

# Review: Land Use Options Evaluation Outcome

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*By the end of 2017, with the direct involvement of local governments or their representatives, evaluate policy options, incentives and planning tools that could assist them in continually improving their capacity to reduce the rate of conversion of agricultural lands, forests and wetlands as well as the rate of changing landscapes from more natural lands that soak up pollutants to those that are paved over, hardscaped or otherwise impervious. Strategies should be developed for supporting local governments' and others' efforts in reducing these rates by 2025 and beyond.*



# Land Use Options: Management Approaches

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- Conduct a comprehensive review/study of existing land use “policy options, incentives and planning tools” currently being implemented at the local/state scale.
- Create an online repository of such examples to serve as a user-friendly knowledge base, including studies and reports of the costs, benefits and effectiveness of such examples.
- Conduct a professional survey of local government and related groups to identify which “policy options, incentives and planning tools” have been most effective at reducing land conversion rates, and to determine additional information and tools needed to achieve a reduction in land conversion rates.

# “Land Use Options” Workplan Summary

## – Current Status

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- Conduct a detailed scope of work that includes important considerations, examples, estimated hours, and initial cost estimates to complete this management approach. (FY 2014 GIT Funding, Tetra Tech)
- Evaluate existing Land Use policy options, incentives and planning tools to reduce the rate of conversion of agricultural lands, forest and wetlands. (FY 2015 GIT Funding, Just announced UMD National Center for Smart Growth).