Failed septic systems and partially-filled septic tanks are the primary problems in the northern Kentucky area. Northern Kentucky Area Development District (NKADD) recommends the following uses for these areas:

- Schools
- Parks
- Play yards
- Conservation areas
- Playgrounds
- Campgrounds
- Floodplain (not recommended)
- Septic tanks

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