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LAURENS IS FOR EVERYONE!!!

LAURENS MAKES YOUR LIFE EASIER:

Simplify your life by living and working in Laurens. One stop at city hall takes care of electric, garbage and recycling, water and sewer services - all on one bill. A Future Net package provides local & long distance telephone, cable tv, and high-speed internet services.



One visit to our top-rated school enrolls children from pre-school through senior high. The Laurens-Marathon school system offers scholastic, artistic, and athletic opportunities with students competing at local, regional, and state levels. School personnel are committed to helping produce quality students. A separate non-profit daycare center in town provides peace of mind for those with younger children.

LAURENS, WHERE QUALITY COUNTS:



Enjoy quality, clean water with the reverse-osmosis system in Laurens. Water softeners or purifying systems are not needed here, saving additional money.

Our city leaders are comprised of a mayor & council members with vision and a forward-thinking Industrial Foundation. Laurens seeks excellence and always welcomes quality industries and quality individuals to our town.

LAURENS MAKES LIFE FUN:

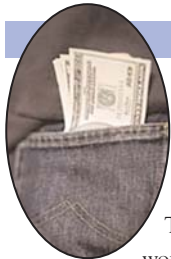
Your life in Laurens can be as quiet or as busy as you like!

Individuals and families can join the country club & golf course, walk the trails or hard surface track, swim in the city pool, have a picnic in one of our two parks, play tennis, bowl, lift weights at the school, attend games at our new softball/baseball complex, or join a team or a club.



Children and adults may enjoy many library-sponsored activities and programs. Other favorite activities include: starlight bowling, meeting friends for pizza or ice cream, kids' club, swim team, or summer ball. Older children may join as many school sponsored activities as their schedule allows. For further information please see the L-M School brochure.

LAURENS IS AFFORDABLE:



Residents in Laurens benefit from one of the lowest electric rates in the state. Future Net offers high-speed internet, cable tv, and telephone systems. Our municipal utilities and Future Net rates are very competitive when compared with other communities.

The cost of living in Laurens will be the most pleasant surprise of all. Simply complete the savings worksheet found on the inside panel of this brochure to calculate how much you'll save by living here. It may bring a smile to your wallet!

BUDGET

***Average \$50,000.00 home in Laurens with all electric utilities**

(*Based on a \$40,000.00, 80% loan to value mortgage loan with a 30 year term at 5.875% APR)

(Other mortgage loans programs available)

Current:

Laurens:

Rent/Mtg Payment	\$ _____	\$236.61 Principle and Interest
Taxes	\$ _____	\$49.66 Average
Insurance	\$ _____	\$50.00 Estimated
Utilities:		\$171.73 Average
Natural Gas	\$ _____	\$ _____
Electric	\$ _____	\$ _____
Water	\$ _____	\$ _____
Sewer/Garbage	\$ _____	\$ _____
Phone	\$ _____	\$17.66 Basic
Cable	\$ _____	\$24.61 Basic
Internet	\$ _____	\$20.00 Local Dial Up
Mileage	\$ _____	\$16.20 (2 miles X 20 days X .405)
		(Based on current IRS rate of .405 cents per mile)

NOTE: a 60-mile commute per day adds up to \$486.00 - you could make a mortgage payment with the money saved by living in Laurens!

Total costs: \$ _____ **\$586.47**

Money saved living in Laurens \$ _____

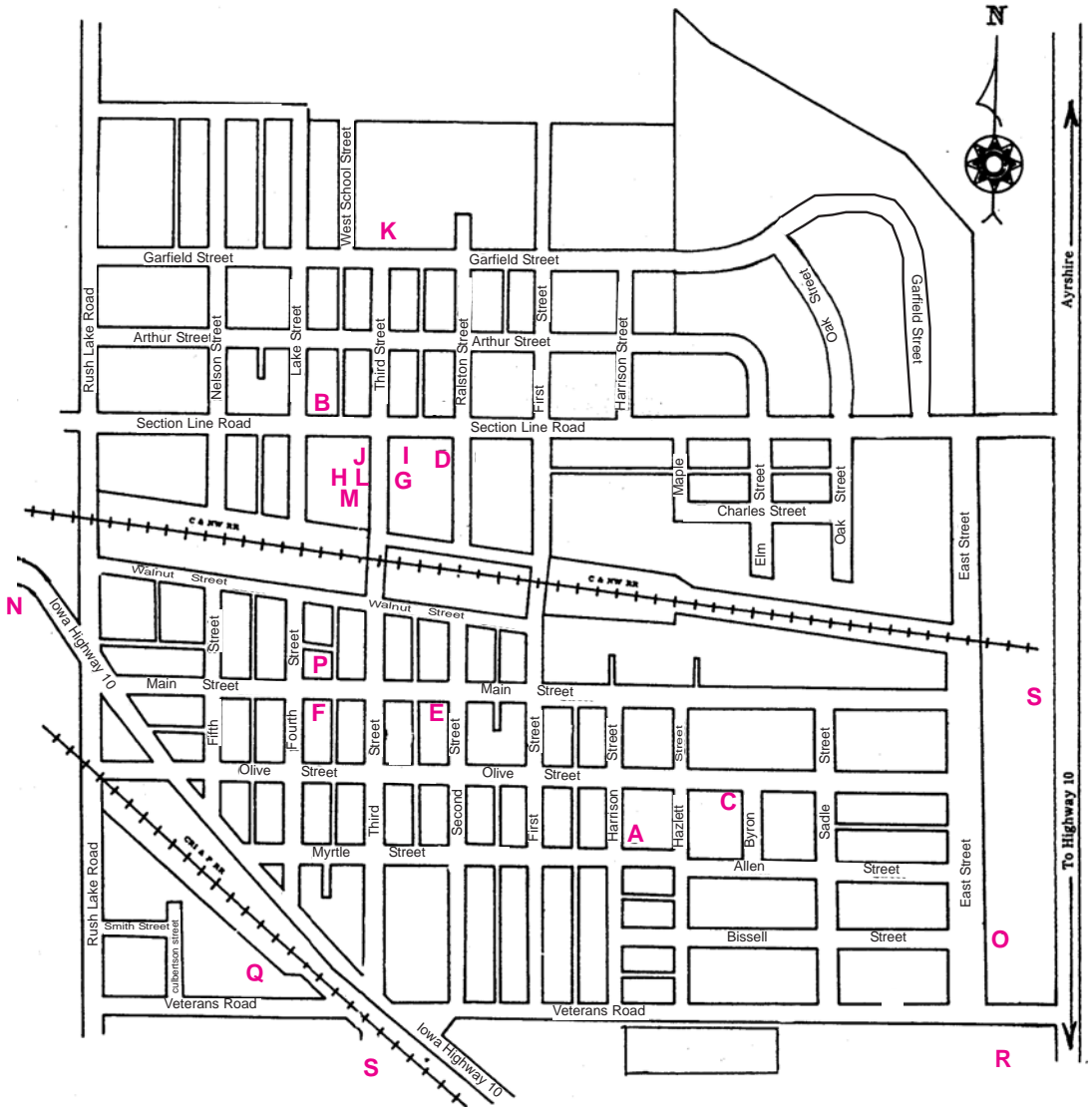
Your **TIME** is also valuable - not only will you save money with a 3 minute commute to work, you may have extra **TIME** to do the things you want to do. One hour driving time each day adds up to 250 hours a year, that's like 31 vacation days! Why be on the road when you could be doing more important things?

Save time and money without the commute!

Laurens is for YOU!!!



Map of Laurens - Points of Interest



Good Schools, churches, business firms and civic organizations working hand in hand for a better community for all.

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| A - Bethany Lutheran Church | K - Laurens-Marathon High School |
| B - First Christian Church | L - Pocahontas County Historical Museum |
| C - Hope Street Baptist Church | M - City Park |
| D - Sacred Heart Catholic Church | N - Laurens Golf & Country Club |
| E - United Methodist Church | O - Sportsman's Park |
| F - Masonic Hall | P - U.S. Post Office |
| G - Fire Station | Q - Tri-Mark Medical Clinic |
| H - Swimming Pool | R - Ball Park |
| I - Laurens City Hall | S - Nature Walking Trails |
| J - Laurens Public Library | |

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