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Mike Hayden Governor

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Mr. Seymour Rosen, Director
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1804 North Van Ness
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Dear Seymour:

Thank you for your letter concerning the pending sale of the Garden of Eden in Lucas, Kansas. We recognize the value of this unique site to the heritage of Kansas and its attraction for visitors. We hope with you that a sympathetic buyer can be identified.

The State of Kansas owns and maintains a number of historic sites, which came into state ownership during the past eighty years in a variety of ways. Currently the acquisition of additional historic sites is governed by the historic sites acquisition law. Inasmuch as you have also been in communication with the Kansas State Historical society, I will request that the director of that agency, Dr. Ramon Powers, provide you with an explanation of the process by which sites can be proposed for state acquisition.

Since the site has been listed on the National Register of Historic Places, it is also on the state register and thus under the protection of the state historic preservation law. While that protection is not absolute, the law does allow the state historic preservation officer the right of review in many situations.

I appreciate your taking the time to write and inform me of this situation. I will ask Dr. Powers to keep me informed of developments in this matter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Mike Hayden".

MIKE HAYDEN
Governor

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cc: Dr. Ramon Powers