You've found the lot in your life, now what?

Research the lot:
- Go to the map at 596acres.org and talk to your neighbors.
- Call or email the owner and contact 596 Acres to help with your conversation.
- We'll help you figure out what the answers you got actually mean.

Find out who owns the lot:
- It could be privately-owned or owned by one of 16 government agencies.
- Learn from other groups.

Talk to your friends and neighbors:
- Have a meeting.
- Establish a core group of at least 10 people to plan the next meeting.
- Use Facebook, make a blog, get it out there.
- Distribute flyers.
- Identify a shared vision and write a mission statement.

Connect with existing groups in your neighborhood:
- This includes block associations, churches, community boards.
- Keep this dialogue going.

Give yourselves a name:
- You have to start to build a record of your organizations.
- Meet people in your hood, get their names, addresses, and contact info.

Put it on the map:
- Go to 596acres.org.
- Let everybody know you want to do something.

Prepare to use the space:
- Figure out what your group is going to do in the space first.
- Make specific plans.

Make Letterhead:
- Use it, write thank you notes and emails.
- Hold some meetings for everyone.

Meet regularly:
- Some groups have specific things done, your group's idea will change.
- Be open to it.

Sign the license agreement:
- You are totally legit, or almost or just enough anyway.

Raise money:
- They are friends of 596 Acres.
- Spark is 596 Acres and a non-profit.
- They are set up to be your fiscal sponsor and have a nice website for raising money online. It's easy.

Get insurance:
- 596 Acres can help you get insurance for free.

Get the key and grow something!

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