

Living in a greenbelt

A greenbelt is an urban planning concept. Its aim is to retain undeveloped, wild, or agricultural land around an urban area. Along these lines, Ann Arbor, Michigan is acquiring conservation easements on agricultural land around the city. While the city's initial plan did not include the participation of surrounding townships, at least four townships have participated directly or have initiated their own efforts to protect agricultural land surrounding the city. (Source: http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Green_belt)

Greenbelts can be wonderful places to plant trees and grow food. The trees help eat Carbon Dioxide from our homes, buildings, and car exhausts and give us oxygen to breathe. And growing food nearby can give us locally grown, wholesome food. Lots more info available by searching something like "tree planting programs" and "urban agriculture."

I see the green tree canopy of Oak Park as a green belt, do you?