to further diversifying the farm. Known for its heirloom tomatoes, abundant vegetable offerings, and commitment to clean growing methods, the farm serves as both a food source and an educational space, demonstrating how small-scale agriculture can nourish people, land, and community alike.



Infrastructure

- 110 x 40 Hoop tunnel
- 40x24 Greenhouse
- Storage shed
- Drip tape irrigation
- Operational equipment including 2022 BCS walk behind tractor with 2' rototiller + bed rotary mower + vertical plow attachments, Mitsubishi 16hp tractor with 4' rototiller and 3-point hitch bedmaker, Till-more Ox walk behind weeder, 2020 60hp Massey Ferguson tractor with loader + forks, plastic mulch layer, 2 row JD sweet corn finger planter, 2023 one-row root crop harvester, cultivators, 5' Woods mower, Honda 4-wheeler with cart, and sprayer
- Pack shed and wash station built in repurposed corn crib with 2 walk-in coolers and packaging inventory
- Established orchard with 8 apples trees, 1 cherry tree, blackberries, and grapes
- No housing available on farm but possible options in the nearby towns of Pontiac or Flanagan as well as campground for temporary housing