

Land Use Options Evaluation Outcome

Bay Agreement Management Strategy

October 30, 2014 work session



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- Key components:
 - Evaluate policy options, incentives and planning tools
 - with the direct involvement of local governments
 - Strategies should be developed
 - for supporting local governments' and others' efforts



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- Purpose of the evaluation is to identify options that could assist in:
 - continually improving local government capacity to reduce the rate of:
 - conversion of agricultural lands, forests and wetlands
 - changing landscapes from more natural lands to paved over or otherwise impervious lands



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- Strategies should be developed for:
 - supporting local governments' and others' efforts in reducing rates by 2025 and beyond of:
 - conversion of agricultural lands, forests and wetlands
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How complete the evaluation?

- What types of policy options, incentives and planning tools should be evaluated?
 - Revitalize and expand our towns and cities
 - Preserve our agricultural heritage
 - Protect our natural resources



How complete the evaluation?

- What types of policy options, incentives and planning tools should be evaluated?
 - Land Preservation methods
 - Example: Transfer of Development Rights
 - Zoning methods
 - Example: Conservation Zoning
 - Planning methods
 - Example: Urban Growth Boundaries



How complete the evaluation?



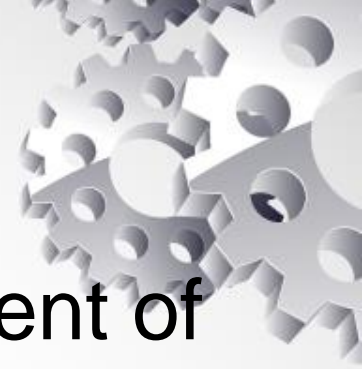
- What types of policy options, incentives and planning tools should be evaluated?
 - Incentives
 - Example: Targeted Funding to Revitalize and Expand Towns and Cities
 - Existing Policy and Regulations
 - Example: Identify Changes to Encourage Reinvestment in Towns and Cities

How complete the evaluation?



- Options:
 - Separate evaluation by each signatory
 - Evaluation by a third-party, funded by Bay Program
 - Survey and interview experts in the field, local governments, advisory committees, goal teams, etc.
 - Use existing evaluations (or compilations) by government agencies, non-governmental groups, etc.

How complete the evaluation?



- Best ways to ensure direct involvement of local governments in the evaluation:
 - Work with municipal leagues and county associations
 - Review draft evaluations completed by signatories or others
 - Provide own evaluations/input for consideration by signatories or others
 - Surveys
 - Roundtables

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How develop the strategies?

- Land Use Metric is needed to inform the strategies
 - Example: where are our forests and farmland disappearing most quickly?



How develop the strategies?

- Identify who has a role to play in the strategies
 - Government
 - Residents
 - Businesses
 - Non-governmental organizations



How develop the strategies?



- Create a management approach
- Support local governments' and others' efforts
- Identify how the approach could be implemented
- Signatory role options: coordinator, facilitator, champion of management approach

Next Steps: Before Next Work Session

- Identify key players and their roles
- Each signatory identify staff-level ideas for management approach
- Goal team, advisory committees, and other groups identify ideas for consideration by the signatories (or their own management approach)
- Seek to ensure key players are a part of the development of the management approach (outreach plan); goal team as coordinator



Questions?

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