

Open Space, Rural, & Resource Lands Conservation Toolkit

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Explore conservation programs to reduce development pressure in rural and resource areas

- Establish regional structure for transfer and purchase of development rights
- Develop toolkit of open space conservation strategies
- Facilitate city and urban development



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Build on the Regional Open Space Conservation Plan

- Policy, planning, and regulatory tools
- Acquisition and easement tools
- Stewardship tools
- Data and mapping tools



Policy, Planning, and Regulatory Tools

A photograph of a pumpkin patch with many orange pumpkins scattered across a field of dark soil and some green weeds. The pumpkins are in various stages of ripeness, with some showing greenish-yellow hues. The background is slightly blurred, focusing attention on the pumpkins in the foreground.

- Watershed management plans
- Future land use designations
- Zoning and development codes
 - Reducing subsidies for rural development (impact fees for transportation, fire, etc.)
 - Open space requirements and zoning
 - Tree retention requirements

Acquisition and Easement Tools

- Conservation futures programs
- Open space bonds
- Park levies
- Watershed protection by water utilities
- Transfer of Development Rights
- Community forests
- Ecosystem service markets



Stewardship Tools

- Conservation district programs
- Urban forestry programs (DNR)
- DePave
- Community stewardship programs
- Shore Friendly
- Green City Partnerships
- Rebate programs for green infrastructure



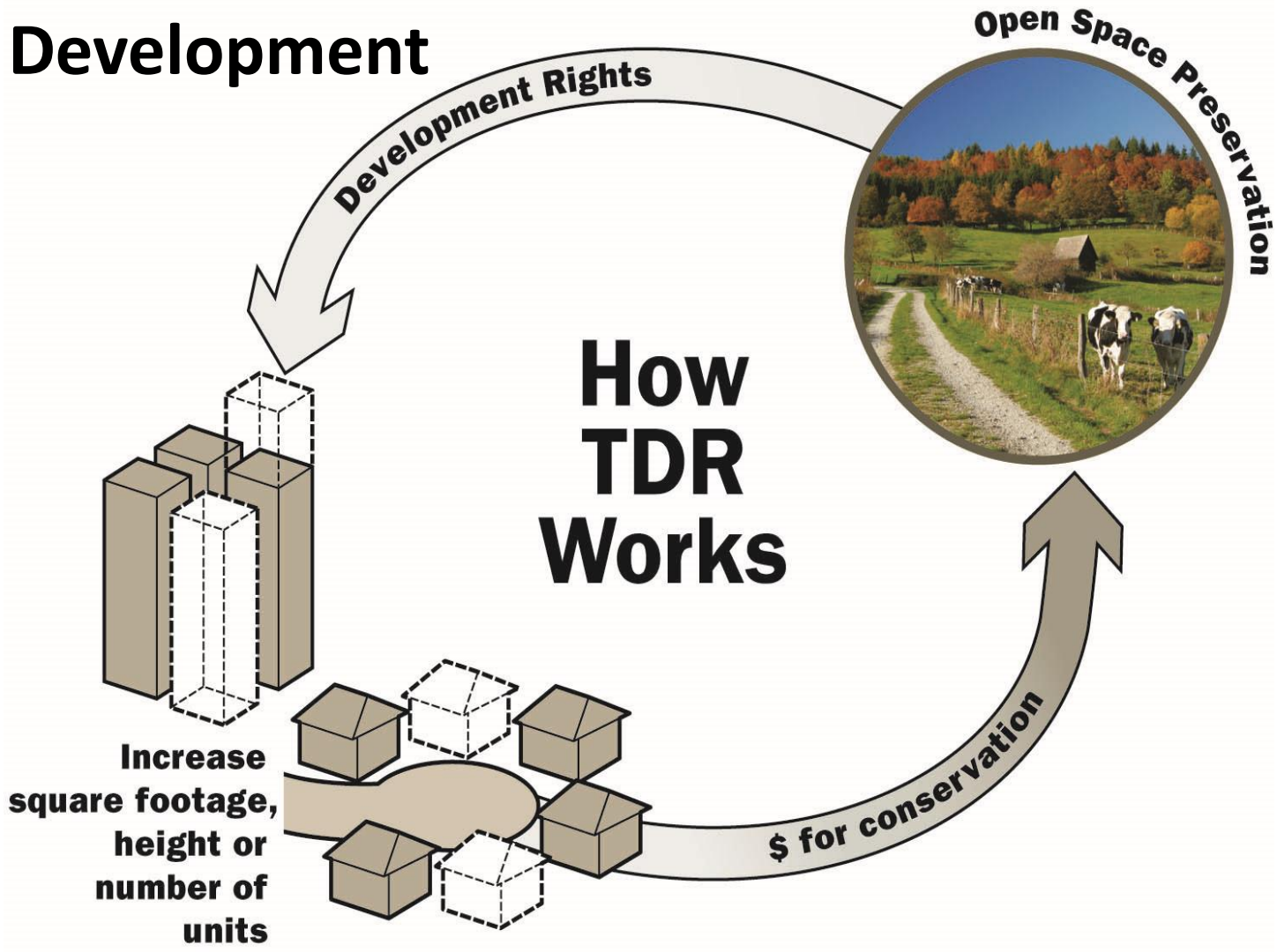
Data and Mapping Tools

- ParkScore
- Open Space Assessment Tool
- Tree Equity Score Mapper
- Wildland Urban Interface Mapper
- High Resolution Change Detection for Land Cover



Transfer of Development Rights

Rights



Transfer of Development Rights

- Cities can create demand for TDR credits
- Opportunity with comprehensive plan updates
- TDR/LCLIP can help fund city infrastructure
- Cross-county transfers possible



Toolkit Schedule

- Feb-March: Continue to engage GMPB, counties, and other partners
- April: Draft toolkit available for review
- June: Finalize and publicize toolkit
- Ongoing: Provide and connect jurisdictions and partners to technical assistance



Discussion Questions

- What are conservation strategies that have worked well at the local level?
- Are there conservation strategies that your community is interested in?
- Where can PSRC improve support for open space, rural, and resource lands conservation?



Thank you

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