

Advancing TDR/LCLIP in Puget Sound

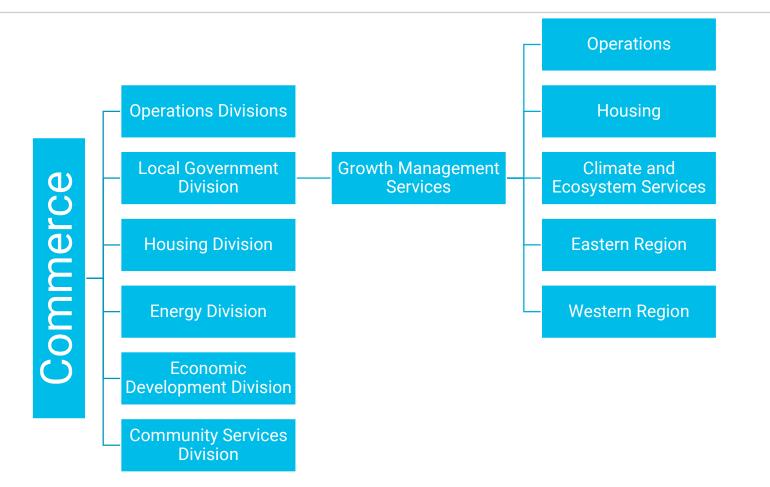
Pilot program

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Background

Funding and Commerce's Role

- Provided by EPA's Puget Sound geographic program fund
 - Puget Sound National Estuary Program Habitat Strategic Initiative Lead (HSIL)
- Commerce role
 - Necessary reporting components and other requirements of funding
 - Manage consultant contract

PUGET SOUND National Estuary Program

Background

• Transfer of Development Rights (TDR)

- Voluntary, market based, flexible
- Regional transfer of development rights program
 - <u>RCW 43.362.020</u>
- Recognized and encouraged in the Growth Management Act
 - <u>RCW 36.70A.090</u>
- Landscape Conservation and Local Infrastructure Programs (LCLIP)
 - Takes TDR further by providing a financial incentive to cities
 - <u>RCW 39.108</u>

Prior Efforts

• 2011- 2015

- Assistance to local governments to establish and advance TDR and LCLIP in the Puget Sound Region
- Regional Transfer of Development Rights Alliance
 - King, Pierce, Snohomish, Kitsap Counties, Forterra, Commerce, and Puget Sound Regional Council
 - 2013 report to EPA on regional TDR programs and benefits of TDR programs

Pilot Program Objectives

- Launch a **pilot program** with at least three cities in Pierce, Snohomish or King Counties.
- Conduct feasibility assistance and policy guidance to successfully promote and implement TDR/LCLIP in pilot program cities.
- Develop guidebook and toolkit to educate, inform, and support cities in developing and implementing TDR/LCLIP in their jurisdictions.

Pilot Program

Work products

• Pilot program cities

- Work plans
- Feasibility studies
- Draft policies and codes to incorporate into comprehensive plans and development regulations

• Three training workshops and corresponding outreach materials

- Share lessons learned
- Promote use of TDR and LCLIP
- Guidebook
 - How to conduct the needed reviews and assessments to implement TDR and LCLIP
 - How to address environmental justice and displacement issues
- Toolkit
 - Help assess jurisdiction conditions related to successful TDR and LCLIP implementation
 - Additional tools to complement may include assessment checklists, factsheets, calculators, and model code language

Example criteria for city selection

- Political will
- Staff capacity and readiness
- Geographic spread and city typology
- LCLIP eligibility
- Evaluation of existing TDR program (if exists)
- Market feasibility

Estimated schedule of activities

Pilot city selection	May 2024
City work plans	May – June 2024
Feasibility studies	June 2024 – December 2025
Draft toolkit and guidebook	June 2025
Training workshops	August 2025, February 2026, September 2026
Second round of city recruitment	Tentative



Questions?

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