

## **Village Resources**

### Fragrant Hills Natural Resources

Fragrant Hills is in an area of Guangdong Province that has abundant natural resources. We have a good-size river that flows to Shantou and the South China Sea, and which might be a good supply for mud that could be used to manufacture construction materials like bricks. It could also host a small dam for hydroelectric power, although we will need to learn how to build a dam if we want to go that route. We have fertile soil, which has benefited crop growing in the region, including cash crops like tobacco, bamboo, and wood for paper making.

A medium-sized coal mine is nearby and has remained productive during the Mao era, which allows for iron production in the village and potentially steel production if invest more.

We will have to be aware of making sure that the village maintains food production so that we don't all starve or need to import too much food (which can be expensive).

Occasionally the village can be prone to drought or earthquakes, but these are rare.

### Fragrant Hills Human Resources

Some villagers have skills in certain industries. These skills may be helpful to the village enterprise.

### Fragrant Hills Historic Industries

As a location in proximity to a former treaty port, Fragrant Hills has relatively good roads linking the village to the nearby city of Shantou, as well as to the provincial capital of Guangzhou (and on to Hong Kong). There is a railway link to Shantou, although it will need a little capital investment—probably about 100,000 RMB—to make it fully functional again. Widening the road to allow more trucks will be cheaper at 50,000 RMB, but it won't allow for us to transport quite as much volume of products to Shantou as with rail.

Before collectivization, the village was a vibrant tobacco growing region, clothing and textiles center, and hub for mineral extraction, although these industries have largely fallen into disrepair in the Mao era and will need capital investments if they are to be successful again.

### For Local Government Officials

Revenue for the village can be generated through county tax bureaus (collecting taxes), county finance bureaus (public investment for a return), or through revenue sharing with the village enterprise (which can be budgetary i.e. reported to the higher ups, or extra-budgetary i.e. kept within the county, although this only applies to energy or agricultural sectors).