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Vacant Agricultural Lease

Flat Rock, NC: Carl Sandburg Home National Historic Site is seeking a lessee to harvest hay at the historic site. The agricultural lease program is intended to maintain the historic setting as well as provide feed for the park's small goat herd. The lessee is allowed to retain all hay over the 300 bales needed for the goats. Square bales that can be stored in the main barn are required.

Approximately 25 acres of agricultural lands will be leased through a Special Use Permit. The permit will be issued for a period of 5 years. The rental fee is \$15.00 per acre per year. In permitting agricultural use of National Park Service lands, Carl Sandburg Home National Historic Site is required to foster practices which conserve soil, protect streams and groundwater, control exotic plant species, and avoid toxic contamination of the environment.

Agricultural Lease holders are required to mow agricultural leases and fence lines at least twice a year to control weeds and exotic plant species (e.g., stiltgrass, honeysuckle, multiflora rose, etc.). The selected lessee will be required to fertilize and apply lime as needed based on the determination of soil analysis. The application of herbicide must be approved by the park's natural resource specialist.

Lease fees are paid yearly in advance. Those interested in leasing the above farmland following review of the Special Use Permit conditions, may obtain an application form by calling/emailing Steven Kidd, Chief of Resources and Facility Management, 81 Carl Sandburg Lane, Flat Rock, NC 28731, by phone at 828-233-2460 or e-mail steven_kidd@nps.gov.

Applications must be postmarked or dropped off not later than March 25, 2016.

Carl Sandburg Home National Historic Site, a unit of the National Park Service, is located three miles south of Hendersonville off U.S. 225 on Little River Road. The park is open from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., daily. For further information, please telephone 828-693-4178, or visit our website at:

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